Hello Washington History Day fans,

The 2016 National Contest is now over and we are happy to report that we are coming home with the Junior Individual Documentary gold medal! Way to go Bobby Aiyer from Evergreen Middle School in Redmond Washington. Your project on "The Awakening of the Sleeping Giant: How Sino-American Rapprochement Triggered China's Meteoric Rise and What It Means Today," is the first project from Evergreen Middle School to win a medal at the National Contest. Bobby's teacher is Nicole Kessler and this is also the first year that Evergreen Middle has competed in the National History Day program. A crowning achievement for both Bobby and his school.

We also had four projects advance to the finals this year.

4th Place, Junior Group Website, Maxine Zhang, Clarissa Choe, "Penicillin: The Unsung Hero of World War II." Redmond Middle School, teachers Liz Dunsire and Leah Smith. Maxine and Clarissa were also the winners of the Outstanding State Award in the Junior Category.

4th Place, Senior Individual Exhibit, Marissa McMaster, "The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project: Pioneering Cooperation in Space." Northshore Junior High, teacher Bill Boniface. Marissa was also the Outstanding State Award winner in the Senior Category.

5th Place, Junior Paper, Daniel Ng, "Wernher von Braun: From Hitler to Huntsville." Northshore Junior High, teacher Bill Boniface.

6th Place, Junior Group Exhibit, Kyra Crosby, Emma McKune, Amber Holmgren, "Moral Choices 1975: Vietnam Refugees Encountering Callousness or Compassion; Exchanging Cultures." Pleasant Valley Middle School, teacher Irene Soohoo.

Congratulations to all students from Washington State! You should all be proud of the hard work and accomplishments you've made this year.