FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 11, 2022 – Fifty-five middle and high school students from across the state received top rankings in the National History Day contest in Missouri. First and second place winners will move onto the national contest June 12-16, which is being held online this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme for this year’s contest is Debate & Diplomacy in History. National History Day in Missouri is sponsored and organized by the State Historical Society of Missouri, in partnership with Missouri Humanities and additional sponsors. (Editor’s note: a complete list of the 55 student winners, their school and hometown in Missouri is attached.)

The students compete in five project categories, including documentary, exhibit, performance, paper and website. Any public, private, or home school students who meet the grade criteria can enter the annual contest if sponsored by a teacher, guardian or mentor. The contest is open to students in grades 6-12. Just under 500 students competed in the state level with many more students competing at the local and regional contests held earlier this year.

Two National History Day in Missouri teachers have been nominated for the 2022 Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award for middle and high school teachers. They are Brian Wiedmer, a social studies teacher at North Andrew R-VI Middle School in Rosendale and Kimberlee Brownlee, who teaches English language arts at Liberty North High School. The award is sponsored by National History Day supporter Patricia Behring, who provides $500 to each nominee from all participating states. Two final award winners will receive a $10,000 cash prize at the NHD national contest in College Park, Maryland, in June.

“We are excited to have two wonderful educators in Missouri who are being recognized at the national level for their commitment to engaging and supporting students at the National History Day contest each year,” said Danielle Griego, Ph.D., Educational Program Coordinator for the State Historical Society of Missouri. “Due to their efforts, along with the other 82 Missouri teachers who prepared their students for NHD this year, we are looking forward to bringing back award medals in June at the national contest.”

Winners at the state level are listed on the National History Day in Missouri website: NHDMO.org.

About National History Day in Missouri

Launched in 1980, National History Day in Missouri is the state affiliate of the National History Day educational program, which has half a million participants annually. National History Day in Missouri is sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri, in partnership with the Missouri Humanities. Visit: nhdmo.org

CONTACT: Danielle Griego, National History Day in Missouri coordinator. Office: 573-516-5119; Email: GriegoD@shsмо.org
Below: Logos available in high res if needed.