



NMHRP 2018-2019 Annual Report

NMHRP's mission is to lay a foundation for a generation of young people to understand the fundamental importance of human rights and respect for others by offering unique educational opportunities that encourage, inspire and empower both students and teachers to work toward a more peaceful world.

NMHRP had another very busy and successful year. **Our programs reached nearly 5000 students, teachers and the general public** and provided experiential opportunities for students statewide. None of this would have been possible without the support of Los Alamos National Bank, Bernalillo County Commission District 4 Direct Funding, Southwest Capital Bank, Main Bank, Boston Charitable Foundation, US Eagle Federal Credit Union, our individual supporters, and in-kind support from Agenda-Global, Waterbank, and Los Poblanos Inn, and Dion's.

Over the last 24 years, NMHRP has accomplished much to expand the horizons of our younger generation and instill in them an awareness and respect of all people and cultures. Our alumni are pursuing careers they never would have thought possible and are growing into incredible adults who will change the world for the better.

Here's a rundown of our 2018-2019 school year programs:

Speakers' Bureau – October, 2018

One of the remaining Albuquerque Holocaust survivors, spoke to students at East Mt. High School in October. Since 1996, NMHRP has been the conduit for local Holocaust survivors to speak to NM students. To date, 2500 NM students have met and heard testimonials from survivors. When we began, there were 13 survivors who went into schools in Albuquerque and other parts of the state. Now nearly 25 years later, only 3 survivors can do this. Students can learn about the



Holocaust through textbooks, but nothing is more powerful and real than hearing a testimonial from the survivor. Sadly, as the years pass the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles and it is now becoming the responsibility of the current generation to pass their stories on to future generations.

Model International Criminal Court Mock Trials – November, 2018

NMHRP is honored to be the only U.S. organization invited to send high school students to participate in the mock trials held in Krzywowa, Poland every November. Since 2013, we have sent 48 NM students to team with students from Poland, Germany and Israel in a simulation of three historical genocide cases tried by the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Interacting with students from other cultures, they share and learn about tolerance, justice, and our collective social responsibilities.



A huge thank you to NMHRP’s panel of esteemed judges who selected 8 high school students, among 37 applicants to participate in the trials. They volunteered many hours to review the applications and to interview the top 14.

I am grateful to these terrific judges and want to recognize Steve Marshal, Director of the NM Law Enforcement Academy and former FBI legal counsel for the Albuquerque field office, Chris Bauman, New Mexico litigating Attorney, Dr. Shirley Heying, UNM professor and genocide scholar, Barbara Druxman, retired national board certified Albuquerque school teacher, and Terry Cole, retired high school and College of Santa Fe literature teacher.



The final eight were from East Mountain HS, Bosque School, La Cueva HS, Sandia HS, and Albuquerque Academy.

The MICC opportunity has truly, been an eye-opening life-changer for so many of our NM students. Participating students learn there is more beyond the confines of their immediate environment and are inspired and motivated to pursue career paths in international relations and human rights law.



Read these testimonials to hear what some of our alumni have had to say about the program:

“Thank you NMHRP for putting so much effort into making MICC happen. The experience remains the single most life-changing and educational one I have ever had; it drastically affected my worldview and awoke my interest in areas I hadn't previously known existed.”

Campbell Galon, 2014 MICC participant
Academy for Technology & Classics
Graduate of University of Freiburg, Germany



"The MICC opportunity NMHRP gave me molded and allowed my mind to become more analytic, compassionate, and curious. It empowered me and the other students to speak out and use our voice for what we know to be right, to defend the rights of all human beings."

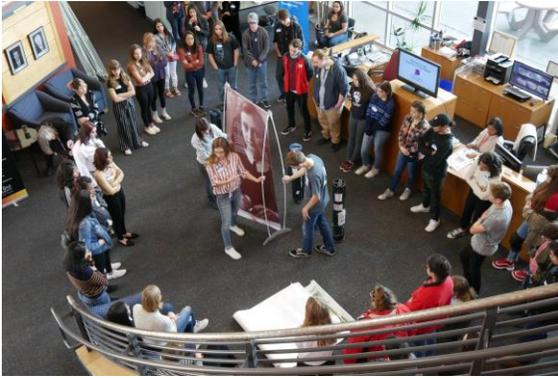
James Campbell, MICC 2015 participant
Rio Rancho High School
American University Washington College of Law



“The two greatest things that MICC taught me was to never be shy and value every person’s opinion, even if you don’t agree with it. After working with people who have completely different experiences than I, I have learned that while I may not always agree with them, it is so important just to listen, and maybe it will even shape my world view.”

Abby Lutz, MICC 2016 participant
La Cueva High School
UNM Political Science major

Anne Frank: A History for Today mobile exhibit: January – March 2019



NMHRP partnered with the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and the Dutch Consulate in San Francisco to bring the bilingual international exhibit to six NM high schools from January through March 2019.

A peer-education initiative, 48 high school students were trained as exhibit guides to educate their classmates, teachers, and visitors about the exhibit. The vital program taught students about the real dangers of prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance and encourages future generations to promote a just and inclusive future through the lens of the worst human rights violations in history - the Holocaust. More than 3500 people viewed the exhibit including students and the general public who attended opening reception at each of the respective schools.

NMHRP conducted a 2-day training with 4 trainers from Anne Frank House. They trained 48 students from 6 schools to be the tour guides:

- Bosque School
- New America School-Las Cruces
- Manual School
- La Cueva HS
- Sandia HS
- East Mountain HS

Read these testimonials left to us in the guest books at the exhibits to hear what some of our guests had to say about the experience:



“The docents have done an amazing job this week and it has helped restore some of my hope for the future. I thank you for including me in a life changing project that will last with these students forever.”

La Cueva High School

“It’s so upsetting that this all happened in recent history. Yet some people don’t even believe it happened.”

East Mountain High School



“What a great tour. Thanks so much for the guides who led us through the exhibit. Thanks for having the exhibit for the public. Inciteful and well done.”

East Mountain High School



“This exhibit was awesome. Thank you for enriching the community and empowering insuring our children build their futures on a foundation of truth and retrospection. Without this there would be little hope for change.”

New America School-Las Cruces

“So proud of each student and their public speaking skills. I had to hold back tears with some of the words/stories they told. Good job”

Menaul School

MICC Recognition Ceremony – March 2019

Our programs concluded for the 2018-2019 school year with a recognition ceremony for the 8 MICC students. Senator Candace Gould presented the students with a Certificate of Participation from the NM Senate. Thank you to Los Poblanos Inn and Conference Center for donating the space and refreshments. It was a proud day for the students as they shared their experience with their families, friends and teachers who attended and watch a video prepared by NMHRP.

