

Mount Shasta High School student heads to National History Day competition



Mariah Baker, far left, stands by her State History Day project with Edith Roberts, wife of the late Col. George "Spanky" Roberts and the last surviving connection to the first graduating class and the start of the Tuskegee Airman program, and Lanelle Brent, daughter of Col. Roberts. Baker will compete in National History Day in Maryland next month.

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MOUNT SHASTA - Mariah Baker is a junior at Mount Shasta High School. She represented Siskiyou County earlier this month at the state History Day competition, and earned the right to represent Siskiyou County and the State of California next month at the National History Day Competition, a recent press release announced.

The National History Day competition will be held at the University of Maryland from June 15-19. Mariah has been participating in History Day since she was in fourth grade.

Mariah's exhibit this year is on the Tuskegee Airmen, the first black aviators in the military who fought in WW II and distinguished themselves as competent fighter pilots.

Their efforts greatly influenced Truman's Executive Order #9981, which desegregated the military.

National History Day is a nationally-acclaimed academic enrichment program that promotes the study of history in schools.

National History Day does for history what the Science Fair does for science. Each year students like Mariah create exhibits, documentaries, performances and papers about a topic that is related to the annual theme. This year's theme is 'Conflict and Compromise in History.'

Donations/sponsorships to help fund Mariah's trip to Maryland can be made in her name at either branch of Washington Mutual in Siskiyou County, or you may contact Tammie Baker at 938-2742.