

Abreu wins three awards for history project

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Joshua Abreu, who lives in our area and who was a student at Phillip Michael Pennington Traditional School in Manassas during the 2013-14 school year, scored a rare "perfect trifecta" with his entry in the annual Kenneth E. Behring National History Day contest June 15-19.

Joshua's website "Montford Point Marines: Marching Towards Equality," about the African American Marines in World War II, received the National Museum of the Marine Corps Award at the Virginia District History Day competition on March 1.

The award was sponsored by the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Prince William County and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

He then went on to receive the Naval History Award at the Virginia State History Day competition on April 26.

Sponsored by the National Capitol Commander of the Naval Order of the United States, this award was for "the best project that documents and analyzes any aspect of Naval History."

Then Joshua won the United States Marine Corps History Prize sponsored by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation at the National History Day competition on June 19.

More than 300 historians and other education professionals evaluate the students' work at the national competition.

The top students in each category are selected for participation in the national contest. Participants choose their own topics of study and

research from original sources based on the theme, Rights and Responsibilities.

Dr. Cathy Gorn, executive director of National History Day, was quoted as saying, "The work these kids do is truly remarkable, and those who reach the national level are engaging in research and critical thinking that is beyond the high school, and in some cases the collegiate, academic skill levels."

Ann Khochareun and Marsha Weiss were Joshua's teacher advisors for the project.

He is the son of Denise and Jose Abreu.

Joshua's website, which includes copies of historical documents he used in his research and excerpts of interviews he conducted with several Montford Point Marines, may be viewed at <http://93606988.nhd.weebly.com/>



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