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**Greene County Public Schools' students earn top honors at  
National History Day district competition**

**STANARDSVILLE, Va.** – Several students from William Monroe Middle School and William Monroe High School earned top placements at the [National History Day](#) District 4 Competition held Friday at Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, Va.

Sixteen students earned first-, second- and third-place honors and have qualified for this year's state competition in April.

National History Day is a competition in which students in grades 6-12 choose a topic and dive deeply into the past by conducting extensive research in libraries, archives and museums. This year's theme is "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas."

Below is the list of student winners:

**Senior Division**

**First Place**

Caroline Bruton, Individual Documentary, *The Interstate Highway System: From Wagon Trails to Superhighways*

**Junior Division**

**Third Place**

- Sameer Ozmanzada, Kaleb Dooley, Porter Frandsen, Group Exhibit, *The Fathers of Flight*
- Carley Evans, Lila Novak, Group Documentary, *Shenandoah National Park*

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### **Second Place**

- Melissa Truslow, AJ McKeone, Group Exhibit, *PTSD: A Shellshock for the Mind*
- Quincy Hogge, Andrew Morris, Hector Cortez-Corranza, Group Performance, *Tuskegee Airmen*

### **First Place**

- Olive Handy, Alex Lavoia, Group Exhibit, *It's all in the MATH*
- Katia Hermanson, Madeline Bruton, Group Performance, *The All American Girls Professional Baseball League; A Frontier in Women's Sports*
- Mukund Marri, Individual Documentary, *The First Transcontinental Railroad*

“These students invest a lot of time and effort into this project, so to perform well in these competitions is really a testament to the students’ academic rigor,” said Stephanie Hammer, NHD coach and teacher at William Monroe Middle School.

Please click [here](#) for photos.

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The Greene County Public Schools District is located in historic Greene County, Virginia. We are a community of 475 dedicated and passionate educators and administrators working collaboratively with parents, families, and the community to empower over 2,800 students in grades K-12 for life-long success. Our mission is to engage all students through learning that is innovative, personalized, and relevant.

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