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## **Seventh Annual History Day at MSC** *About 100 West Slope middle and high school student to compete*

Grand Junction, CO – About 100 middle and high school students from western Colorado are expected at the seventh annual Western Slope Regional History Day Competition on Saturday, Feb. 27, beginning at 9:00 am in Houston Hall.

National History Day provides an opportunity for students to learn about historical issues, ideas, people and events. This program encourages academic achievement and intellectual growth for all middle and high school students who compete. In addition to acquiring useful historical knowledge and perspective, students develop skills in research, critical thinking, analysis and problem solving.

Students select a topic in local, national, or world history and investigate its historical significance and relationship to the annual theme by conducting extensive primary and secondary research. During the 2009-2010 school year, National History Day invited students to research topics related to the theme *Innovations in History: Impact and Change*.

Students will present papers, performances, documentaries, exhibits, and web sites. First-through fourth-place winners in each category and division will advance to the Colorado History Competition at the University of Colorado at Denver on May 1, 2010. The top two entries in each category and division at the Colorado state competition will compete in National History Day at the University of Maryland in June 2010.

Students competing come from nine schools from around the Western Slope; Fruita Monument High School, R-5 High School, Christian Community High School, Gunnison High School, Olathe High School, Christian Community Middle School, Delta Middle School, Gunnison Middle School and Olathe Middle School. More than thirty MSC students and faculty along with community members will judge the competition. MSC History Instructor Vincent Patarino and seven of his students organized the event.

The awards ceremony is scheduled for 2:45 pm in the Saccamanno Lecture Hall (Room 110 in the Science Building).

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