



52 students headed to state history fair

Fifty-two Goose Creek CISD students will advance to the State History Fair after winning first or second place at the Lee College Regional History Fair on March 4 and March 5.

See final results [here](#).

Sterling High School is sending the most students to the state competition with 24. Horace Mann Junior School had the second most with 12 students advancing to state followed by Cedar Bayou junior School with 10.

See campus breakdown [here](#).

"I am very excited about our prospects at Texas History Day competition," said Toni Shuman, Coordinator of Social Studies. "I saw some powerful entries at the Lee College Regional fair. The level of research and analysis shown by our students is remarkable. I fully expect another trip to National History Day in June."

Student entries at the Regional fair were all tied to the National History Day 2011 theme "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences."

Texas History Day, part of the National History Day program, is a yearlong education program that culminates in an annual state-level history fair for students in grades six through 12. It provides an opportunity for students to develop their knowledge of history and their critical thinking, analytical reading and writing, presentation, media design, and public performance skills through creative and original papers, performances, documentaries, web sites or exhibits.

Prior to the Lee College Regionals, campus history fairs were held throughout the district as students competed for the right to advance to Regionals. The top two entries in each category from the Lee College competition are eligible to advance to Texas History Day competition.

And the winners advancing to state competition are ...

In the junior division (grades 6-8), the Baytown Junior School team of Nicole Poirot and Kylee Stewart won first place in the Group Documentary, and second place went to the Cedar Bayou Junior School team of Lauren Buntin, Annie Jones, Caroline Fess, Abby Gregorcyk, and Elisabeth Villarreal.

Matthew Broussard of Gentry Junior School won first place in the junior division Individual Performance category.

In the Individual Historical paper category, Kristen Scheu of Gentry won first place, and Bella Elliot of Horace Mann finished in second place. Horace Mann student Jose Rodriguez earned first place in the Individual Documentary competition, and Jovonne Ledet of Gentry earned second place.

In the junior division Group Interpretive Web Site competition, the Cedar Bayou team of Hanna Zerdo and Rachel Lahowetz won first place while the Horace Mann team of Juan Perez and Jaime Rodriguez earned second place.

In the junior division Group Performance competition, the Horace Mann Junior School team of Tara Bevers, Reyna Cantu, Bryon Cummings, Mayra Yado and Elissa Witt earned first place, while the Highlands Junior School team of Jasmine Garcia, Mariah Moyer, Morgan Chandler, and Michael Johns won second place.



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Cedar Bayou Junior student Jonathan Garcia won first place in the Individual Exhibit category while Horace Mann student Shruti Bam earned second place honors.

In the Group Exhibit competition, Cedar Bayou's team of Adulfo Amador and Patrick Fernandez earned second place.

In the Individual Interpretive Web Site category, Utkarsh Sharma of Horace Mann won first place, and Melisa Arreguin, also of Horace Mann, took second place.

In the senior division (grades 9-12) Individual Historical Paper category, Korwynn Wagstaff of Sterling High School, earned second place.

In the Individual Documentary category, Sterling High School students Matthew Spears and Rebecca Conejo, finished in first place and second place, respectively

Sterling High School teams also finished in first (Lindsey Fess, Kyle Murray, Alexis Stafford, and Kristin Murray) and second place (Payton Drewery, Jacob Jensen, Stephen Davis, and Aaron Moon) in the Group Documentary category.

In the Group Performance competition, Sterling High School teams finished in first and second place: Jasmine Ozuna, Autumn Casto, and Alanna Kussman took top honors, and Keiosha Addison and Keara Edwards placed second.

Sterling High School student Katherine Salom won first place in the Individual Exhibit category.

In the Group Exhibit competition, the Sterling High School team of Joshua Garcia and Denisse Monsivais earned second place.

Sterling High School teams earned trips to the state history fair in Group Interpretive Web Site. Earning first place were Taylor Gamez, Farah Ashraf, and Rida Ashraf. In second place were Samiah Aulakh and Mahid Aulakh.

In the Individual Interpretive Web Site category, Sterling's Michael Lahowetz captured first place.

The State History Fair will be held May 6 and May 7 in Austin. Winners will advance to National History Day at the University of Maryland in June.

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