

# 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 Zoghol

**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/Instrucción: 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 Mushinski 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

**Category: Senior Individual Website**

**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