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Escambia County School Board Meeting News for July 2018 ***Student Historians and School Safety Awards***

ECSD Student Historians Honored at July School Board Meeting: In May, more than 60,000 students participated statewide at the Florida History Day state contest., making Florida one of the largest programs among the 57 National History Day affiliates. Five Pensacola High School students won first place awards at the state contest qualifying them to represent Escambia County this June in the National History Day competition.

The National History Day contest drew more than 3,000 students from the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and international schools in Southeast Asia. The 2017–18 theme was "Conflict and Compromise in History." After analyzing and interpreting the information they gathered, students expressed their findings in one of the following formats: in a paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, or website.

The following five ECSD students competed in the National History Day competition:

Parker Beverly in Senior Individual Documentary

Graybill Partington in Senior Historical Paper (who was not available to attend the board meeting)

Carolyn Hagy and Lauren Hagy in Senior Group Documentary

Max Mateer in Senior Individual Performance.

The only first place awarded to a student from Florida!

Max Mateer won first place in the National History Day contest in the Senior Individual Performance category with his entry entitled, "Pushing the Pawn from the Purchase to the Pacific," a play in which he used the game of chess as a metaphor for the strategic diplomacy of President James K. Polk.

Mateer is an experienced National History Day competitor having also won first place last year, in 2017, and he took fifth place in 2016, while he was still in middle school and competing in the Junior Individual Performance category.

Mateer also was awarded a National History Academy scholarship. The National History Academy is a residential camp in Virginia for high-school students with a passion for learning more about the foundations of American democracy.

Photos:

IMG_2605: Escambia County School Board Members and the Superintendent honored ECSD's top student historians for 2018. (From left to right) Gerald Boone, District Two; Bill Slayton, District 5; Patty Hightower, District Four; Lauren Hagy; Carolyn Hagy; Parker Beverly; Max Mateer; Superintendent Malcolm Thomas; Lee Hansen, District Three; and Kevin Adams, District One.

IMG_2589: Max Mateer, a student at Pensacola High School, recently won first place at the National History Day competition for his performance entitled, "Pushing the Pawn from the Purchase to the Pacific," a play in which Mateer used the game of chess as a metaphor for the strategic diplomacy of President James K. Polk.

2017-2018 Certificates of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in the Annual Fire Life Safety Inspections: The Escambia County School District's Department of Protection Services has worked very closely with school administrators to improve safety in the learning environment and to make continuous improvements in fire and life safety. All administrators and their staff dedicate valuable time and effort to reduce the risk of potential injuries and property damage in ECSD schools. Due to a vast decrease in district-wide deficiencies, schools that improved the most were recognized at the July School Board meeting.

The awards were presented by: Jennifer Ellis, ECSD Manager of Protection Services; Joe Quinn, Escambia County Fire Marshal; and John Bartholomew, City of Pensacola Fire Inspector as part of the ECSD Strategic Plan for a Commitment to Excellence. This was an opportunity to recognize and reward success with Certificates of Excellence.

Certificates were presented to nine schools for a decrease in overall deficiencies by at least fifty percent. They were: Blue Angels Elementary, Global Learning Academy, Holm Elementary, Pleasant Grove Elementary, Bellview Middle, Ferry Pass Middle, Workman Middle, Pensacola High, and Tate High School.

In addition, seven schools were honored for having 10 or less total deficiencies for their entire facility. They were: A.K. Suter Elementary, Bratt Elementary, Brentwood Elementary, Ferry Pass Elementary, Jim Allen Elementary, Molino Park Elementary and Brown Barge Middle School.

Video of the July School Board Meeting is available on the School Board's Meeting Information web page: http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/sb_meeting_1415

Two photo albums were posted on Facebook on the page Escambia Schools Public Relations.

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