

## **BAYONNE STUDENTS WIN AWARDS, ADVANCE TO NATIONAL LEVEL OF NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION**

The Bayonne Board of Education has advised the City of Bayonne that local students won numerous awards at the recent statewide competition for National History Day (NHD). This past weekend, Bayonne students represented our school district in the New Jersey National History Day State Competition at William Paterson University with outstanding success.

According to Gina Nowak, National History Day Coordinator for the Bayonne Board of Education, “After months of research, analysis of primary and secondary sources, and ongoing revision, our students demonstrated an exceptional level of scholarship and dedication to their work.” Ms. Nowak continued, “I am proud to share that six student projects have advanced to the National History Day National Competition in June. In addition, Bayonne achieved a remarkable sweep in the podcast category, earning top honors in both the junior and senior divisions. Our students were also recognized with two special awards, bringing the district’s total to eleven awards overall.

Congratulations to all of our students and educators for representing Bayonne with such pride and excellence.”

The National History Day National Competition will take place next month at the University of Maryland College Park, which is located near Washington, D.C.

**National Qualifiers:**

**Junior Division:**

**Dr. Walter F. Robinson School**

**Teacher:** John Hall

**Junior Individual Website:** Mokshari Chitirala

**Topic:** The Green Revolution In India: Reforming Agriculture to Feed a Nation

**Lincoln Community School**

**Teacher:** Sean Ryan

**Junior Individual Performance:** Lilliana Arias

**Topic:** Susan B. Anthony: An Interpretation of Her Revolution, the World’s Reaction and How We’ve Reformed

**William Shemin Midtown Community School**

**Teacher:** Robert Tonnesen

**Junior Individual Documentary:** Carlos Rodriguez

**Topic:** This is ESPN: The Revolutionary Leader in Sports Changes the Channel on Sports in America

**Junior Group Performance:** Zaynab Umair, Jianna Mathew, Wiam Titaoui, Sasha McCurdy  
R is for Revolution, Reaction, Reform: How Sesame Street Changed the Channel on Children's Television

### **Washington Community School**

Teacher: Neil Carroll

**Junior Group Website:** Claudia Gwozdziowska, Lluan Magoali, Yoanna Farag  
Topic: The Chinese Cultural Revolution: The Red August

**Senior Division:** Bayonne High School

**Teacher:** Jesse Wolleon

**Senior Paper:** Nishka Das

**Topic:** The Sepoy Mutiny: Indian Revolution, British Reaction and Colonial Reform

### **Special Awards:**

**Bayonne High School Teacher:** Alicia Dolecka

Struggle for America Award NJ Daughters of the Revolution

**Award Senior Paper:** Titiana Dumbuya

**Topic:** Yorktown: The Battle that Secured a Nation How America's Decisive Victory Forced British Retreat and Launched the United States' Rise as an Independent Power

## **Podcasts-State Winners**

**Teacher:** Robert Tonnesen William Sheman Midtown Community School

**Junior Podcast:** Irene Marzouk

**Topic:** The Camp David Accords

**Junior Podcast:** Sophia Chen, Xene Manakaruos

**Topic:** Fast Food Revolution: How McDonalds shaped the American fast food industry

**Teacher:** Jesse Wolleon

## **Bayonne High School**

**Senior Podcast:** Chloe Burton, Mariam Abdelmalak

**Topic:** Love v. Law: The Revolutionary Court Case of Loving v. Virginia