



## **2019 Varsity & Junior Varsity National Championships of The National History Bee and Bowl & United States History Bee Held in Arlington, VA on April 26-28**

### **Press Release**

(Boston – May 11, 2019) The USA’s top history students gathered in Arlington, VA on April 26-28 for the 2019 Varsity and Junior Varsity National Championships of the National History Bee & Bowl and the United States History Bee. After three days of buzzer-based quiz competition, the 2019 National Champions were named as follows:

National History Bowl – 144 Varsity teams, 96 Junior Varsity teams

Varsity: Beaver Creek High School, Beaver Creek, OH

Junior Varsity: Hunter College High School, New York City, NY

National History Bowl (Small School Division) – 16 Varsity teams, 11 Junior Varsity teams

Varsity: Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, Mooresboro, NC

Junior Varsity: Archimedean Upper Conservatory, Miami, FL

National History Bee (testing knowledge of all aspects of history) – 141 Varsity, 202 JV students

Varsity: Hari Parameswaran, Beaver Creek High School, Beaver Creek, OH

Junior Varsity: Shiva Oswal, Team Pi-oneers / Stanford Online High School, Cupertino, CA

United States History Bee (testing knowledge of American history) – 87 Varsity, 127 JV students

Varsity: Fred Zhang, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, VA

Junior Varsity: Pedro Juan Orduz, Hunter College High School, New York City, NY

All competitions were held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. Students who finished in the top half of the National History Bee or National History Bowl, or who made the playoffs of the US History Bee qualify for the 2020 International History Olympiad. Chief sponsor Houghton Mifflin Harcourt generously provided prizes to the top students and teams to help cover entry fees to the Olympiad. Hari Parameswaran of Beaver Creek High School and Pedro Juan Orduz of Hunter College High School were named the Most Valuable Players in their divisions of the National History Bowl.

Fred Zhang’s victory in the Varsity History Bee was his second in a row, as he had also won that title in 2018. Shiva Oswal’s first high school-level title complements his national championship in the 2018 Middle School National History Bowl. Thomas Jefferson Classical’s and Archimedean’s victories in the Small School Divisions are the first ever National History Bowl titles won by teams from those states; Beaver Creek is also the first Ohio team to win the Varsity National History Bowl. Orduz had studied in Switzerland in 2017-2018 and was European Champion in the International History Bee and Bowl while studying there, thus becoming the first student to win History Bee and Bowl titles on separate continents. Also of note: Arin Parsa, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from California played as a solo team in the Varsity History Bowl against teams of four 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders and finished in the top third of the Varsity field. For more information on all competitions, please see the respective websites at [www.historybowl.com](http://www.historybowl.com) and [www.ushistorybee.org](http://www.ushistorybee.org). Full statistics for all competitors are available at [www.nhbbstats.com](http://www.nhbbstats.com) and for further questions about all competitions, please email NHBB Executive Director, David Madden, at [director@historybowl.com](mailto:director@historybowl.com).