Connecticut History Day
2020 Mansfield/Storrs Regional Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: The Life Sacrificed for Mothers: Ignaz Semmelweis’s Fight Against Childbed Fever
School: Mansfield Middle School
Student: Meryem Biyikli

Second Place: A Jack of All Sports: Babe Didrikson Zaharis
School: John F. Kennedy Middle School
Student: Kayla Surprenant

Third Place: Brown vs. the Board of Education: Breaking the Barrier of Segregation in Education
School: Mansfield Middle School
Student: Yafee Khan

Category: Junior Group Documentary

First Place: Wheels for Women: Albert Pope Breaks Barriers with Bicycles
School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School
Students: Eira Prakash and Meera Kamath

Second Place: The Danbury Hatters: Breaking Barriers in the Hat Capital of the World
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School
Students: Logan Donovan and Jackson Poulin

Third Place: Magna Carta: The Revolutionary Document
School: Madina Academy
Students: Abdulhafiz Shelbaya and Ameer Hasan
**Category: Junior Individual Documentary**

**First Place:** Harriet Beecher Stowe: Breaking Barriers Through Writing  
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School  
Student: Anusha Butala

**Second Place:** The Montreal Protocol: How Science and Politics Saved the Earth's Atmosphere  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: James Chafouleas

**Third Place:** Breaking Barriers: The Discovery of Penicillin  
School: Madina Academy  
Student: Salma Mahmoud

**Category: Junior Group Website**

**First Place:** Soviets Win Space: The First Satellite's Ominous Implications  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Students: William Zhang and Lila Gillon

**Second Place:** The First Conservation President: Fighting to Protect the Wild  
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School  
Students: Aarya Nair and Linnea Bennett

**Third Place:** Bombing on Broomsticks: The Night Witches Make History  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Students: Bailey Fuerst and Bronwyn Mott

**Category: Junior Individual Website**

**First Place:** The 1980s: The Decade When Barriers Were Smashed Open on Climate Change  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: Sam Marcus

**Second Place:** A Woman's Place is in the Aerospace Lab: The Computers of NASA  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: Tess Johnston
Third Place: IPCC: Breaking the Barrier of Climate Denialism  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: Zia Kashwan

**Category: Junior Group Exhibit**

First Place: Opening Doors for Equal Opportunities: Prudence Crandall's School for "Young Ladies and Little Misses of Color"  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Students: Sylvia Halbrooks, Simonne Thibeault, and Mary Lynch

Second Place: Reach for the Stars: Kathrine Johnson's Mathematical Prowess Propels the U.S. into the Space Race  
School: John F. Kennedy Middle School  
Students: Elden Schillinger and Kayla Bouchard

Third Place: Ella Grasso: Governor of the People  
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School  
Students: Harini Sambandam and Arushi Sharma

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

First Place: How Barbie Broke Barriers in History  
School: Vernon Center Middle School  
Student: Catharina Walter-Gillett

Second Place: Eunice Kennedy Shriver: Giving a Chance to Champions  
School: Furey Homeschool  
Student: Eve Furey

Third Place: Ed Dwight Jr.: Breaking Racial Barriers in NASA  
School: Vernon Center Middle School  
Student: Hayden Reel

**Category: Junior Group Performance**

First Place: "I'm Sick of Being Told I'm Sick": The Stonewall Uprisings of 1969  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Students: Katie Lynch, Gioia Miller, and Eleanor Johnston
Second Place: The Day She Refused: Claudette Colvin Fights for Freedom
School: Madina Academy
Students: Jannah Sallam and Tasneem Zoghel

Third Place: Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk: African-Americans Who Broke Barriers
School: Mansfield Middle School
Students: Sophie Marcus and Kalyani Tihaiya

Category: Junior Individual Performance

First Place: Nellie Bly, Trailblazing Feminist: They Said She Couldn't and Wouldn't. So She Did.
School: John F. Kennedy Middle School
Student: Isabella Bellomo

Second Place: Breaking the Gilded Cage: Florence Nightingale
School: John F. Kennedy Middle School
Student: Rebecca Bemiss

Third Place: The Beatles: Influencers and Breakers
School: Mansfield Middle School
Student: Ethan Hanzlik
Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

**First Place:** Education/Instruccion: How One Group Broke the Barriers of Activism  
School: Manchester High School  
Student: Tyonna Tyson

**Second Place:** Ray Charles: How the Father of Soul Broke Barriers "Come Rain or Come Shine"  
School: Ellington High School  
Student: Kaitlyn Mead

**Third Place:** Esperanto: Dr. Zamenhof's Language of Hope  
School: Enfield High School  
Student: Declan Messier

Category: Senior Group Documentary

**First Place:** Billy Mills: From Gloom to Gold  
School: Ellington High School  
Students: Gavin Houghtaling and Aj Kiessling

**Second Place:** The Beatles Affect on America  
School: Manchester High School  
Students: Samuel Mushinksli and Amber Moriarty

**Third Place:** Robert Smalls: Staring Down Adversity  
School: Ellington High School  
Students: Joshua Roy, Brendan Couzens, and Tobias Wan

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** Kathrine Switzer: Revolutionizing Women's Sports by Running a Marathon (Rather Than a Sprint)  
School: Ellington High School  
Student: Amanda Ameral

**Second Place:** Walt Disney: Drawing a Path to Mastering Animation  
School: Ellington High School  
Student: Tarun Nori
Third Place: Rosie the Riveter: Breaking Social Barriers in World War II
School: Ellington High School
Students: Natalie Chamberlin

**Category: Senior Group Website**

First Place: Rosa Parks: Sitting Down to Defeat Racial Barriers in the 1950's
School: Ellington High School
Students: Kaylee Bahler and Penelope Torres

Second Place: Iqbal Masih: Breaking Limits for the Limited. How One Boy's Voice Was Heard Across the World
School: Ellington High School
Student: Elizabeth Lewis and Halei Frey

Third Place: Jesse Owens: Overcoming Obstacles of Discrimination
School: E.O. Smith High School
Students: Colin Willour and Owen Sgro

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First Place: Need for Speed: The Breaking of the Sound Barrier
School: Ellington High School
Student: Noah Madore

**Category: Senior Group Exhibit**

First Place: Althea Gibson: Taking a Swing at Racial Norms to Integrate Tennis
School: Ellington High School
Students: Damien Wilson and Nicholas Forst

Second Place: Sitting Bull: Leader and Warrior Who Saved a Culture by Overcoming Adversity
School: Ellington High School
Students: Emma Kloter and Emily Gorman

Third Place: Clara Barton: Triumphant over the Government and Sexism to Establish the American Red Cross
School: Ellington High School
Students: Emily Bava and Lindsey Laughlan
**Category: Senior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place: Preemies and Publicity: How Martin Couney Overcame Barriers to Save Lives**
School: Ellington High School
Student: Rachel Mangold

**Second Place: Frances Glessner Lee and the Curious Case of Her Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death**
School: Ellington High School
Student: Taylor Paton

**Third Place: Alice Guy-Blache: Breaking the Barriers of Cinematography**
School: Manchester High School
Student: Sarah Waggoner

**Category: Senior Group Performance**

**First Place: Eugenics and Forced Sterilization: A Barrier Not Broken**
School: Ellington High School
Students: Madison Coles and Mary Monck

**Second Place: Credit Where Credit Is Due: The Story of Alice Guy-Blache**
School: Arts at the Capitol Theater Magnet High School and Rockville High School
Students: John Margelony and Clarissa Halpryn

**Third Place: Project Corona: Barriers Broken From 100 Miles Up**
School: Ellington High School
Students: Isabel Mund and Claire McMenamin

**Category: Senior Individual Performance**

**First Place: The Forgotten Man: Moses Fleetwood Walker and How He Smashed Racial Barriers in Baseball**
School: Ellington High School
Student: Tyler Millen

**Second Place: The School for Young Ladies and Little Misses of Colour: How Prudence Crandall Educated African American Girls Before the Civil War**
School: Ellington High School
Student: Lauren Lagasse
Third Place: Sophie Tucker: Stand for Women Rights
School: Manchester High School
Student: Alexis Barr