State Contest Results (9 Pages) from May 9, 2015
at Central Connecticut State University

Senior Division

Category: Group Website

First Place: World Wide Webster: Noah Webster & His Legacies
Students: Smrithi Raman, Swati Rath, Sahiti Alavala
School: Farmington High School, Farmington

Second Place: Winston Churchill: The English Bulldog
Students: Emma Cook, Marissa Cardono
School: Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Third Place: J. Edgar Hoover and the Professionalization of the FBI
Students: Renukanandan Tumu, Prashant Swami
School: Farmington High School, Farmington

Category: Individual Website

First Place: East Meets West: Rong Hong and the Chinese Educational Mission
Student: Jessica Shi
School: Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford

Second Place: Contraception and Constitutional Rights: The Defendants of Griswold v. Connecticut
Student: Shay Pezzulo
School: Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Third Place: Paulo Freire: Educating the Oppressed
Student: Khadija Hussain
School: Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven
Category: Group Documentary

First Place: Igor Sikorsky and the Invention of the Helicopter
Students: Allen Haugh, Chase Fountain, Alec Bohlman, Eric Chiarillo
School: Farmington High School, Farmington

Second Place: Igor Sikorsky: Innovator and Aviator
Students: Emmett Reilly, William Miller, Griffin Wolf, David Roper
School: Pomperaug High School, Southbury

Third Place: Walt Disney: Turning Dreams into Reality
Students: Allison Gorman, Madeleine Glassner, Karli Janssen, Julia Tiedt
School: Ellington High School, Ellington

Category: Individual Documentary

First Place: Public Citizen
Students: T.J. Noel-Sullivan
School: Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Second Place: Steve Jobs: A Man of Revolutionary Ideas
Student: Alex Prior
School: Bolton High School, Bolton

Third Place: Woody Guthrie: Voice of America
Student: Theo Camara
School: Lewis S. Mills High School, Burlington

Category: Group Exhibit

First Place: The Bayh-Dole Act: Bi-Partisan Leadership Creates Legacy of Innovation
Student: Madeline Langdon, Claire Langdon, Emma Langdon
School: Greenfield Hills Girls School, Fairfield

Second Place: J. Alden Weir Painting a Legacy
Students: Mary Lynch, Elizabeth Lynch, Hana Previte, Claire Graham, Isabel Saltzman
School: Wilton High School, Wilton

Third Place: Kit Hepburn: The Spark of Equal Women's Rights
Students: Claire Seo, Christina Yu
School: Staples High School, Westport
**Category: Individual Exhibit**

First Place: *Pope’s Unexpected Legacy: Paving the Way for America’s Mobility*
Students: Samuel Porcello
School: Conard High School, West Hartford

Second Place: *Estelle Griswold: Birth Control Rights are Born*
Student: Lauren Stack
School: Staples High School, Westport

Third Place: *Abbey Meyers: The Mother of Orphan Drugs*
Student: Danielle Meyers
School: Nonnewaug High School, Woodbury

**Category: Group Performance**

First Place: *A Terrible Beauty is Born: The Leadership of James Connolly and Patrick Pearse and the Controversial Legacy of the Easter Rising*
Students: Isabella Altherr, Annabel Barry, Quinn Barry, Maxwell Chung, Shannon Madden
School: Pequot Home School, Southport

Second Place: *Coretta Scott King*
Students: Pritisha Amatya, Imani Richardson, Chamari White-Mink, Aneris Castro
School: Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Third Place: *Mother Theresa: Worker for the Less Fortunate*
Students: Mikayla Bonanno, Caitlin Wing
School: Ellington High School, Ellington

**Category: Individual Performance**

First Place: *The Fame Factory: Mass-Producing Art’s Final Frontier*
Student: Nicholas Serrambana
School: Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Second Place: *Rachel Carson: Leadership in the Environmental Movement*
Student: Maya Geradi
School: Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven

Third Place: *The Legacies of Harvard, Yale and William and Mary That Led America in Prestigious Education*
Student: Guada Mary Benoit
School: Norwich Free Academy, Norwich
**Category: Senior Paper**

First Place: *One Nation, Under God: The Leadership of John Winthrop and Roger Williams*
Student: Alice Schaumann
School: Academy of Information Technology and Engineering, Stamford

Second Place: *Clara Barton: From Stubbornness to Success*
Student: Tanusri Balla
School: Academy of Information Technology and Engineering, Stamford

Third Place: *Asoka: Tyranny, Compassion, and a Lasting Legacy*
Student: Nanicha Sethpornpong
School: Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford

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**Junior Division**

**Category: Group Website**

First Place: *Rosa Luxemburg*
Students: Musa Hussain, Minjae Ko
School: Worthington Hooker Middle School, New Haven

Second Place: *Hammurabi’s Code*
Students: Anne Bekasi, Alissa Hoffman, Ryleigh Shortell
School: Thomas Edison Middle School, Meriden

Third Place: *Alfred Nobel – Innovator to the Modern Era*
Students: Abby Moran, Srishti Pithadia, Soumya Ganti
School: Madison Middle School, Trumbull

**Category: Individual Website**

First Place: *Restoring the Padauk: Aung San Suu Kyi’s Crusade for Democracy*
Student: Mei Han
School: Worthington Hooker Middle School, New Haven
Second Place: *And He Said Death to America: The Rule of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini*
Student: Anaisja Henry
School: Renzulli Academy, Hartford

Third Place: *JFK and His Navigation Through the Cuban Missile Crisis*
Student: Luke Welch
School: Bedford Middle School, Westport

**Category: Group Documentary**

First Place: *The Work of the 36th President: Achievements That Left a Mark on History*
Students: Abigail Bar, Amealia Maynard, Kelley Gifford
School: Mansfield Middle School, Mansfield

Second Place: *Sarah Edmonds: Fighting Confederates and Gender Discrimination in the Military*
Students: Erin Mutchek, Grace Martin
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School, South Windsor

Third Place: *Julius Caesar: Creating an Empire*
Students: Jake Zweifler, Scott Steinmetz
School: King Philip Middle School, West Hartford

**Category: Individual Documentary**

First Place: *The Quiet Leadership of Major Karl Plagge*
Student: Jack Higgins
School: Thomas Edison Middle School, Meriden

Second Place: *Rachel Carson: Not So Silent*
Student: Lena Macdonald
School: Worthington Hooker Middle School, New Haven

Third Place: *Shays’ Rebellion: The Farmers’ Revolt*
Student: Ana Peczuh
School: Hall Memorial School, Willington

**Category: Group Exhibit**

First Place: *Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet: Leader in Deaf Education*
Students: Jayde Zainc, Jackie Tavoletti, Cassie Reilly
School: Memorial Middle School, Middlebury
Second Place: *Amazing Grace: Grace Hopper’s Empowering Legacy*
Students: Sarah Cao, Catherine Grenier
School: Mansfield Middle School

Third Place: *Coco: Building the House of Chanel*
Students: Emily Sforza, Mia Pollack, Zoe Gupta
School: Fairfield Woods Middle School, Fairfield

**Category: Individual Exhibit**

First Place: *The Orphan Trains: Leading the Way to Social Services*
Student: Lindsay Meyers
School: Rochambeau Middle School, Southbury

Second Place: *Gone With the Window: The Legacy of Louis Comfort Tiffany*
Student: Thomas Wilson
School: Sedgwick Middle School, West Hartford

Third Place: *Julia Lathrop, America’s First Official Mother: The Rise of the U.S. Children’s Bureau*
Student: Jaiden Hathaway
School: Mansfield Middle School

**Category: Group Performance**

First Place: *Rangers Lead the Way! The Leadership and Enduring Legacy of Major Robert Rogers*
Students: Alex Krawiec, Zach Healy, Nick Steele
School: JFK Middle School, Enfield

Second Place: *Igor Sikorsky: Pioneer, Innovator, Aviator*
Students: Samir Singh, Mark Handler, Peter Cullen, Ethan Rodier, Matt Holden
School: Fairfield Woods Middle School, Fairfield

Third Place: *Wild Bill Donovan: An Innovative Spy*
Students: Colleen Moore, Julia Morledge
School: Weston Middle School, Weston

**Category: Individual Performance**

First Place: *Clare Boothe Luce: “Thought Has No Sex”*
Student: Margo Pedersen
School: Worthington Hooker Middle School, New Haven
Second Place: *Winston Churchill: The Great Orator*
Student: James Gikas
School: Bedford Middle School, Westport

Third Place: *Vive La Resistance: Lucie Aubrac’s Legacy From the French Resistance to the Leadership in Women’s Suffrage*
Student: Fallon Moore
School: Sedgwick Middle School, West Hartford

**Category: Junior Paper**

First Place: *Unwavering Resolve: The Life, Leadership and Legacy of Golda Meir*
Student: Varun Aggarwal
School: Talcott Mountain Academy, Avon

Second Place: *The Marshall Plan: The Economic Legacy of World War II*
Student: Prastik Mohanraj
School: Engineering Science University Magnet School, New Haven

Third Place: *Cesar Chavez: Legacy of Labor*
Student: Joey Lemieux
School: Sedgwick Middle School, West Hartford

**SPECIAL PRIZES**

*Laurie Rayner Spirit of History Day Award - Junior Division*
*Sponsored by the Connecticut League of History Organizations*
Leah Cunha, Timothy Edwards Middle School, South Windsor

*Laurie Rayner Spirit of History Day Award - Senior Division*
*Sponsored by the Connecticut League of History Organizations*
Alanna Uthgenannt, Conard High School, West Hartford

*Outstanding Entry in Contemporary History (1960 on):*
*Sponsored by the Connecticut Historical Society*
Cameron Slocum: *Pete Seeger - Junior Individual Documentary*
Sedgwick Middle School, West Hartford

*Outstanding Entry Related to Civics, Government or Citizenship – Junior Division:*
*Sponsored by the Connecticut Public Affairs Network and Connecticut’s Old State House*
Brooke Tillotson: *Andrew Jackson Jr. – Paper*
Windsor Locks Middle School, Windsor Locks
Outstanding Entry Related to Civics, Government or Citizenship – Senior Division:
*Sponsored by the Connecticut Public Affairs Network and Connecticut’s Old State House*
So Jeong Lim: *Eleanor Roosevelt* – Paper
Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford

Outstanding Entry Related to Leadership and Legacy in History:
*Sponsored by Archives & Special Collections at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, University of Connecticut Libraries.*
Victoria Farrell, Kayla Gobar: *Nathan Hale: Connecticut’s State Hero* – Senior Group Exhibit
New Britain High School, New Britain

Outstanding Entry Related to Connecticut Law:
*Sponsored by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society*
Lauren Stack: *Estelle Griswold* - Senior Individual Exhibit
Staples High School, Westport

Outstanding Entry Related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender History:
*Sponsored by Sexuality and Gender Empowerment (SAGE) at the Metropolitan Learning Center*
Alyssa Pagan, Quincy Ponvert: *Margaret Mead’s Impact on Anthropology* – Senior Group Website
Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven

Outstanding Entry Related to Medical History:
*Sponsored by the Connecticut Medical Society*
Amie Lee: *The Legacy of William Morton and the History of Anesthesia* – Junior Individual Exhibit
Vernon Center Middle School, Vernon

Outstanding Entry in Native American History:
*Sponsored by the Institute for American Indian Studies*
Maya Rose: *Maria Tallchief* – Junior Individual Performance
King Philip Middle School, West Hartford

Outstanding Entry in the Arts:
*Sponsored by the Wadsworth Atheneum*
Alyssa Domenico, Tia Pogue: *Rod Serling* – Senior Group Documentary
Staples High School, Westport

Outstanding Entry Related to the American Civil War:
*Sponsored by the Connecticut Civil War Commission*
Erin Mutchek, Grace Martin: *Sarah Edmonds* – Junior Group Documentary
Timothy Edwards Middle School, South Windsor

Outstanding Entry Related to Slavery or Abolition – Junior Division:
Sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance or Abolition
Manny Benitez, Mercy Olayiwola, Kevin Slisz: Harriet Tubman – Junior Group Website
HALS Academy, New Britain

Outstanding Entry Related to Slavery or Abolition – Senior Division:
Sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance or Abolition
Kelly Ferrero: John Brown: Zealous Resolve – Senior Paper
Manchester High School, Manchester

David O. White Prize for Outstanding Entry in African-American History:
Sponsored by the Association for the Study of Connecticut History
Rose Luczaj: Little Rock Nine – Junior Individual Exhibit
Roger Ludlowe Middle School, Fairfield

Outstanding Entry Related to a Connecticut Woman:
Sponsored by the Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame
Gillian Woodman: The Woman Behind the Voice That Changed America – Senior Paper
Academy Of Information Technology & Engineering, Stamford

Outstanding Entry in Women’s History – Junior Division:
Sponsored by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
Paige Bauer: The Journal of a Suffragist: Diary of Susan B. Anthony – Paper
Timothy Edwards Middle School, South Windsor

Outstanding Entry in Women’s History – Senior Division:
Sponsored by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
Gillan Bullock: From Etiquette to Suffragette – Individual Website
Coventry High School, Coventry

Outstanding Entry that Best Incorporates Jewish History, Heritage and/or a Jewish Personality:
Sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County
Maggie Limone, Caroline Lauf: Emma Goldman - Junior Group Performance
Fairfield Woods Middle School, Fairfield

Outstanding Entry in Early American History (up to 1815):
The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
East Granby Middle School, East Granby

Outstanding Entry in Connecticut History from 1900 – 1950:
Sponsored by ConnecticutHistory.Org, a program of Connecticut Humanities
Logan Horowitz, Jake Moskowitz, Jarrett Rende, Jack Pflug: New Haven Pizza – Senior Group Documentary
Staples High School, Westport

Outstanding Entry in Connecticut History – Junior Division:
Sponsored by the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford
Leah Gaffney, Zoe Hyres-Buley, Sarah Belas: Noah Webster: His Legacy to Our Nation – Group Performance
HALS Academy, New Britain

Outstanding Entry in Connecticut History – Senior Division:
Sponsored by the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford
Jonathan Demeter, Dylan Gleicher, Ben Shmaruk: Frederick Rentschler – Group Documentary
Staples High School, Westport

Outstanding Entry for Use of Materials and/or Collections Held in a Connecticut Archives, Museum or Historical Society tied to a CT Historic Site:
Sponsored by the Connecticut League of History Organizations
Richie Mailhos, Alexander Park: Hall Heritage: The Industrialization of a Small Town – Junior Group Documentary
Hall Memorial School, Willington

Outstanding Entry in Primary Sources – Junior Division:
Sponsored by the National Archives at Boston
Lindsey McDonald, Sommer Miller, Paige Moffat: La Amistad: A Legacy to the Abolitionist Movement – Group Exhibit
Memorial Middle School, Middlebury

Outstanding Entry in Primary Sources – Senior Division:
Sponsored by the National Archives at Boston
Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Outstanding Entry Related to Hartford History:
Sponsored by the Hartford History Center at Hartford Public Library
Isabella Pattacini, Emily Maneux: Beatrice Fox Auerbach: Leadership in Human Resources – Senior Group Website
Manchester High School, Manchester

Outstanding Entry in Maritime History – Junior Division:
Sponsored by the National Maritime Historical Society
Paige Moffat, Lindsay McDonald, Sommer Miller: La Amistad: A Legacy to the Abolitionist Movement – Group Exhibit
Memorial Middle School, Middlebury
Outstanding Entry in Maritime History – Senior Division:
Sponsored by the National Maritime Historical Society
Josephine Bensa: Amistad Revolt – Individual Website
Classical Magnet School, Hartford