

Comal Independent School District

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CHMS student Garcia becomes district's first to qualify for national history fair

Micaela Garcia, an eighth-grader in Rodney Carter's Pre-AP U.S. History class at Church Hill Middle School, is Comal ISD's first-ever qualifier for the annual National History Day competition held in Washington D.C.

This is the 30th anniversary of the national competition. It will be held on the University of Maryland campus June 13-17. This year's theme was "Innovations in History: Impact and Change."

Garcia qualified with a project titled "Elevating History," a research paper that analyzed the historical impact of elevators with a unique examination and use of primary resources from the New Braunfels area.

Students from around the United States, its territories, and Department of Defense schools around the world were eligible to compete. Garcia will compete at the junior level, which includes grades 6-8.

"We couldn't be more proud of Micaela," said Stephen Foster, Comal ISD Social Studies Instructional Specialist. "This is a fantastic opportunity and great honor for Micaela and her family, and we want to wish her the best at the national competition. She has already proven herself to be an outstanding representative of Comal ISD."



The competition began at the campus level, and then the top two finishers in each category at the district history fair advanced to the regional level in San Antonio. After finishing first in the research paper category at the regional level, Garcia's entry advanced to state competition in Austin, and then to nationals.

Garcia also qualified for the state competition last year with an individual exhibit display on Audrey Hepburn.

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