



## Press Release

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## STATE SENATORS AND DELEGATES HONOR MARYLAND HISTORY DAY STUDENTS

### *MARYLAND HUMANITIES MARKS 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR AS STATE AFFILIATE OF NATIONAL PROGRAM*

(Baltimore) – State Senators and Delegates recognized 21 outstanding Maryland middle and high school history scholars at the Maryland State House in Annapolis on January 28, 2019. The students were acknowledged for awards or honors they received at the 2018 National History Day competition. In order to participate at the national level, students must place at Maryland History Day, a program of Maryland Humanities. Thomas Crise and Samuel Spinder were also recognized for being named the Maryland History Day Middle and High School Teacher of the Year, respectively. Crise teaches in Queen Anne’s County and Spinder teaches in Washington County.

Maryland History Day is a year-long educational program with more than 25,000 middle and high school student participants that culminates in a statewide history contest. Working solo or in small groups, students create original documentary films, exhibits, performances, research papers, or websites exploring a historical topic of their choice on an annual theme. In 2019, students from 21 Maryland counties and Baltimore City will compete at school, district, state, and national levels.

Maryland History Day, coordinated by Maryland Humanities since 1999, is open to public, private, parochial, and homeschool students in grades 6 through 12. This year’s Maryland History Day state competition will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. The theme of the competition is Triumph and Tragedy in History.

The annual National History Day competition involves more than 3,000 students from 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and international schools in China, Korea, and

South Asia. The competition occurs at the University of Maryland, College Park annually: this year's dates are June 9–13, 2019.

Maryland History Day is supported in part by Maryland State Department of Education, Old Line Bank, Thalheimer-Eurich Charitable Fund, Columbia Gas, Kinder Morgan Foundation, and Wegmans.



**Maryland Humanities** is a statewide nonprofit organization that creates and supports educational experiences in the humanities that inspire all Marylanders to embrace lifelong learning, exchange ideas openly, and enrich their communities. For more information, visit [www.mdhumanities.org](http://www.mdhumanities.org). Maryland Humanities is generously supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State of Maryland, private foundations, corporations, small businesses, and individual donors.

**HONOREES (BY COUNTY):**

**BALTIMORE CITY:**

Elise Longanecker, Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School  
Morris Williams\*, Roland Park Elementary/Middle School  
Xandr Zabel, Roland Park Elementary/Middle School

**BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Sarah Broadwater, Catonsville Middle School  
Kelsey King, Catonsville Middle School  
Ellie Lawson, Catonsville Middle School  
Camryn Woods, Catonsville Middle School

**HOWARD COUNTY:**

Jake Blum, Howard High School  
Abihith Velumuri, Burleigh Manor Middle School  
Anjali Vidyasagar, Mayfield Woods Middle School  
Colin Wang, Burleigh Manor Middle School

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY:**

Holly Anderson, Poolesville High School  
Anusha Chinthalapale, Poolesville High School  
Julia Corfman, Poolesville High School  
Angelica Frude, Eastern Middle School  
Isabel Huntley, Poolesville High School  
Calley Mullin, Poolesville High School  
Samantha Stewart, Poolesville High School  
Angela Wang, Poolesville High School  
Paris Ye, Eastern Middle School  
Lydia Yeh, Eastern Middle School

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY:**

Thomas Crise, Stevensville Middle School — Maryland History Day Middle School Teacher of the Year 2018

**WASHINGTON COUNTY:**

Samuel Spinder, North Hagerstown High School — Maryland History Day High School Teacher of the Year 2018

\* – honored in absentia