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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County History Day participants selected as finalists at state competition

Three National History Day-Tulare County (NHD) projects were selected as finalists in the National History Day–California competition held April 25-27 in Riverside. The Tulare County projects were: “Equality,” a two-dimensional display by Alexa Valdez and Ayana Lopez, fourth-grade students in the Dinuba GATE Program; “Roe v. Wade: Norma McCorvey's Change of Heart,” a junior group documentary by Lexe Cortez, Callie Mueller and Mackenzie Williams, sixth-grade students at Sequoia Union School District; and “Rosies in World War II: How Women's Rights were Transformed as a Result of Fulfilling Their Patriotic Responsibility,” an individual performance by Morgan Waldner, an eighth-grade student at Kings River Union School District.

The theme of NHD was *Rights and Responsibilities in History*. Students developed projects relating to the national theme by incorporating events in local, state, national and international history. The projects ranged from performances and exhibits to website development and

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documentaries. A total of 23 Tulare County projects were eligible to compete in National History Day–California.

Students compete in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 compete in the poster category only. Students in the two upper-grade categories present findings through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary or historical web site.

“We are so proud of all the Tulare County participants in the California History Day competition,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The teachers, administrators and parent volunteers who support these students through the months it takes to develop one of these projects deserve a standing ovation.”

For more information contact the event coordinator, Joy Soares at (559) 651-0501. More information is also available at www.tcoe.org/historyday.

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