

HISTORY DAY PRESENTATION: Ten students of Albuquerque Christian School competed in June in National History Day at the University of Maryland.

The students are: **Josh Castleberry, Sydney Eyrich, Aubrey Foss, Isaac Fox, Brece Hendrix, Hannah Klager, Talia Moyer, Reilly O'Rear, Rebecca Sanchez and Kelsey Wilson.** Teacher Dawn McKenzie accompanied them.

The students also met Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., while in the Washington, D.C., area.

Local, state and regional competitions culminate in National History Day activities in Maryland. More than a half-million students nationally presented their research papers, dramatic performances or projects based on this year's theme of "Conflict and Compromise in History," according to a news release from Domenici's office.

O'Rear was a finalist for junior individual performance with his presentation titled "Tasting the Poison Mushroom," which dealt with nuclear weapons testing in New Mexico and Nevada in the 1940s.

National History Day, an academic enrichment program, was created to help middle-school and high school students learn about historical issues, people and events, according to a news release.