

## **Students Present History Projects at National Archives July 4th Celebration**

WASHINGTON, June 29 -- National History Day is pleased to announce that five National History Day students have been selected to participate in the National Archives celebration of the 228th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th.

The students from Calif., Mo., Md., Minn., and S.C., will present their exhibits, documentaries and performances as part of a day-long celebration with the theme, "Democracy Starts Here – The National Archives 4th of July Celebration." The event is free and will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Archives on Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC.

Selected students are:

- Annie Olson, who attends Proctor Terrace Elementary School in Santa Rosa, Calif., will present her exhibit titled "The Space Race Thaws Cold War."
- Christopher Grills, a sixth-grade student at Iva E. Wells Middle School in Seneca, Mo., will perform a ten-minute original dramatic play titled "Thomas Jefferson and His Role in the Exploration and Exchange of the Louisiana Territory."
- Emily Hoffman, an eighth-grade student at Plum Point Middle School in Huntington, Md., will present her documentary titled "Nixon in China: Exploring New Diplomatic Relations, Exchanging Cultures, Encountering a New Balance of Power."
- Katherine Indvik, an eighth-grade student at Carondelet Catholic School in Minneapolis, Minn., will display her exhibit titled "The Little Rock Nine: Encountering Civil Rights in Their Courageous Fight for an Equal Education."
- Sarah Miles, a ninth-grade student at Cheraw High School in Cheraw, S.C., will represent a documentary titled "Grace Hopper: Exploration of Women's Careers in the Navy, Encounters with Technology and Exchange of Knowledge in the 20th Century."

The students have all done in-depth research using documents from the holdings of the National Archives. For more information on this event and the exciting family activities that will be taking place go to [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).

### About The National Archives and Records Administration

The National Archives in Washington, DC reopened its Rotunda on September 18, 2003 to unveil the newly re-encased Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. This marked the start of a whole new National Archives Experience that will educate and inspire Americans. The National Archives will celebrate the 228th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence with its traditional Fourth of July event, held on the steps of the National Archives on Constitution Avenue. The program theme, "Democracy Starts Here – the National Archives 4th of July Celebration," will include a day-long program of free family activities and patriotic music, beginning with the traditional dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence by George Washington at 10 AM. For more information visit the National Archives online at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).

### About National History Day

National History Day (NHD) is not just one day, but a yearlong education organization that makes history come alive through educator professional development and active student learning. Students annually create documentaries, performances, exhibits, and papers as part of a NHD national contest. The program received the Charles Frankel Prize from the National Endowment for the Humanities and created Our Documents, an initiative to improve American history, civics, and service with the National Archives. For more information go to [www.nationalhistoryday.org](http://www.nationalhistoryday.org) or call 301-314-9739.

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