

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Tulare County History Day Participants Win at State Competition**

Two Tulare County History Day projects won at the California History Day competition held May 8-11 in Sacramento. Victory at the state level means that the projects are eligible to compete in the national competition June 15-19 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Winning projects included "A Chain That Cannot Be Broken: The Ultimate Compromise of Anne Frank and her step-sister, Eva Geringer-Schloss," by Crystal Pacheco, Amanda Smith and Kimberly Saesee from Kings River School in Kingsburg. The project won in the Junior Group Performance category. "Exposing Manzanar Inside and Out: Ansel Adams and Toyo Miyatake," by Amanda Jost and Holly Wilson of Kings River School won in the Junior Group Exhibit category.

Several Tulare County projects also received special awards at the California state History Day competition, including: The Civil Liberties Award for "Tell Me a Story Grandma: Stories From the Fields of Central California" – an individual website project developed by Sabrina Castillo of Kings River School; The Children's Voice Award for "Children of Chabannes: A Life-Saving

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Compromise in Vichy France” – an individual poster project by Lilianna Garcia of Kings River School; The People's Choice Award for “Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend” – a junior individual exhibit by Marissa Acosta of Kings River School; and The JoAnn Burton & Susan Philips Award for “A Chain that Cannot Be Broken: The Ultimate Compromise of Anne Frank and her step-sister, Eva Geringer-Schloss” – a junior group performance by Crystal Pacheco, Amanda Smith and Kimberly Saesees of Kings River School.

Finalists in the California History Day competition included “Hollering out the Headlines: The Newsboys' Strike of 1899” – a junior group website by Bertha Yopez and Kristine Drennen of Kings River School and “Baseball's Cap of Compromise Changed the Face of the Enemy” – a junior individual exhibit by Isaac Mendez of Kings River School.

The 2008 National History Day theme is “Conflict & Compromise in History.” Tulare County History Day is a showcase of original presentations by students who have researched historical issues, ideas, people and events. Students may choose any topic in local, national or world history and explore its significance relative to the annual theme.

Students compete in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 compete in the poster category only. Students in the two upper-grade categories present findings through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary or historical

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web site. Except for the historical paper category, students may collaborate in groups of up to five students or they may work individually.

“We are so proud of all the Tulare County participants in the California History Day competition,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak, who is sponsoring the two winners’ entry fee to the national competition. “And the teachers, administrators and parent volunteers who support these students through the months it takes to develop one of these projects deserve a standing ovation.”

For more information contact the event coordinator, Marsha Ingrao, Instructional Consultant for History-Social Science at (559) 651-0680. More information is also available at [www.tcoe.org/historyday](http://www.tcoe.org/historyday).

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