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## **National History Day Returns to William Jessup University on May 6-7**

### ***1,200 Students to Compete in State Finals***

**Rocklin, CA - April 26 -** May 6-7 the William Jessup University (WJU) campus will literally come alive with history when they host National History Day - California (NHD-CA) for the second year in a row. Designed to encourage students to delve deeper into history by extensively examining a chosen topic that relates to the annual theme is the foundation of this year-long educational program. *Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History* is the 2016 theme and more than 1,200 Calif. students have advanced on to the state finals.

In the past this final leg of the state competition has rotated between Northern and Southern California, however due to the success and support NHD-CA received from WJU, Placer Valley Tourism and Placer County they decided to make WJU their permanent home location for the state finals explained Whitney Olson, NHD-CA Coordinator. "The campus, the dorms, the people and the PVT grant were all amazing and this will allow us stability in our judging pool which is huge," added Olson.

The grade levels competing are 4th through 12th and the grade-span is divided into three divisions; Elementary (grades 4-5), Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12). The Elementary division ends at this state level, however Junior

and Senior divisions will crown state champions who will advance on to the National competition that will take place at the University of Maryland at College Park from June 12-16.

The students will be interviewed by the judges on both Friday and Saturday and the following categories are open for public viewing: performances, websites, and documentaries. The 2D displays and exhibits have set public viewing times. A full schedule can be found at [www.nhdca.org](http://www.nhdca.org).

This two-day event is free to the public so come on down to WJU located at 333 Sunset Blvd in Rocklin and see what these incredible, creative and innovative students have created!



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