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Oberlin Heritage Center Awards Hubbard Prize at National History Day Competition

The Oberlin Heritage Center is pleased to announce the recipients of the second annual Hubbard Prize in recognition of an outstanding entry from Lorain County students at the National History Day Ohio District 3 Competition that took place Saturday, March 28 in Cleveland. Hannah Cipinko (grade 11), Angela Mavrigh (grade 10) and Catherine Mavrigh (grade 11) represented Oberlin High School with their team entry in the senior group website category. “*Picture 51: The Untold Legacy of Rosalind Franklin*” focused on the British chemist whose brilliant work advanced the study of the molecular structure of DNA. The team will advance to the state level of History Day competition held at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio on April 25. Donna Shurr, a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Oberlin High School, is the students’ National History Day advisor.

The Hubbard prize is supported by Oberlin Heritage Center members Gail and Ned Hubbard of Centreville, Virginia, in honor of his grandparents, Pliny Deane and Laura Rote Hubbard, who were the second owners of the Heritage Center’s historic Jewett House. The elder Hubbards lived in the Jewett House, at 73 South Professor Street in Oberlin, from the mid-1920s to the 1960s before the community’s historical society acquired the property. The award was created to recognize student historians who reside in Lorain County and present an exceptional paper, documentary or website project at the Ohio District 3 National History Day competition.

The District 3 competition is open to students in grades 6-12 who attend schools in Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina or Summit County. Oberlin Heritage Center volunteer Nicole Hayes, of Wellington, served as Hubbard Prize judge. OHC staff members Liz Schultz and Kaitlyn Goss served as judges for the overall district competition. Oberlin High School student Lucy Cipinko (grade 9) also participated in the district competition with a paper on Mary Church Terrell, one of the first African-American women in the nation to earn a bachelor’s degree (in 1884 from Oberlin College). Lucy Cipinko also advances to the state level of competition. All four local History Day participants will be recognized at the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Annual Meeting on April 1 at the Oberlin Inn.

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