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## **NORTH CAROLINA STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY**

College Park, MD, June 14, 2007 – National History Day (NHD) awarded a Chaminade University of Honolulu scholarship today to Casey Collins, a student at Charles D. Owen High School in Black Mountain, N.C.

Collins was chosen from a strong field of applicants to receive the scholarship to Chaminade University in Hawaii. Collins created an historical exhibit focused on Franklin Delano Roosevelt's disability during his presidency titled "FDR's Splendid Deception."

The project focuses on President Roosevelt's private struggle with polio, and his continued stature in the public's eye. Collins contends that her research has show that despite President Roosevelt's triumph over his condition, his history is still colored by the tragedy of an American public that would not have adored or revered him to the same extent as a disabled person.

"I feel that as an American citizen it is our right and duty to know the history of our nation...National History Day is the single [education] project that prepares a high school student for college and I'm very glad I decided to give this project 100% of my time and work," said Collins.

North Carolina History Day coordinator Jo Ann Williford had this to say about Collins' accomplishment: "Casey is a well-rounded student who worked hard and created an excellent history day project. She is most deserving of this honor."

National History Day and Chaminade University award the scholarship each year to a student who demonstrates academic excellence and a dedication to historical study through competition in the National History Day program. Collins' academic accomplishment and stellar NHD project pushed her to the forefront of a pool of talented individuals.

National History Day is a yearlong, nonprofit competition dedicated to promoting the study of history in the schools with the use of innovative teaching and learning techniques. The organization 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 National History Day, Inc. visit [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org).