

PPCH Student Places Second in National History Day

Congratulations to Jessica Chang, a senior at Pembroke Pines Charter High School, for placing second in the Senior Individual Performance category at the National History Day (NHD) competition recently held in College Park, Maryland. There were 60 students and 21 teachers representing Florida by attending the national competition at the University of Maryland.

“I was thrilled to meet these young historians, who spent months conducting research and developing their entries,” said Florida Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee. “I’m delighted that their hard work, creativity and dedication has been recognized at the national contest, and I want to congratulate them for this significant achievement.”

The students’ entries previously won at the Florida History Day state contest in Tallahassee, which advanced them to the National History Day contest. Florida History Day is sponsored by the Museum of Florida History. The middle- and high-school students presented their findings in a documentary, historical paper, performance, exhibit, or website related to the 2019 theme “Triumph and Tragedy in History.” More than 50,000 students participated statewide, making Florida one of the largest programs among the 57 National History Day affiliates.

Jessica placed Second for “Alice Paul: Brazen Suffragist and the Greatest Triumph for Women in America.” Her teacher at Pembroke Pines Charter High School is Carrie Hyacinth.

Florida History Day is part of National History Day (NHD) which was established in 1974 to promote history in the classroom by offering students the means and encouragement to research people, ideas, and events of the past. The 2018–19 theme was Triumph and Tragedy in History. After analyzing and interpreting the information they gathered, students presented their findings in a paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, or website. This year, 55,871 students and 986 teachers in 32 counties were involved. For more information visit: floridahistoryday.com.