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KANSAS STUDENTS TRACK TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY IN HISTORY

April 28 will be the 25th anniversary of Kansas History Day

During the past school year, nearly 1,200 students have been researching *Triumph & Tragedy in History*. Three hundred of those students placed first or second in one of eight district competitions earlier this year. Those students will advance to Kansas History Day at the Washburn University in Topeka, Saturday, April 28. This marks the 25th anniversary of the program in Kansas and the first time that the contest will be held at Washburn. Those who place first or second in the state contest will compete in National History Day, June 10 – 14, at the University of Maryland, College Park, near Washington, D.C.

Each year, students statewide in grades six through twelve select topics based on the History Day theme. They spend the school year working, researching, and tracking primary and secondary sources and compete in junior and senior categories of performances, documentaries, papers, or exhibits. Students compete as individuals and as school teams. They are challenged to demonstrate their knowledge about the historical context of their chosen subject and to interpret and analyze the importance of the person, idea, or event in history. Kansas students rank among the top state at National History Day with 55 medals and five scholarships during the program's 25 years.

Kansas History Day is administered by the Kansas Historical Society with additional support from the Washburn University. For further information contact Kansas History Day co-coordinators Daniel Carey, 785-272-8681, ext. 415, dcarey@kshs.org or Letha Johnson, 785-272-8681, ext. 306, ljohnson@kshs.org. The Historical Society is headquartered at 6425 SW Sixth Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615-1099; 785-272-8681; TTY 785-272-8683; www.kshs.org

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