



2007

YEARBOOK

The Staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents, teachers and students who all shared National History Day 2007 with us. We feel honored to have had the chance to get to know you. We have such a great group of talented kids and we would like to congratulate all of you. You are all winners to us!



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# MEMORIES



Traveling  
with the  
Herd



Life on  
Campus

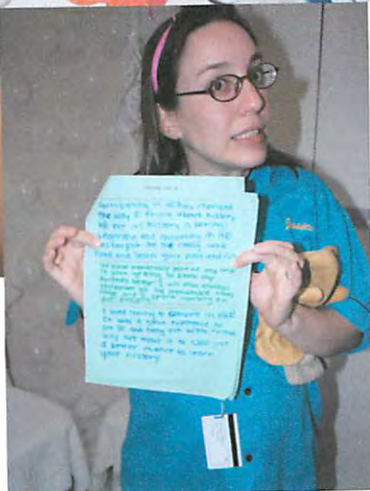




# MEMORIES



## Congressional Visits



## Room Judging





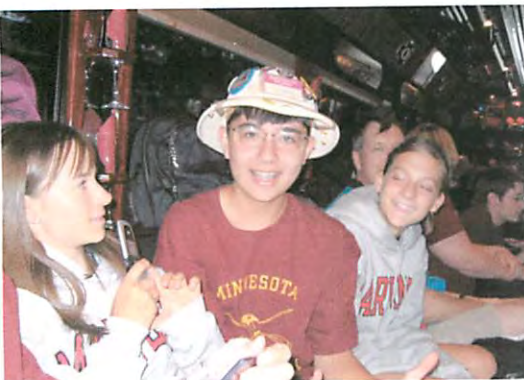
# MEMORIES



Awards Ceremony



Going Home





# JUNIORS



The 2007 Junior Division represented the land of 10,000 lakes with passion and poise this year at National History Day. Students from Minneapolis to White Bear Lake, Fergus Falls to Golden Valley made Minnesota proud. They chose topics that were local, like the Hinkley Fire and Washburn A. Mill, to national, like the great New York blizzard and statehood of Hawaii, and international, like the Battle of Trafalgar. Their research, their depth of knowledge, and their positive attitudes amazed us. We are so proud of you all!

Luke Balhorn

Justin Buhl

Paige Burgerson

Jared Burseth



Camara Butler

Sally Caruso

Nico Dregni

Andy Eerdmans



Billy Eerdmans

Kirstin Geerdes

Celeste Johnson

Josh Luger





# JUNIORS



Kayla Mork  
Stephanie Noonan  
Erin Piepkorn  
Tate Piepkorn



Adam Rohlf  
Tory Sacarelos  
Theresa Sarbacher  
Mackenzie Schuett



Samantha Simonson  
Ryan Solomon  
Darian Warneke  
Addison Weiler



Gracie White  
Brynna Wilken-Resman





# SENIORS

The 2007 Minnesota Senior Division made our great state proud as they powered through the National contest. These upper classmen showed us what triumph really means by giving it their all. From home schools to private schools, Minneapolis to Fridley and even down to Mankato, these students made their mark on College Park. Topics ranged from WWII POW camps and the USO, to dialworkers and Norman Borlaug. Local topics included the Mount Sinai Hospital and the reserve mining controversy. Although the topics varied, their spirits never faltered. Every student competing in the Minnesota delegation gave us reason to celebrate!



Scout Allendorf  
Elliot Altbaum  
Ashley Bielinski  
Grace Bratzel



Irena Bratzel  
Sarah Douglass  
Preterra Ferguson  
Iris Fricke



Hilary Geerdes  
Kelsey Geerdes  
Joseph Gifford  
Jenny Klejeski



# SENIORS

Kiehlor Mack



Mikhail Mack



Rose Milavitz



Annie Murphy



Bekah Nelson



Jacob Nelson



Adrienne Otopalik



Sierra Piepkorn



Rachel Richman



Callie Sacarelos



Georgia Simons



Olivia Spitz



Mark Ulrich





# STAFF



Mr. History



Mr. 7



Jessica



Molls



Natty



Hanneman



Michelle



Hill



Mandy



Kwan



Franzibear



Ali



Joey



# DRAMA CLUB



Whether you will admit it or not, we all love a little drama. If so many people throughout history did not have a flare for drama, how would we ever get through those social studies textbooks? And we had the students who made the drama of history come live at the 2007 competition. These HD students are in the limelight and never afraid of a challenge. With hours of rehearsals, endless script rewrites, and nerves of steel, these young actors showed their stuff. The Drama Club featured performances which required Irish accents, doing the "boogie-woogie," and even being in prison. There were environmental activists, factory workers from New York and Minneapolis, and even Tokyo Rose. When you put them all together, we got a cast of characters that made MN History Day proud.



# AV CLUB



Tech geeks have historically had a rough time in adolescence, but as the 21<sup>st</sup> century dawns, the A-V club has become the new wave of cool. These students can film, edit, digitally enhance images, and not to mention do some amazing historical research. Documentaries let us see moving images that help to show just how triumphant and tragic the past can be. The soaring planes of the Doolittle Raid over Tokyo, Minneapolis conquering it's anti-semitism from displaced persons and the building of Mount Sinai Hospital. The patriotism of the 442 regiment and the bravery of the POW's in the great escape make for emotional and heartfelt films. Along with the tragedy of the Hinkley fire and horrible effects of radium poisoning of unsuspecting dial workers, these films showed that the MN A-V club was a force to be reckoned with. First NHD, then it's onto the Academy Awards!



# SHOP CLASS



This year's HD students in shop class would have made Ty Pennington feel like an amateur. Instead of making the pop can lamp or the soapbox cars of the traditional shop class, these students took on the role of museum exhibit curator and brought it to a whole new level. Using wood, foam board, wall paper, taconite, curtains, and enough adhesive material to glue the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial, the MN shop class gave College park something to talk about. Singers and Syphilis studies, riots and snow blockades, mill explosions and sea battles, the range of topics was impressive. From the depths of the mines to the complexity of the Israel and Palestine conflict, MN proved that they could make history in the exhibit hall.



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# YOUNG WRITERS' CLUB



Realizing one of the most lessons in life, these young scholars proved that the pen truly is mightier than the sword. By taking it upon themselves to participate in the smallest, and yet perhaps the most competitive category at National History Day, these students put MN on par with the great writers of history like Howard Zinn and David McCullough. Our pint-sized junior paper writers looked at the history of the stone arch bridge and statehood of Hawaii. While our senior division looked at American Indians and Norman Borlaug's Green Revolution. After hundreds of drafts, and lots of work with Franzibear, these young writers are now waiting patiently for the Pulitzer Prize nominations.



# NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

**National  
Champions**



**Senior Group Exhibit  
Mikhail and Kiehlor Mack**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Senior Group Performance  
Callie Sacarelos, Hilary  
Geerdes, Kelsey Geerdes,  
Iris Fricke, Georgia  
Simonson**



**Finalists**

**5<sup>th</sup> Place**



**Junior Group Documentary  
Justin Buhl & Ryan Solomon**

**7<sup>th</sup> Place**



**Senior Paper  
Jacob Nelson**

**7<sup>th</sup> Place**



**Senior Individual Documentary  
Adriane Otopalik**

**8<sup>th</sup> Place**



**Junior Individual Performance  
Brynna Wilken-Resman**

**9<sup>th</sup> Place**



**Junior Group Exhibit  
Kalya Mork & PaigeBurgeson**

**10<sup>th</sup> Place**



**Junior Group Performance  
Sally Caruso & Gracie White**



# BEST OF . . . STUDENTS



**Best Smile:**  
Hilary Geerdes



**Best Dancers:**  
Andy and Billy  
Eerdmans



**Best Hair (female):**  
Callie Sacarelos



**Best Hair (male):**  
Elliot Altbaum



**Most Likely to be  
an HD Staffer:**  
Jared Burseth



**Best Laugh:**  
Tory Sacarelos



**Most Likely to be  
President:**  
Josh Luger



**Staffer Most  
Likely to Crush  
Your Dreams:**  
Hanneman



**Best Dancer on  
Staff:**  
Franzibear



**Most Likely to  
Spaz:**  
Mr. History



**Cutest Kid We  
Want on the  
Staff:**  
Josh Nguyen



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# AUTOGRAPHS

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