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## MAINE TEACHER IS FINALIST FOR HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**WASHINGTON – June 5, 2006** – National History Day (NHD) announced today that Sarah Welch of Cape Elizabeth Middle School in Cape Elizabeth, Maine is one of ten finalists for the *Richard T. Farrell Teacher of Merit Award* for outstanding success in teaching history.

The award is given annually to a teacher who develops and uses creative methods to make history interesting for students.

Welch, a former NHD participant, has started a successful NHD program while still dedicating attention to individual students and has worked to integrate technology into her teaching.

Letters from her students each attest to the personal effort Welch put into every aspect of student projects. "I am very impressed with her professionalism and obvious dedication to excellence," said James Henderson, state archivist of Maine.

Welch will be recognized at the NHD Welcome Ceremony on June 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nyumburu Amphitheater at the University of Maryland. Welch will receive a commemorative certificate and a collection of outstanding programs from PBS VIDEO, featuring award-winning titles.

The announcement of the winning teacher will be on June 15 at the NHD awards ceremony and can be viewed via live Web cast at [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org). The winner of the *Richard T. Farrell Teacher of Merit Award* will receive an additional \$1,000 prize.

PBS VIDEO, America's leading source of exceptional educational content, is proud to work with NHD to recognize teachers for their efforts to improve history education. PBS VIDEO offers educational programming, wide-ranging companion classroom materials and online services for K-12 schools, colleges and universities, libraries and other institutions. For more information log on to [shopPBS.com/teachers](http://shopPBS.com/teachers) or [pbs.org/teachersource](http://pbs.org/teachersource).

More than a student competition, NHD is a campaign to change the teaching and learning of history in our nation's classrooms. The program is having a profound impact on education and received the Charles Frankel Prize for Public Programming from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For additional information on NHD visit [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org).