

## **Toledo Early College High School Students Advance to National Level in History Day Contest**

Toledo Early College (TEC) sophomores Brooke Gault and Alyssa Burton will travel to College Park, MD on June, 14, 2015 to compete at the national level of the National History Day (NHD) contest.

Every student at TEC is required to create an NHD project; entering the contest is optional. Project categories include exhibits, websites, papers, documentaries and performances. Seventy-five students represented the school at the regional contest at BGSU in April where sixteen qualified for the state contest. Ms. Gault and Ms. Burton took top honors in their categories at the state contest that was held at Ohio Wesleyan University on April 25, 2015. The students were accompanied by their teachers Ms. Mona Al-Hayani and Mr. Randy Nissen.

Brooke Gault's project was a website entitled *Mary Anning: A Legacy of Paleontology*. "Her findings eventually helped lead the way toward Darwin's discoveries," said Ms. Gault, "but she unfortunately does not get the recognition that she deserves." Alyssa Burton made a ten minute video documentary on *Madame C.J. Walker; The Dawning of a Prophecy*. Her research included an interview with A'Leila Bundles, the great-granddaughter of Madam C. J. Walker. Ms. Burton remarked on how NHD, "Has made me a more confident person. Moving forward, I know never to doubt anything I've put hard work and time into."

"NHD is the foundation of our humanities curriculum," said Randy Nissen, TEC social studies teacher, "This is authentic education. Something far more important than standardized tests."

Contributions are being accepted on [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) (TECNHD2015) to help defray expenses for the family of one of the girls.

###

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Randy Nissen  
TEC History Teacher  
419.704.1940  
[randy@randynissen.net](mailto:randy@randynissen.net)

Attachment: NHDStates2015.jpg



Women's Basketball  
Tournament Winner  
2001

NCAC  
Women's Basketball  
Tournament Winner

history day

OHIO

OHIO