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SSMS STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL AT STATE HISTORY CONTEST

Nine projects from Sycamore Springs Middle School participated in the state competition of the National History Day Contest April 28, with two projects involving six students received special recognition. This is the first time that DSISD has entered an organized contingency of students in this contest. The state competition was held at the University of Texas at Austin and the Bob Bullock State History Museum.

Two projects created by six students received the Distinguished Achievement Award, which means that they were ranked between fourth and 10th place in their category (actual scores were not released).

One of those groups -- Kade Brunson, Boston Papp, and Josh Oliphant -- also received the Regional Special Award for their project "Imprisonment of the Innocent: Japanese Internment After the Deadly Attacks on Pearl Harbor."

The other Distinguished Achievement Project was by Priya Chandrani, Ali Gartner, and Krystin Nixon for "Thirteen Days on the Brink of Nuclear War."

Every year National History Day Contest frames students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national, or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past. This year's theme is "Conflict and Compromise in History." Students may enter in several different categories.