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**HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS FROM ACROSS PHILADELPHIA TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY  
COMPETITION AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

**THURSDAY MARCH 16 & FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

**WHO:** Over 500 middle school and high school students from across Philadelphia. More than 800,000 students participate in National History Day nationwide.

**WHAT:** Students will present entries on the theme “Taking a Stand in History” for the National History Day Philadelphia citywide competition at the National Constitution Center. First and second place winners will receive a full scholarship, funded by community fundraising efforts, to attend the statewide competition as the Philadelphia delegation.

The National History Day program has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to students and put over approximately \$3 million in resources into Philadelphia schools over the past 12 years.

**WHEN:** **Thursday, March 16, 2016 – Senior Division (Grades 9-12)**  
8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Judges arrive in Delegates’ Cafe for orientation  
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Teachers and students arrive for registration and setup  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Student interviews and judging  
1:15 p.m. Awards ceremony

**Friday, March 17, 2016 – Junior Division (Grades 6-8)**  
8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Judges arrive in Delegates’ Cafe for orientation  
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Teachers and students arrive for registration and setup  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Student interviews and judging  
1:15 p.m. Awards ceremony

**DETAILS:** [About National History Day](#)  
Each year, more than half a million students across the country participate in the National History Day contest. The NHD program received the NEH Medal of Honor in 2011, the nation’s highest honor in the Humanities, awarded by the U.S. President. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews, and historic sites. Students present their work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances, and documentaries. Every year Philadelphia, selects about 65 to 70 students from its district competition to send a delegation to the Pennsylvania NHD State Finals. Students selected there then represent the Pennsylvania in the National Finals. On March 15 – 16, nearly 600 students will gather at the National Constitution

Center for the Philadelphia district competition. The Philadelphia NHD program partners, some 40+ cultural institutions, makes this program available to Philadelphia students and funds student participation at the national and state levels, making Philadelphia unique in NHD for opening access to this distinguished program to students from all neighborhoods.

For more information, visit [nhdphilly.org](http://nhdphilly.org). By e-mail: [nhdphilly@gmail.com](mailto:nhdphilly@gmail.com)

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