

Local students awarded at National History Day State Competition



Ji Yean Yoo



Siri Ancha

Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School students participated in the National History Day State Contest in Columbia, Missouri on April 12.

National History Day in Missouri (NHDMO) is a yearlong history education program, sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia, at the University of Missouri. The program encourages young people to explore history and teaches them to understand historical issues, ideas, people and events.

Participants conduct in-depth research on individual topics related to an annual theme and present their findings in one of several formats -- exhibit, performance, documentary, website, or research paper -- designed to foster creativity and imagination. These presentations are evaluated at a series of local, state and national contests.

Ji Yean Yoo, a Sophomore at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School was awarded the Willard T. Young World War II Prize for Best Entry on World War II. Yoo also placed in the top six in the state out of 545 projects from 78 schools as a finalist in the Senior Individual Exhibit Category with her exhibit titled "I Was Only Thirteen" Japan and the Stolen Flowers of Korea.

Thomas Jefferson Eighth grader, Siri Ancha was named a finalist. Ancha placed in the top six in the state out of 545 projects from 78 schools as a finalist in the Junior Individual Documentary Category with her documentary titled "On the Brink of War: John F. Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis."

