



2017 Varsity & Junior Varsity National Championships of The National History Bee and Bowl & United States History Bee Held in Arlington, VA & Washington, DC on April 21-23

Press Release

(Ridgewood, NJ – May 1, 2017) The USA's top history students gathered in Arlington, VA on Friday, April 21-23 for the 2017 Varsity and Junior Varsity National Championships of the National History Bee & Bowl and the United States History Bee. After three days of buzzer-based quiz competition, the 2017 National Champions were named as follows:

National History Bowl – 144 Varsity teams, 106 Junior Varsity teams

Varsity: Westview High School, Portland, Oregon

Junior Varsity: Beaver creek High School, Beaver creek, Ohio

National History Bowl (Small School Division) – 18 Varsity teams, 11 Junior Varsity teams

Varsity: Lehigh Valley Academy, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Junior Varsity: Leonia High School, Leonia, New Jersey

National History Bee (testing knowledge of all aspects of history) – 153 Varsity, 203 JV students

Varsity: Jakob Myers, Naperville North High School, Naperville, Illinois

Junior Varsity: Justin Young, McLean High School, McLean, Virginia

United States History Bee (testing knowledge of American history) – 101 Varsity, 106 JV students

Varsity: Jonathan Tran, Westview High School, Portland, Oregon

Junior Varsity: William Golden, James E. Taylor High School, Katy, Texas

All competitions were held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA; some National History Bowl matches were held at the Middle East Institute in Washington, DC. Students who finished in the top half of the National History Bee or National History Bowl, or who made the playoffs of the US History Bee qualify for the 2018 International History Olympiad in July 2018 in Berlin, Germany. Chief sponsor Houghton Mifflin Harcourt generously provided prizes to the top students and teams to help cover entry fees to the Olympiad, including free travel expenses for Myers and Young, the National History Bee champions. Myers defended his 2016 title, becoming the first ever repeat Varsity National History Bee National Champion. Jonathan Tran of Westview and Hari Parameswaran of Beaver creek were named as MVPs of the National History Bowl in their age divisions. The Varsity Small School History Bowl Champion, Lehigh Valley Academy, was won by a single student, Alex Schmidt who competed against teams of 4+ students throughout the competition. For Leonia, Beaver creek, and McLean, this marks their first national titles in academic quiz competitions. Golden had led his team to the JV National History Bowl title in 2016.

For more information on all competitions, please see the respective websites at www.historybowl.com and www.ushistorybee.org. Full statistics for all competitors are available at www.nhbbstats.com and for further questions about all competitions, please email NHBB Executive Director, David Madden, at director@historybowl.com.