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SUBJECT: STUDENT RECOGNITION FOR TOP TEN PLACEMENT AT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

National History Day Student Recognition

Goose Creek CISD is proud to recognize the following students for their outstanding achievements at the 2026 National History Day National Contest, held in College Park, Maryland, June 14–18, 2026.

These students represented Goose Creek CISD with distinction and earned top ten national placements in their respective categories:

Goose Creek Memorial High School
Under the direction of April Vogel

- Ananya Sood — Fourth Place, Individual Documentary
  "We All Bleed Red: Science, War, and the Fight for Equality"

- Arya Patel and Aron Salazar — Eighth Place, Group Website
  "A Voice in Pecan Dust: Emma Tenayuca's Grassroots Revolution, the Red-Baiting Reaction, and the Reform of Mexican American Labor"

Baytown Junior High School
Under the direction of Seth Tunink and Heather Caraway

- Austin Thomas, David Orellana, and Jack Pettine — First Place in the Nation, Group Exhibit
  "On the Line of Scrimmage: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform Under the Helmet"

The History Department extends its sincere appreciation to the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees, Administration, teachers, and school campuses for their continued support of our National History Day program. Their encouragement and commitment provide students with opportunities to engage deeply in history, conduct meaningful research, and share their work on a national stage.

We are especially proud of these students for representing Goose Creek CISD with excellence and for demonstrating the scholarship, creativity, and dedication that make our History Day program so successful.