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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN DELAWARE COMPETITION BRINGS STUDENTS GRADES 6-12 TOGETHER OVER SHARED APPRECIATION OF HISTORY

Delaware Historical Society Sponsors National History Day in Delaware Students on Their Journey to National Competition, Developing Key Skills Along the Way

Newark, Del. – April 30, 2022 – The Delaware Historical Society (DHS) announces that National History Day in Delaware (NHDDE) will take place at Newark High school on Saturday, April 30. NHDDE is an annual educational program for students in grades 6-12 challenging them to conduct scholarly research and then create projects in the form of dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries, research papers, or interactive websites. This year's theme is Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences.

Participating students advance from the school-level to the state-level competition. State-level winners then advance to the national contest held every June at the University of Maryland College Park. NHDDE is an opportunity for students to develop their research, critical thinking, and problem solving skills, boosting self-esteem and confidence. It encourages them to form a deeper connection to history through a creative, multimedia outlet, offering them the chance to interpret history like a historian would. NHDDE key findings tell us that NHDDE students outperform their non-NHDDE peers on standardized tests in all topic areas, have stronger and more articulate writing, and utilize the skills they learned during the competition for college and career readiness. DHS has sponsored NHDDE for over 25 years.

To learn more about National History Day in Delaware, visit https://dehistory.org/learn/national-history-day/

About the Delaware Historical Society

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the Read House & Gardens, a National Historic Landmark. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org or visit www.dehistory.org.