

## **What it Takes to be a Judge**

### AHS Philosophy for NHD

National History Day in Arizona (NHDA) is much more than just a one day competition; it is a process to cultivate active citizens and critical decision makers. We believe critical thinking and inquiry are fundamental parts of a successful citizenry. We encourage creativity, innovation, and interpretation in all NHDA projects, but focus on the steps it takes to create an inspiring and educational product. Our focus is on the PROCESS not the PRODUCT.

NHDA is an inclusive program, intended to include as many students as possible. The experience of the National competition is a multi-layered learning experience. Students can not only see how their projects stack up nationally, they can also learn tricks of the trade from other students. This experience can only help students as they learn from each other and bring their knowledge back to the next competition. We support learners and intend to send as many students as possible to each level of competition.

We are passionate about educating and preparing students for the future. Please join the NHDA support team, through volunteering, judging, sponsoring, or competing, if you share our philosophy.

### Requirements for Being a Volunteer Judge

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in ANY subject area
- Willing to provide constructive and positive feedback in line with our philosophy
- Willing to work cooperatively in a judging team
- Business casual attire on day of competitions
- A smile (many students are very nervous)