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New Berlin Teacher Selected for World War I Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Ms. Jaclyn Jecha, a teacher at New Berlin West Middle and High School in New Berlin, Wisconsin, is one of only 114 teachers selected for a National History Day® program titled [Legacies of World War I](#). The program is a partnership between the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission and National History Day. Jecha will participate in webinars and discussions with educators from around the world to learn about World War I and its lasting impact. As one of the selected teachers, Jecha receives free tuition, graduate credits, and materials for the online program.

Each of National History Day's 58 affiliates could choose two teachers for this honor and the National History Day program in Wisconsin selected Ms. Jecha. Affiliates include all 50 states and the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and international school programs in China, South Asia, and South Korea.

"As part of the commemoration of the centennial of The Great War, National History Day is proud to partner with the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission to help teachers delve into the history of this global event," said National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn. "Ms. Jecha will learn about specific aspects of the war she can take back to the classroom to ensure this piece of global history is not forgotten."

This program is part of an educational partnership with the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, National History Day, and the National World War I Museum and Memorial. This partnership will educate both teachers and school students about World War I through a series of more than 100 teaching events nationwide.

About National History Day (NHD): NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park, Maryland, that seeks to improve the teaching and learning of history. The National History Day Contest was established in 1974 and currently engages more than half a million students every year in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. Students present their research as a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. Projects compete first at the local and affiliate levels, where the top entries are invited to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD is sponsored in part by HISTORY®, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, Southwest Airlines, the Crown Family Foundation, the Better Angels Society, and the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation. For more information, visit nhd.org.

About National History Day in Wisconsin:

The Wisconsin Historical Society is the state's sponsor institution for National History Day. The annual, year-long academic enrichment program helps more than 16,000 students in grades six through twelve learn about historical issues, ideas, people and events. For more information, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD.

About the Wisconsin Historical Society:

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org.

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About the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission: The U.S. World War One Centennial Commission was created by Congress in 2013 to provide education programs, public outreach, and guidance for commemorative events regarding America's involvement in WWI, which many see as The War That Changed the World. The World War One Centennial Commission is creating [the National WWI Memorial in Washington, DC](#) through private donation. To learn more about the World War One Centennial Commission and its work, visit ww1cc.org

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