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Oberlin Heritage Center Awards First Annual Hubbard Prize at National History Day Competition

The Oberlin Heritage Center is pleased to announce the recipients of the first annual Hubbard Prize recognizing a superior entry from Lorain County students at the National History Day Ohio District 3 Competition which took place Saturday, March 15 in Cleveland. Alayna Doeringer (grade 11), Jack Babet (grade 12) and Thaddeus Barnette (grade 12) represented Christian Community School (Grafton) with their team entry in the senior group documentary category. “*The Pentagon Papers: Patriotism or Espionage*” addressed the 1971 release of the Pentagon Papers concerning U.S. involvement in Vietnam and the resulting clash of opinions about the right to information versus national security. Their 10-minute documentary will advance to the state level of History Day competition to be held in Columbus on April 26. Mike Demchak, a social studies teacher at Christian Community 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 outstanding 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 Ron Gorman, of Columbia Station, served as Hubbard Prize judge. OHC staff members Liz Schultz and Jen Graham also served as judges for the district competition. The Hubbard Prize winners, along with other local students who placed in the District competition, will be recognized at the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Annual Meeting on April 9 at the Oberlin Inn.

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