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IMAGE: Student standing by history project presentation

National History Day Competition to be Held at MCC; Seeking Volunteer Judges

MILES CITY, MONTANA: Miles Community College (MCC) will be hosting the National History Day (NHD) in Montana Eastern Regional contest on Saturday, February 8, 2025.

NHD is a co-curricular academic program for students in grades 6-12. Students choose and research topics related to an annual theme and present their findings as documentaries, exhibit boards, papers, performances, or websites. This project-based

learning emphasizes critical reading, thinking, research, and analysis to draw meaningful conclusions, intending to equip students in middle and high school with skills to succeed in college and careers.

This year, NHD in Montana will consist of Western Regional and Eastern Regional competitions, with the final State Contest held in April at Montana State University in Bozeman. Top entries from the State Contest are awarded the opportunity to compete at the National Contest at the University of Maryland in June.

Students interested in competing in the Eastern Regional contest can visit the <u>NHD in Montana Website;</u> registration deadline is January 24. (Advancement criteria are also listed on their site.)

NHD competitions rely on volunteer judges and the Eastern Regional contest is currently seeking volunteers to provide feedback on submitted student projects. Judges work in teams of three (3) and training is available. Teachers are encouraged to apply and will earn free OPI credits for judging. Other community members are also encouraged to participate. Volunteers can register to apply on the NHD in Montana Website.

NDH in Montana partners include Montana State University College of Education, Health, and Human Development, Humanities Montana, Montana Historical Society, and Miles Community College.

For questions or more information on how to register, contact MCC Associate Dean of Instruction Sam Giordanengo at giordanengo@milescc.edu.

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