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Cheraw, SC Student To Present National History Day Project at National Museum of American History

WASHINGTON -Visitors to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History will see history come alive in dramatic performances and exhibits on Wednesday, June 12. Bryan Blair, a rising senior history scholar from Cheraw High School, will present his work reflecting this year's National History Day (NHD) theme *Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History* between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m, on the first floor of the Museum.

Bryan Blair's exhibit, "The Orangeburg Massacre: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in South Carolina" is one of seventeen student projects selected to be presented at the National Museum of American History. The students are part of a larger group of 2,000 finalists participating in the National History Day national contest at the University of Maryland at College Park June 9-13th. These young historians are bringing with them the products of months of research in the form of dramatic performances and museum exhibits. States represented with student projects at the National Museum of American History will be California, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia.

The NHD program annually engages more than half a million participants in grades 6-12 in 49 states and the District of Columbia. "Participating in the NHD program has dramatically changed my teaching and the lives of my students. It provides the most incredible educational experiences for both the teacher and the students," said Gail Ingram, the 2001 National History Day Teacher of the Year

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History is located on 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily except Christmas. For more information visit the Museum web site at [http://AmericanHistory,si,edu](http://AmericanHistory.si.edu).

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