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Yukon youth attend Canada's History Forum in Ottawa

WHITEHORSE— Duncan Snooks and Maximilian Wanner of Hidden Valley Elementary School screened their winning videos at Canada's History Forum in Ottawa.

The students were winners in the Young Citizens video contest held by a national charity, Canada's History Society. They were among 150 students nationwide, ranging from grade four to 11, who took part in the competition.

"On behalf of Yukon government, I'd like to congratulate Duncan and Maximilian for the creative and engaging way they shared their knowledge about Canadian history and heritage," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said. "Their videos demonstrate excellence in research and presentation skills."

Snooks' and Wanner's video projects were screened at Canada's History Forum, an event that brings Canada's leading historians, educators, museum curators, community leaders and content producers together to discuss Canadian history.

While in Ottawa the two also attended guided tours of many of Ottawa's heritage sites, including Rideau Hall, the Canadian War Museum and the Canadian Museum of History.

"I am extremely proud of Duncan and Max, they truly earned this amazing award. I know how hard they both worked to achieve this honour," Hidden Valley Elementary School Principal Riana Robinson said. "Well done, boys! We should also thank Ms. Brenda Allen and Ms. Pamela Morrisey for assisting the students with their projects. Their dedication is much appreciated."

The first step in the young Yukoners' journey to Ottawa included participation in the 2014 Yukon/Stikine Territorial Heritage Fair, which saw 37 entries of student projects from 7 schools across Yukon. From there, Snooks and Wanner submitted their videos to Canada's History: Young Citizens Program. Their productions of the required four-minute movie/documentary, showcasing a fresh perspective on a historical or heritage event or icon from their community, were winning entries.

"The Yukon/Stikine Heritage Fair is a great way for Yukon students to learn about Canadian History. We are thrilled that two students from Yukon have this unique opportunity to meet with other students from across the country and explore our national capital," executive director of the Yukon Historical and Museums Association Nancy Oakley said.

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