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### **Twenty-Five Blount County Students Win Medals and Awards at 16th Annual East Tennessee History Day**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 14, 2017 – Twenty-five Blount County students won special awards or took first, second, or third place in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual East Tennessee History Day Regional Competition (ETHD), held March 3 in Knoxville. First and second place, with third place serving as an alternate, will advance to state competition, [Tennessee History Day](#), held April 8, 2017 in Nashville. From there, state winners will advance to nationals in College Park, Maryland, June 11-15. Regional competition co-sponsors, the [East Tennessee Historical Society](#) and the [University of Tennessee's Department of History](#), congratulate and commend these students and their teachers on their hard work and success. **(Blount County's ETHD winners are listed at the end of this release).**

“East Tennessee students consistently do well in this competition,” according to Lisa Oakley, ETHS curator of education and ETHD regional coordinator. “Three ETHD winners have placed first in the nation, plus several placing second and third and many more finishing in the national top 12 for their category.”

Some 3,500 students competed at the basic school level in the East Tennessee Region. An estimated 750,000 students nationally compete at the basic level.

#### **About National History Day:**

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[National History Day](#) is the leading program for history education. This year's broad theme was “Taking a Stand in History.” Students select a topic related to the annual theme and then choose to present their research through a website, documentary, paper, exhibit or documentary. Through research and interpreting their findings into a sound argument, these middle and high school students learn the priceless skills of an historian—critical thinking, research, and the value of primary sources.

#### **About the East Tennessee Historical Society:**

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Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged as one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 182 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage—recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

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## East Tennessee History Day: Blount County Winners

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### Junior Division

#### Carnes Homeschool, Elithe Carnes (teacher)

- **Eden Carnes** placed first in the Junior (6-8) Individual Performance category with her entry, *Dolly Parton: Taking a Stanza in History*.

#### Clayton Bradley Academy, Liz Shugart and Nicole Whitecotton (teachers)

- **Riley Whitecotton** placed third in the Junior (6-8) Individual Documentary category with her entry, *Title IX: Taking a Stand for Gender Equality*.
- **Olivia Larsen** placed second in the Junior (6-8) Individual Documentary category with her entry, *Taking a Stand With Art: How the Harlem Renaissance Affected the Civil Rights Movement*.
- **Tate Greene** placed first in the Junior (6-8) Individual Documentary category with his entry, *Dissidents of the Rebellion: The Hidden Stand and Sacrifice of the East Tennessee Bridge Burners* and won the *East Tennessee History Award* (Junior Division).
- **Shelby McNeal and Ailcy McGill** placed second in the Junior (6-8) Group Documentary category with their entry, *Frederick Douglass: Taking a Stand for Equal Rights*.
- **Isaac Whitehead, Davis McGill, and Hayden Ricketts** placed first in the Junior (6-8) Group Documentary category with their entry, *Jackie Robinson: Taking a Stand for African Americans*.
- **Campbell Koella** placed third in the Junior (6-8) Individual Exhibit category with the entry, *Coco Chanel Takes a Stand for Style*.
- **Sarah Davis** placed second in the Junior (6-8) Individual Exhibit category with the entry, *Anne Dallas Dudley: Standing Up for Women's Rights*.
- **Eli Harrison** placed second in the Junior (6-8) Individual Performance category with the entry, *When One Monk Stood*.
- **Emerson Kidd-Benthall and Tara Shealy** placed second in the Junior (6-8) Group Performance category with the entry, *Clara Barton: Standing Up for the Good of Others*.
- **Eden Hutchinson, Hannah Robbins, Isabella Miya** placed first in the Junior (6-8) Group Performance category with the entry, *Lowell Mill Girls: The First Union of Working Women*.
- **A.J. Camacho** placed first in the Senior (6-8) Individual Performance category with the entry, *Clarence Darrow: Taking a Stand for Truth* and won the 1<sup>st</sup> place *Dan and Mary Shannon Award for Use of Primary Sources* (Senior Division).
- **Kirpal Khalsa** placed third in the Junior (6-8) Individual Website category with the entry, *Charles Darwin: Taking a Stand for Education*.
- **Emilee Busby and Ella Clayton** placed third in the Junior (6-8) Group Website category with the entry, *Peaceful is Powerful: Mahatma Ghandi Takes a Stand for Human Rights*.
- **Jaden Bogert and Caroline Stedina** placed second in the Junior (6-8) Group Website category with the entry, *The Clinton Twelve: Taking a Stand for Integration*.
- **Emily Wheeler** placed third in the Junior (6-8) Individual Paper category with the entry, *Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.: Standing Up for an Entire Race*.

### **Senior Division**

- **A.J. Camacho** placed first in the Senior (9-12) Individual Performance category with the entry, *Clarence Darrow: Taking a Stand for Truth* and won the 1<sup>st</sup> place *Dan and Mary Shannon Award for Use of Primary Sources* (Senior Division).

### **Special Award**

- **Samantha Cheek** won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place *Dan and Mary Shannon Award for Use of Primary Sources* (Junior Division) and the *Daughters of Union Veterans Civil War History Award* with her Junior (6-8) Individual Exhibit *The Bridge Burners' Stand Against the Confederacy*.

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