

History Day 2010

History Day is a national contest in which more than half a million students participate every year. Student entries go through a series of regional and state rounds, with the winners moving on to participate in a national contest. The annual History Day award ceremony for the County of San Diego took place at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

The local contest is organized by the San Diego County Office of Education each year with students from grades 4 through 12 selecting, developing, and completing standards-based projects focusing on the year's theme. The San Diego Historical Society has participated in providing judges and material for



Dr. Iris Engstrand awards Gabby Baker, Oak Grove Middle School, Jamul-Dulzura District, the prize for "Blue Jeans: The Impact of Pants that Changed with each Generation."



Primary Source Winners selected by the San Diego History Center. Front row left to right: Chris Alexander, Luke Pelessone, Jessica Warner, Mary Hansen, Aidan Ryan, and Max Mittleman; back row, left to right: Carson Scott and Marc Pelessone.

students for a number of years. During the 1980s, History Day was extended to Tijuana and entries were received from across the border. The award ceremony was held at the Casa de Cultura in alternating years, but finally border issues prevented its continuance. The Society's San Diego History Center was one of the sponsors of this year's ceremony.

The theme for History Day 2010 was *Innovation In History*, and the judges commented on the exceptionally high standards of the entries received. University of San Diego Professor Dr. Iris Engstrand served as guest speaker and presenter when the winners were announced. The San Diego History Center presented eight special awards in the category for Best Use Of Primary Sources. Winners next compete at the state level.

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☆☆ The San Diego County Office of Education and the San Diego History Center proudly present.... ☆☆

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Recognizing Student Achievement in History

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Welcome & Program Overview

Laurie Mosier, Coordinator, History-Social Science, SDCOE
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Iris H.W. Engstrand, Guest Speaker & Presenter

Professor of History, University of San Diego
Author & Co-Editor of *The Journal of San Diego History*

Presentation of Awards

☆☆ ☆ Special Awards—*A People's History, Women of Character, Historic Preservation Award, Outstanding Use of English by English Language Learners, 1st Timers' Award Exhibits & Group Posters*

Student Performance

“Sewing a Revolution: The Innovations of the Lowell System”
Gwendolyn Gardiner, Hamilton Southworth IV, Jasmine Anklesaria
& Michela Rodriguez

Presentation of Awards

☆☆ ☆ Special Awards—*San Diego County Libraries' Research Award, Outstanding Use of Geography, Most Creative Interpretation of Theme, Outstanding Research & Writing of American History, and Best Use of Primary Sources Paper, Websites & Performance Categories*

Presentation of Awards

☆☆ ☆ Special Awards—*A Story Well Told, Bringing History Alive, Excellence in Writing, Outstanding Economics Research, Analysis, and Presentation Documentaries & Individual Posters*

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Thank you to all of the students, parents, teachers, volunteers, sponsors, and community members for your ongoing support of History Day!

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