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Behring Teacher Ambassadors Announced!

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National History Day (NHD) announced this morning the 24 teachers selected as Behring Teacher Ambassadors for the 2015–2016 academic year. Local teacher Ms. Anne M. Matarrese-Everton from Thomas S. Hart Middle School in Pleasanton was selected to represent California.

The selected teachers have shown outstanding creativity, commitment and inspiration in developing students' interest in history. Candidates must be excellent classroom teachers who are past winners of the Behring Teacher Award in their affiliate program. Ms. Matarrese-Everton was awarded the Behring Teacher Award for classroom excellence in NHD's junior division in 2011.

Next year the 2015–2016 NHD theme is *Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History*. Behring Teacher Ambassadors will work with students and teachers to help them better understand this theme and to expand NHD programs in their regions. Participating teachers will attend a training workshop in July, collaborate with their program's affiliate coordinator to develop a working plan and implement an action plan to support and expand NHD activities.

"The staff at National History Day firmly believe that quality teachers are the best educational tools students have," said NHD Executive Director Cathy Gorn. "The teachers selected as Behring Teacher Ambassadors understand the impact the NHD program has on their students. These teachers are a credit to their discipline and a driving force behind the success of NHD programs."

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NHD is a nonprofit education organization in College Park, MD. Established in 1974, NHD offers yearlong academic programs that engage over half a million middle and high school students around the world annually in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. These research-based projects are entered into contests at the local and affiliate levels, where the top student projects have the opportunity to advance to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD also seeks to improve the quality of history education by providing professional development opportunities and curriculum materials for educators. NHD is sponsored in part by Kenneth E. Behring, Patricia Behring, HISTORY®, Jostens, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, Southwest Airlines, Weider History Group, Inc. and the WEM 2000 Foundation of the Dorsey & Whitney Foundation. For more information about NHD, visit www.nhd.org.

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