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### **Fifty Students Collect Awards at Connecticut History Day Showcase**

**Hartford, Conn** – In a triumphant return to in-person gatherings, several hundred students, parents and teachers convened at the Vernon Middle School on Saturday, April 30th to share and admire a wide variety of 2022 Connecticut History Day projects. Judging for this statewide event was held virtually this year as a result of pandemic restrictions, but participants were thrilled to be able to personally present their work to their fellow entrants and their families. The showcase was followed by the first in-person statewide awards ceremony since 2019.

Students in grades 6 - 12 whose projects won regional awards were invited to participate in this event, at which over fifty students received additional state-level awards in recognition of the months of work they put into their exhibits, performances, websites, documentaries and research papers. First and second place winners will represent Connecticut in the National History Day competition next month in Maryland.

This year's theme was Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences. A list of winners and their projects is attached to this release.

[Connecticut History Day](#) is one of 58 affiliate programs of National History Day. The program annually engages thousands of Connecticut middle- and high-school students in historical research, interpretation, and creative expression through project-based learning. The program seeks to bring students, teachers, museums, and scholars together to support young people as they engage in history. Led by the Connecticut Democracy Center at Connecticut's Old State House, Connecticut History Day is presented with major funding and partnership support from CT Humanities. Program support given by the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area and New Haven Museum. For more information, please visit [www.historydayct.org](http://www.historydayct.org).

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