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Talcott Mountain Academy Students Sweep Individual Website Category; Receive Individual Documentary Awards at Regional History Day

March 22, 2018 (Avon, CT) — Five students from Talcott Mountain Academy (TMA) in Avon, Conn., received top honors at the 2018 Torrington Regional History Day Competition.

Talcott students Connor Farquhar (8th grade), Julian Kage (8th grade) and Michael Hoffman (6th grade) won first, second and third place awards in the Junior Division Individual Website Category. The winning projects were Connor's *Man versus Beast: The Effect of Traditional Chinese Medicine on Endangered Animal Populations*; Julian's *Unjust U.S.A.: The Forgotten Story of American Internment Camps*, and Michael's *Constitutional Crisis: The Constitutional convention and the Connecticut Compromise*.

In the Junior Division Individual Documentaries category, Talcott students Anishka Perera (7th grade) and T.Y. Andrews (7th grade) won first and third place for their documentaries titled, respectively, *'It's Our War Too' Women in the US Military during WWII* and *It's a Mad, M.A.D. World! The Story of U.S. Senator Brian McMahon and the Atomic Energy Act of 1946*.

Connecticut History Day (CHD) is an educational program of Connecticut's Old State House and is one of 57 affiliate programs of the National History Day program. CHD is open to students in grades 6-12 and encourages exploration of local, state, national and world history. Six regional competitions determine the final group of students who compete in the statewide competition, which will be held on Saturday, April 28. All students who place first, second or third at the Regional Contests are eligible to move on to the State Competition.

"History Day projects provide students with an excellent opportunity to learn and refine important skills," according to Lydia Gibb, Talcott Mountain Academy Dean. "Students conduct research using primary source materials, interview experts, analyze and synthesize historical information and hone their presentation skills. Students have a great sense of accomplishment and pride when they bring their final project to competition. We are so pleased to have students compete at such a high level."

Talcott Mountain Academy is an independent school for intellectually excited students K-8. Founded in 1983 as a division of the Talcott Mountain Science Center and located in Avon, Conn., the Academy is a unique on-site learning laboratory that nurtures children's innate abilities from an early age. talcottacademy.org

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