Tips for Navigating Nationals

1. **Introduce yourself!** NHD is a community of historians; you are with your people—smile and socialize! You're not the only one who's nervous. Being a friendly face to someone else can ease nerves.

2. **Be on time.** You are ultimately here to compete, but you can’t do that if you miss your judge time!

3. **Get inspired.** View your peers’ projects to learn more history and gather ideas for next year.

4. **Study up.** Be prepared for detailed questions from your judges. Think deeply about short-term and long-term impacts, important leaders/figures, and general events surrounding your topic.

5. **Don’t waste your chance.** When answering a judge’s question in the interview, don’t miss an opportunity to brag about yourself! Yes, first answer the question asked and then add what you want them to know about your project.

6. **KYB.** Know your bibliography! Judges read thoroughly, so be prepared to answer any questions about sources.

7. **Be proud!** You have created an AMAZING project. You are representing Wisconsin and no matter who wins on the National Stage we are thrilled for you!!