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New Hampshire's Mason the Moose Wins National Award

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CONCORD, NH— The New Hampshire Historical Society’s online curriculum, **“Moose on the Loose: Social Studies for Granite State Kids”** has received a Leadership in History Award of Excellence from the American Association for

State and Local History (AASLH), a nonprofit organization focused on preserving and promoting history in the United States.

“By publicly recognizing superior and innovative achievements, the Leadership in History Award winners serve as models and inspirations for others in the field,” stated the AASLH when announcing the awards. The “Moose on the Loose” was the only recipient of the award from New Hampshire this year.

The New Hampshire Historical Society launched the “Moose on the Loose” in 2019, and since then thousands of Granite State schoolchildren have been using it to learn more about New Hampshire, past and present. It is currently taught in more than 100 schools around the state, with close to 40,000 unique visitors to the website in the past year alone. Originally geared toward students in grades 3 to 6, the “Moose” is currently being expanded to a full kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum.

The “Moose on the Loose” is an educational website that offers 18 units of study covering New Hampshire history from the ice age to the present. Each unit presents state history in a variety of ways, with stories, images, videos, infographics, text, and virtual field trips, all navigated by the site’s mascot, Mason the Moose, named after John Mason, who gave New Hampshire its name 400 years ago. No other state in the nation has created such a comprehensive resource for K–8 state social studies instruction.

Through the “Moose,” students learn not just about the sweep of New Hampshire history, civics, economics, and geography, but also how New Hampshire’s past mirrors national history and how the ideas and concepts that shaped our government and our way of life are fundamental to the functioning of a democratic republic.

The goal of the “Moose” is to reverse the marginalization of social studies in New Hampshire schools by providing balanced instructional materials from a trusted source. By offering high-quality educational resources and extensive training for teachers in state history and social studies methods, the Society hopes to minimize the “history deficit” for future generations.

The AASLH Leadership in History Award is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. This year, AASLH conferred 47 national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, and publications. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history.

The “Moose” is a free, open-access website that can be viewed at moose.nhhistory.org without passwords or accounts.



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