

We had a wonderful day on Friday at NM State History Day! We took 37 students (the most we've ever taken to the state competition!). They all glorified God in their projects and their attitude of encouragement and goodwill to the other competitors. Some were disappointed in the outcome because they were not selected to go on to the next level of competition, but all trusted in God. We praise Him, no matter what!

The theme for the projects this year was rather difficult: "Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, and Consequences. Even with a difficult theme, we had 20 students who received medals! The entire ACS community should be proud of these students. Only those who receive **1st or 2nd place** are eligible to go on to the National History Day competition in Washington D.C., so we'll be taking 11 students this year. Praise God! The students who placed are:

James Lentsch and Trentan Cammack –
Group Performance: The Great Pledge Debate : 2nd place

Veronica Cunningham, Railee Hendricks, Jessica Knight and Jessica West –
Group Performance: Votes for Women! The Story of Women's Suffrage: 3rd place

Paige O'Rear –
Individual Performance: Extra! Extra! Read All About It: The Newsboy Strike of 1899 Gives Children a Voice! : 1st place

Ema Duran –
Individual Performance: United States and the Holocaust: A Debate with Six Million consequences : 2nd place

Lydia Boisvert –
Individual Performance: The Nuclear Power Debate: Help or Hazard? - 3rd place

Ashlea Castleberry –
Individual Documentary: The Israeli/ Arab Six Day War: Successes, Failures, Consequences - 2nd place

Tabytha Perez –
Individual Exhibit: The Cuban Missile Crisis - 2nd place

Kendra Rael –
Individual Exhibit: Ping Pong Diplomacy: U.S. vs. China - 3rd place

Ella McKenzie and Zhanna McKenzie –
Group Exhibit: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall . . . Beauty: It's Debatable! - 2nd place

Daniel West –
Individual Web Site: The Fourth Crusade: Diplomacy and Debate in the Crusade Against Christians - 2nd place

Katherin McCarty and Rebekah McCarty –
Group Web Site: Fort Mose: Slavery Sanctuary - 1st place

Jamie Anslover, Deandra Lente, and Kros Richardson –
Group Web Site: The Boston Tea Party - 3rd place

In addition, some of our students won special cash awards given out by organizations looking for projects that tie in to the focus of their organization. Those winning special awards were:

Brianna Chavez –
Individual Performance: Marion Anderson: A Song for My Country - Award from the African American Association of NM

Natalie Walker –
Individual Web Site: Buffalo Soldiers - Ready and Forward! We Can, We Will! - Award from the Buffalo Soldiers Association of NM

Kendra Rael –
Individual Exhibit: Ping Pong Diplomacy: U.S. vs. China - Award from the History of Sports Organization

We have great kids at ACS and a family of teachers and parents and other supportive people who allow our kids to do amazing things! Our pride overflows for the National History Day kids and all of our students. We thank God for everything He gives us and how He works through us. May it all be for Him!