Indiana students were successful at the 2012 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest, which took place June 10-14 at University of Maryland at College Park near Washington D.C.

The Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest is the final stage of a series of contests at local and state levels. Of the 58 Indiana students in attendance, eight were finalists including three second-place winners.

Jaelen Nice and Jared Hardin of Washington County won Outstanding State Project for the Junior Division for their Junior Group Documentary, “China’s Cultural Revolution: Surviving Reformation Under Mao.” Nice and Hardin attend Salem Middle School in Salem and Deb Wrye is their National History Day teacher.

Roughly 2,800 students along with their parents and teachers gathered at the University of Maryland, College Park this year for the week-long event. These enthusiastic groups come from all over the United States, Guam, American Samoa, Department of Defense Schools in Europe, and even Shanghai, China.

For 28 years, IHS has sponsored the National History Day in Indiana program, which is dedicated to enhancing history education in elementary and secondary schools. Sponsors of National History Day in Indiana include Kroger, The Hoover Family Foundation, Brightpoint and The Rooker Family Foundation.

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