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# Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award Winners Announced!

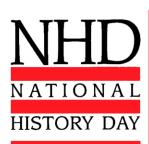
WASHINGTON, D.C. – National History Day (NHD) announced today the teachers selected to receive the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award for their state. The teachers selected have shown outstanding creativity, commitment, and inspiration in developing student interest in history. Each state winner is awarded \$500, and is eligible for the National Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award. Two national winners, announced on June 19, 2014, will receive \$10,000.

Vanessa Miller, a teacher at Narragansett Pier School in Narragansett, RI was selected as one of two state winners. "I feel so honored that a student of mine took the time to write a letter to recommend me for the Patricia Behring National History Day Teacher of the Year Award," said Miller. "A small program at first, it has grown by leaps and bounds with support of my fellow faculty members to include the entire 7th and 8th grades in our school contest. Though organizing History Day for the school and supporting students who are successful and move onto the state and national tournaments can be time consuming, it is always a labor of love. It is wonderful to work with students that challenge themselves to be better and pursue opportunities like NHD outside of their normal school day. Receiving this award in Rhode Island was such a wonderful surprise and a validation of my hard work and support of the students I have the pleasure of working with every day."

Middle and high school teachers are nominated by their administrators, peers, or self for the award. Each participating state is allowed to select one high school and one middle school teachers to receive the state award and consideration for the national award.

"National History Day firmly believes that quality teachers are the best educational tools that students have," said National History Day Executive Director Cathy Gorn. The history teachers selected as Behring award recipients are a credit to their discipline, and exemplify what it takes to truly be a quality educator."

Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award winners are NHD participating teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom. Their work must clearly illustrate the development and use of creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting



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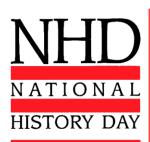
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4511 Knox Road Suite 205 College Park, MD 20740 M. 301.314.9739 F. 301.314.9767 www.nhd.org discoveries about the past, and a commitment to helping students develop their interest in history and recognize their achievements.

Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year State Award Winners:

- Alaska Heidi Imhof, Debra LaRue
- American Samoa Steven Misaalefua, Tamara Tiavea
- Arkansas Darren Vaughn, Bill Topich
- Arizona Ron Bahre
- California Mary Ong-Dean, Raymond Lopez
- China Brenda Petersen
- Colorado Elizabeth Milligan, Kristen Lewis
- Connecticut Jennifer Hunt, D. Claude Morest
- Florida Leslie Porges, Dennis Dill
- Georgia Chris Shelnutt, Amy Hendrix
- Guam Vince Leon Guerrero, Anthony Blas
- Hawaii Sarah Lowrey Razee
- Idaho Jami McLing
- Illinois Donna Beck, Aggie Przeslicke
- Indiana Richard G. Vander Woude, Dave Wheeler
- Iowa Patty Lien, Kirsten Doebel
- Kansas Alice Bertels
- Kentucky Ashley Adkins
- Korea Sharon Gillette
- Louisiana Michael Cilano, Tara Cox
- Maryland Leah Renzi, Mark S. Howell
- Massachusetts Bryan McGraw, Ilyse Mahoney

- Michigan Abigail Kuhn, Traci Welch
- Minnesota Josh Nutter, Carley Kregness
- Mississippi Kimberly Jordan, Heidi Battles
- Missouri Maureen Funk, J. Paul Arnold
- Nebraska Melissa Stern, Ann M. Mays
- Nevada Lindsey Clewell, Jeanine Zelik
- New Hampshire Skye Devarney, Molly K. Stevenson
- New Jersey Jane Okma, Jayne O'Neill
- New Mexico Danya Jones, Allen Andraski
- New York Judy Sokolow
- North Carolina Kimberly T. Jamison, Lisa Dillon
- North Dakota Jewel Marie Lyons, Vern Huber
- Ohio Judith Darus, Krista Buckley, Kathy Arnold
- Oklahoma Penny Heath
- Oregon Lorin Kubishta
- Pennsylvania Josh Elders, Kevin Wagner
- Puerto Rico Yanira Borges
- Rhode Island Vanessa Miller, Edward Kimmerlein
- South Asia Jonathan Steely, Jonathan Boyd
- South Carolina Waylon A. Ross, Adam Powley



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- South Dakota Lauren Olson
- Tennessee Chris Standridge, Scott Johnson
- Texas Patrick Browder, Barbi Binnig
- Utah Sara Hacken
- Vermont Tyler Willis, Erin Cohn
- Virginia Rory Dippold, Holly Frazier

- Washington Mary Jo Macala, James Sawatski
- Washington, D.C. Yvonne Simpson–Wayne, Matthew Malone
- West Virginia Daniel J. Cosgrove
- Wisconsin Michael Cirillo, Katherine Haig
- Wyoming Mitch Irrgang, Kristy Richmond

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NHD is a non-profit education organization based out of College Park, MD. Established in 1974, NHD offers year-long academic programs that engage over half a million primary and secondary students around the world in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. These research-based projects are entered into local affiliate contests, where the top student projects have the opportunity to advance to the national competition at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD also seeks to improve the quality of history education by providing professional development opportunities for educators. NHD is sponsored in part by the History Channel, Kenneth E. Behring, Weider History Group, Inc., WEM Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Southwest Airlines. For more information about NHD, visit www.nhd.org.