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### **Fifteen Loudon County Students Win Medals and Awards at 17th Annual East Tennessee History Day**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 12, 2017 – Fifteen Loudon County students won special awards or took first, second, or third place in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual East Tennessee History Day Regional Competition (ETHD), held March 2 in Knoxville. First and second place, with third place serving as an alternate, will advance to [Tennessee History Day](#), the state competition held April 7, 2017 in Nashville. From there, state winners will advance to nationals in College Park, Maryland, June 10-14. Regional competition co-sponsors, the [East Tennessee Historical Society](#) and the [University of Tennessee's Department of History](#), congratulate and commend these students and their teachers on their hard work and success. **(Loudon County's ETHD winners are listed at the end of this release).**

“East Tennessee students consistently do well in this competition,” according to Lisa Oakley, ETHS curator of education and ETHD regional coordinator. “Three ETHD winners have placed first in the nation, plus several placing second and third and many more finishing in the national top 12 for their category.”

In the East Tennessee Region some 3,500 students competed at the basic school level. An estimated 750,000 students compete at the basic level nationally.

#### **About National History Day:**

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[National History Day](#) is the leading program for history education. This year's broad theme was “Conflict and Compromise in History.” Students select a topic related to the annual theme and then choose to present their research through a website, documentary, paper, exhibit or performance. Through research and interpreting their findings into a sound argument, these middle and high school students learn the priceless skills of an historian—critical thinking, research, and the value of primary sources.

#### **About the East Tennessee Historical Society:**

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Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged as one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 184 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage—recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

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#### **Junior Division (Middle School)**

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**North Middle School, Erin McNish (teacher)**

**Landin Brock** placed third in the Junior Individual Performance category with his entry, *The Magna Carta*.

**Philadelphia Elementary School, Angela Bright-White (teacher)**

**Josh McCulley** placed second in the Junior Individual Performance category with his entry, *Pablo Escobar: Conflict and Compromise*.

**Loudon Middle School, Carla Ellis (teacher)**

**Elizabeth Newman, Deven McCombs, and Sarah Pinkston** won the first place Dan and Mary Shannon Award for the use of original primary sources in their Junior Group Website *Lights. Camera. Action: Conflicts and Compromise of the Tennessee Theatre*.

**Senior Division (High School)**

**Lenoir City High School, Rachel Frazier (teacher)**

- **Tyler McCoy** placed second in the Senior Individual Documentary category with his entry, *Quasi War—Half War*.
- **Gabriel Shanahan, Michael Wright, and Matthew Evans** placed third in the Senior Group Documentary category with their entry, *The Cuban Missile Crisis: 13 Days of Darkness*.
- **Haley Fuller and Quillen Thornton** placed second in the Senior Group Exhibit category with their entry, *Oak Ridge: A Secret City*.
- **Derek Littleton and Faith Simmons** placed second in the Senior Group Performance category with their entry, *The Berlin Wall*.
- **Olivia Jones and Rachel Scheffer** placed third in the Senior Group Website category with their entry, *The Salem Witch Trials: Conflict and Compromise*.

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