

# National History Day Evaluation Findings

## Applied Skills

NHD students

- are better writers, who write with purpose and real voice, and marshal solid evidence to support their point of view
- are critical thinkers who can digest, analyze, and synthesize information
- already know how to do college-level research
- have college readiness and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills

## Academic Performance

- NHD participation positively affects students' academic performance in social studies
- The skills students gain through NHD transfer to other academic subjects
- Trend data suggests that NHD participation has a cumulative impact over time

## Interest in History and Civic Engagement

- NHD inspires an interest in history and a deeper understanding of why it's important
- NHD students have a more mature perspective on current events
- To a greater degree than their peers, NHD students develop dispositions needed for informed citizenry
- NHD has a positive impact among students whose interests in academic subjects may wane in high school