



2018 Varsity & Junior Varsity National Championships of The National History Bee and Bowl & United States History Bee Held in Arlington, VA & Washington, DC on April 27-29

Press Release

(Ridgewood, NJ – May 3, 2018) The USA’s top history students gathered in Arlington, VA on April 27-29 for the 2018 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 2018 National Champions were named as follows:

National History Bowl – 144 Varsity teams, 108 Junior Varsity teams

Varsity: Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, VA

Junior Varsity: Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL

National History Bowl (Small School Division) – 6 Varsity teams, 6 Junior Varsity teams

Varsity: Leonia High School, Leonia, NJ

Junior Varsity: The Wheatley School, Old Westbury, NY

National History Bee (testing knowledge of all aspects of history) – 154 Varsity, 207 JV students

Varsity: Alex Schmidt, Lehigh Valley Academy, Bethlehem, PA

Junior Varsity: Govind Prabhakar, Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL

United States History Bee (testing knowledge of American history) – 104 Varsity, 142 JV students

Varsity: Fred Zhang, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, VA

Junior Varsity: Govind Prabhakar, Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL

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, to be held this July 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 full travel expenses for Schmidt and Prabhakar, the National History Bee champions. Fred Zhang of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and Govind Prabhakar of Adlai Stevenson High School were named the Most Valuable Players in their divisions of the National History Bowl.

Prabhakar won the first Junior Varsity “Triple Crown” with his performance in the National History Bee and US History Bee, and his team’s performance in the National History Bowl. Leonia won last year’s Small School title in the Junior Varsity division, and Schmidt became the first player ever over the course of his career to win the National History Bee in the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Middle School divisions. 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.