

Behring Teacher Ambassadors Announced!

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National History Day (NHD) announced this morning the 36 teachers selected as Behring Teacher Ambassadors. Local teacher Amp Page, from Moriarty, is one of two teachers selected to represent New Mexico.

“I am excited to collaborate with teachers from around the country and bring the results back to share with colleagues in New Mexico,” said Page. “I look forward to expanding professional development trainings in conjunction with those offered by the New Mexico Humanities Council. This program is about providing support to educators as they facilitate student learning. With the challenges teachers face today, programs like National History Day offer opportunities to develop passion through the project based learning that can complement National Standards while developing student centered academic exploration.”

The teachers selected have shown outstanding creativity, commitment, and inspiration in developing students’ interest in history. Each regional winner will be awarded \$1,000 stipend for their participation and service as an ambassador. Middle and high school teachers are nominated by their administrators, peers, or self for the award. Candidates must be classroom teachers interested in NHD programs, who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, or be past Behring Teacher award winners.

Next year the 2014–2015 NHD theme is Leadership & Legacy in History. Behring Teacher Ambassadors will work with students and teachers to help them better understand this theme and to expand NHD programs in their region. Participating teachers, will attend a training workshop in August, collaborate with their program’s NHD affiliates coordinator to develop a working plan, and implement an action plan to support and expand NHD activities.

“National History Day firmly believes that quality teachers are the best educational tools that students have,” said NHD Executive Director Cathy Gorn. “The history teachers selected as Behring Teacher Ambassadors understand the impact the NHD program has on their students. They are a credit to their discipline and a driving force behind the success of NHD programs.”

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NHD is a non-profit education organization based out of College Park, MD. Established in 1974, NHD offers year-long academic programs that engage over half a million primary and secondary students around the world in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. These research-based projects are entered into local affiliate contests, where the top student projects have the opportunity to advance to the national competition at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD also seeks to improve the quality of history education by providing professional development opportunities for educators. NHD is sponsored in part by the History Channel, Kenneth E. Behring, Weider History Group, Inc., WEM Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Southwest Airlines. For more information about NHD, visit www.nhd.org.

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