We are pleased to announce the launch in July 2020 of National History Academy Online (NHAO). NHAO will offer a challenging summer experience for high school and middle school students with an interest in the history, law and government of the United States, an internship program for college students, and an enriching professional development program for history and government teachers.

**Building on past success focused on place-based learning.** NHAO builds on the success of our groundbreaking residential program, which has brought students together from all around the country for the summer to study the foundations of our American Democracy. In a typical summer, students visited 35 major historic sites, heard from 30 national leaders, participated in parliamentary debates, and studied defining moments of our country through intensive case studies. Academy students have gone on to top colleges throughout the country, including Yale, Penn, West Point, Cornell, Columbia, Brown, Williams, Bowdoin, Rice, Texas, Michigan and USC. Due to Covid-19, we will not be operating our residential program in 2020.

**COLLEGE PREP. Four one-week sessions with case studies, speakers and virtual site visits.** Beginning on July 6, NHAO will offer four one-week sessions for rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders, built around Harvard Business School Professor David Moss’s case-based “History of American Democracy” curriculum (https://www.hbs.edu/case-method-project). The college-level cases provide an interdisciplinary and contextual examination of key historic events, permitting students to consider multiple viewpoints and place themselves in the role of decision makers. The cases will be augmented by a speaker series, as well as live and interactive virtual visits to important related historic sites, including national parks, presidential homes and museums. Students can sign up for one, two, three or all four sessions.

**HIGH SCHOOL PREP. Two two-week sessions with virtual site visits and a challenging and fun curriculum.** NHAO will offer a high school preparatory program for rising 8th and 9th graders. We will study major themes of our history and tie them directly to issues we face today. Each week will feature three virtual site visits. The first session will run from July 6 – 17 and focus on themes of “Leadership and the Presidency” and “Civil Rights.” The second session, from July 20-31 will have themes of “Innovation and Resiliency.” In each session, we will study past responses to major challenges and tie them to what we are facing today.

As someone who has always enjoyed history and politics, NHA truly cemented those passions for me. Not only did I learn history in the most engaging way I’ve ever experienced, my skills in critical thinking, productive debate, and deep analysis all improved while I was having fun at the same time. NHA showed me how past decisions can have immense lasting impacts.

-Jessica Zou, Seattle, WA

To apply, visit www.NationalHistoryAcademy.org/apply
**Tuition and Scholarships.** College Prep tuition for each one-week session is $95. We have over 1,000 full scholarships available per session. Applying for a scholarship is easy: just check the “Scholarship” box on the Application. National History Academy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and any tuition received will help defray the costs of the program. Tuition for the two-week high school prep program for middle school students is $495 and enrollment for each session is limited to 250 students.

**Time Commitment.** From Monday to Friday each week, students and teachers will spend approximately two to three hours a day in small online classes led by top history teachers from around the country, supplemented by virtual site visits.

In the case studies, we saw all sides of an issue. We learned about perspectives of historical figures and why they took the positions they did, before we judged whether it was right or wrong. The entire experience taught me a lot about looking at the big picture and not being so focused on my own view.

*—Emma Martinez, Dalton, OH*