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Three Morgan County Students Win Medals at 16th Annual East Tennessee History Day

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 14, 2017 – Coalfield School student Carter Lowe was awarded first place in the Junior Individual Paper category at the 16th annual East Tennessee History Day Regional Competition (ETHD), held March 3 in Knoxville. The title of his paper was *Taking a Stand to Save the Obed River*. In addition to Carter's medal, Petros-Joyner students Kenadie Anderson and Hayden Wright's Junior Group Exhibit *Luther Takes a Stand for Self-Interpretation* placed third. The students' teacher is Debbie Slack.

Placing first allows Carter Lowe to advance to the state competition, [Tennessee History Day](#), held April 8, 2017 in Nashville. Kenadie and Hayden's third place win qualifies them to serve as an alternate. 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.

“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:

[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:

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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