

## **History Bowl Team Qualifies for Nationals in Washington D.C.**

The George Washington High School History Bowl Team placed first at the West Virginia Winter Invitational Tournament at Parkersburg High School on January 16, 2017. The team, consisting of all 9<sup>th</sup> graders, went 8-0 throughout the day defeating perennial power Bridgeport in the semifinals and defending state champion Parkersburg in the finals. Both schools competed with primarily seniors and juniors.

By virtue of their victory, the GWHS History Bowl team qualified for the National History Bowl, which will be held April 21-23 in Washington D.C. The tournament will consist of 180 varsity teams from throughout the United States. George Washington will no doubt have the youngest varsity team in the field.

Freshman Walker Combs qualified for the National History Bee, which will be held concurrently with the National History Bowl. Walker qualified by placing 1st in the Junior Varsity Division at the West Virginia Winter Invitational Tournament. History Bee is an individual competition where students compete against one another in a playoff style format.

Also qualifying for the National History Bee was John Adams Middle School, which went undefeated at the West Virginia Winter Invitational Tournament in Parkersburg. JAMS will be competing in the 120-team Middle School Division April 21-23 in Washington D.C. Last year, John Adams placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the National History Bowl – Middle School Division.



*Pictured from Left to Right: Aaron Carte, Willem Porter, Walker Combs, Ben Woods*