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STUDENTS AT THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL TAKE HONORS AT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY REGIONAL COMPETITION

Colorado Springs, Colo. – On Friday, February 19, seventeen students from The Colorado Springs School (CSS) in grades 9 through 12 competed in the Annual National History Day Competition held at The Colorado College. These students spent countless hours researching and developing their submissions in the form of exhibits, documentaries, web pages, performances and documentaries. At least 20 sources were required for each project and a wide range of topics were represented under this year's theme of "Historical Innovations."

Four of these students placed and will move on to represent the Colorado Springs area at the State competition in Denver on May 1st. They aim to represent Colorado at the National Competition which is held at the University of Maryland.

Those students are: **Caroline Friend**, 10th grade - 1st Place Individual Documentary for her project "The Salk Polio Vaccine: Conquering the Crippler; **Nick Gardiner**, 9th grade - 3rd Place Individual Exhibit for his project "Plastics and Polymers: The Transcending Innovation; and **Rachel Libert and Elise Lovaas**, 9th grades - 2nd Place Group Performance for their project "Denim Through the Years". Congratulations to these students and all CSS participants for a job well done: Olivia Lee, Robyn Covnot, Tatum Shoptaugh, Kailyn Johnston, Tyler Robinson, Paige Adam, Illiana Derr-Evans, Kurstyn Morley, Ryan Dick, Declan Grabb, Taylor Moore, and Marina Carbo.

Special thanks go to Monica Reinhart, US History teacher, for sponsoring students in the National History Day Competition.

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About The Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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About National History Day Competitions (NHD)

Each year more than half a million students participate. They choose a historical topic related to the annual theme, and then conduct primary and secondary research. Research techniques involve looking through libraries, archives and museums, conducting oral history interviews, and visiting historic sites. After analyzing and interpreting sources, and drawing a conclusion about the significance of the topic, work is presented in one of five ways: as a paper, an exhibit, a performance, a documentary, or a web site.

In the spring, work is entered into local NHD contests where it will be judged by professional educators and historians. If the work is chosen as one of the best, participants advance on to their state's NHD contest. As a winner at the state NHD contest, they will be eligible to attend the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park in June. This is where the best National History Day projects from across the United States, American Samoa, Guam, International Schools and Department of Defense Schools in Europe all meet and compete.

For more information about National History Day Competitions, visit <http://www.nhd.org/Contest.htm>.

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