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Michigan Educator Receives National History Day’s Teacher of the Year Award

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Michigan educator Danielle Ozanich has won the 2019 Hannah E. (Liz) MacGregor Teacher of the Year award—middle school division. Ozanich, a teacher at Angell Elementary School in Berkley, Michigan, was presented the award at the National History Day Contest in College Park, Maryland, on June 13, 2019, and will receive $5,000 as well. This prestigious national award is presented annually to one middle school teacher and one high school teacher who demonstrate a commitment to engaging students in historical learning through innovative use of primary sources, implementation of active learning strategies to foster historical thinking skills, and participation in the National History Day Contest.

Each of the 57 National History Day affiliates nominated two teachers for the MacGregor Teacher of the Year award, one in each division. A committee consisting of both educators and historians evaluated the nominees’ development and use of creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past.

“I am so pleased that Ms. Ozanich was chosen to receive the MacGregor Teacher of the Year award for the middle school division,” said Michigan History Day® (National History Day in Michigan) state coordinator Amy Bradfield. “Although she is an elementary teacher, Ms.
Ozanich created an after-school club for students of all ages so they had a place to come to expand their knowledge and sharpen their research skills. That commitment to the growth and development of all students made her an ideal candidate for this award.”

**National History Day is a nonprofit education organization headquartered in College Park, Maryland.** Established in 1974, National History Day promotes an appreciation for historical research among middle and high school students through multiple annual programs. The MacGregor Teacher of the Year award is sponsored by Dr. James F. Harris in honor of his sister and in recognition of the pivotal role teachers play in the lives of students.

**Michigan History Day® (National History Day in Michigan) is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan.** The yearlong educational program encourages students in grades 4 through 12 to explore local, state, national and world history. Students can enter their work into a series of competitive events, advancing from school contests to district, state and national competitions. For more information, please visit [hsmichigan.org/mhd](http://hsmichigan.org/mhd).

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