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## Press Release:

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## 66 Riverview Students Participate in the Annual National History Day at the Senator John Heinz History Center

On Sunday, March 5, 66 students represented Riverview High School at the annual National History Day Pittsburgh Regional Competition at the Senator John Heinz Regional History Center. Students in ninth and tenth grade honors history courses participated in the National History Day competition and chose to compete in one of five categories (exhibits, website creation, documentary, performance, or historical papers). Students could also choose to work in a group or as an individual to create projects that focused on a chosen theme. This year, the theme for the national contest was "Taking a Stand in History." Riverview students represented themselves very well at the competition with judges providing constructive and complimentary feedback to students on many of their final projects. At the awards assembly, 7 teams of students from Riverview (18 total students) won awards at the competition and will be advancing to the State Finals to be held at Carlisle Area High School on May 12-13, 2017.

Students winning awards at the competition included:

**1st Place: Victoria Zerbach, Maya Watters and Maura Hill** for their Senior Group Website entitled "**Special Operations Executive: Heroes Undercover**"

**1st Place: Jack Harden, Nicholas O'Toole and Ian Burton** for their Senior Group Documentary entitled "**Silencing Students: Dissension, Democracy, and Death at Tienanmen Square**"

**1st Place: Gillian Gaynor and Marina Pietz** for their Senior Group Exhibit entitled "**How the Horrors of Hate Led to the Evolution of Ethics**"

**2nd Place: Celaine Hornsby, Summer Girson, Megan Dell** for their Senior Group Documentary entitled "**No More "Steel"ing Our Rights: The Homestead Strike of 1892**"

**2nd Place: Grace Ison, Leah Ford and Rachel Aber** for their Senior Group Performance entitled "**The Lowell Mill Girls: Taking a Stand Against Unjust Working Conditions and Igniting a Revolution**"

**2nd Place: Ethan Snyder, Christoph Hudack and Luke Spinola** for their Senior Group Website entitled "**American Penal Reform: Opposing and Ameliorating the Malpractice Known as American Jailing**"

**3rd Place: Jocelyn Messia** for her Senior Historical Paper entitled "**Clara Zetkin: The Road to Gaining Rights**"

Congratulations to all participants for this **SERIOUS SUCCESS!**

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