Connecticut History Day
2020 Fairfield Regional Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: The Right to Choose
School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School
Student: Delaney Nelson

Second Place: Louis Pasteur: Breaking a Major Medical Barrier
School: Ponus Ridge Middle School
Student: Emily Legere

Third Place: How to Throw Like a Girl
School: Bedford Middle School
Student: Ayla Nahmias

Category: Junior Group Documentary

First Place: RBG’s Continued Fight for Gender Equality
School: West Rocks Middle School
Students: Isabella Chimento and Ayden Navarro

Second Place: Alles Het Verander (Everything Has Changed)
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Benjamin Enos, Charlotte Strange, Maia Gubitz, Kate Barnes, and Tyler Rockwell

Third Place: Valentina Tereshkova: Launching New Horizons for Women
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School
Students: Saanvi Rao and Taruni Pendyala

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: Seekers of Equality: How The Haitian Revolution Broke Barriers
School: West Rocks Middle School
Student: Christian Pierre
Second Place: Sex, Drugs, and Baker & Gore: The Story of the PMRC  
School: West Rocks Middle School  
Student: Sam Aurilio

Third Place: A Bright IDEA: Policies that Broke Barriers in Education  
School: West Rocks Middle School  
Student: Kate Paradise

Category: Junior Group Website

First Place: Rainbow on the Streets: How the Stonewall Uprising Broke Barriers  
School: West Rocks Middle School  
Students: Shirley Lin and Haylie Lau

Second Place: Voting Rights for All: How African American Women Fought for Suffrage  
School: West Rocks Middle School  
Students: Mariana Maturi and Anny Canahui

Third Place: The Revolt for Freedom  
School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School  
Students: Agatha Hunt and Beatrice Hunt

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First Place: Dolly: The World’s Most Famous Sheep, Who Shattered Barriers and Changed The World  
School: Scotts Ridge Middle School  
Student: Sophie Shen

Second Place: How One Woman’s Work Influenced Today’s Climate Change Fight: Rachel Carson  
School: West Rocks Middle School  
Student: Kyle Nashe

Third Place: Technicolor: How Color Film Brought the Golden Age of Hollywood to Life  
School: Roton Middle School  
Student: Ella Dino
Category: Junior Group Exhibit

First Place: Deborah Sampson: The Barrier-breaking Woman who Paved the Way for Equal Rights
School: West Rocks Middle School
Students: Yana Divakaran, Holly Torigian, Rylie Peterson, Sofia Tullio

Second Place: Breaking the Enigma: How Alan Turing Saved World War Two
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Jared Lessing, Jared Even, and Jeremy Rosenkranz

Third Place: Thurgood Marshall
School: Bedford Middle School

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First Place: Victoria Woodhull: Leading the Way for Women Since 1870
School: Roton Middle School
Student: Georgia Gushue

Second Place: From Sea to Space
School: Roton Middle School
Student: Phoebe Patrick

Third Place: Cesar Chavez: Fighting for Farm Workers Rights
School: Roton Middle School
Student: Vladimir Flores

Category: Junior Group Performance

First Place: The Boundary-Busting Blackwells (& Stone)
School: Columbus Magnet School
Students: Maren Gilchrist, Ava Ryen, Vivien Ryen, and Sabrina Smith

Category: Junior Individual Performance

First Place: Rita Moreno: Breaking Barriers in Entertainment
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School
Student: Anushri Sandeep
Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

First Place: The Puerto Rico Pill Trials: The Dark Chapter in the Heroic Struggle to Break Reproductive Barriers
School: The Academy of Information Technology
Student: Ella Rosen

Second Place: Katherine Graham: A Pioneer for Women and the Press
School: Staples High School
Student: Lucia Wang

Third Place: Mae West’s “Queer” Plays: Breaking the Heteronormative Barrier on the 1920s Vaudeville Stage
School: The Academy of Information Technology
Students: Campbell Beaver

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: Morse’s Telegraph and Its Impact on Communication
School: Staples High School
Students: Alexandra Scully and Hannah Katz

Second Place: Breaking Barriers: The Women of Yale
School: Greenwich High School
Students: Sophie Jaeger and Veda Swaminathan

Third Place: “This kind of bird flies backward”: How Women of the San Francisco Beat Literary Circle Transgressed the Cultural Norm of Femininity
School: Trumbull High School
Students: Anushree Unni, Tanvi Dongaonkar, Katherine DeRose, Avery Genet, and Anjana Rajah

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: Project Azorian: Diving into the unknown
School: Staples High School
Student: Ryan Stevenson

Second Place: Leaping Over Barriers For Boys In Ballet
School: Staples High School
Student: Sasha Barnett
**Third Place:** Strange Fruit: Breaking Barriers as the First Unmuted Cry Against Racism  
School: Staples High School  
Student: Scott Coleman

**Category: Senior Group Website**

**First Place:** The Birth of a Nation: Breaking and Building Barriers  
School: Staples High School  
Students: Ben Berkley, Noah Robison, and Matthew Spada

**Second Place:** Robert Smalls: Breaching the Barrier of Intolerance  
School: Staples High School  
Students: Emma Nordberg and Lea Rivel

**Third Place:** Elizabeth Blackwell: A Pioneering Physician Who Dented the Gender Barrier  
School: Staples High School  
Students: Sarah Thomas and Ava Vincini

**Category: Senior Individual Website**

**First Place:** Alan Gunzbug and The Curb Cut Effect: How small changes transform a community  
School: Greenwich High School  
Student: Madison Tessar

**Second Place:** Operation Crossroads: Breaking the Barriers of Traditional Warfare & Creating the Barriers of Modern Diplomacy  
School: Fairfield Warde High School  
Student: Evan Papageorge

**Third Place:** Breaking Barriers: Ella Fitzgerald  
School: Staples High School  
Student: Joseph Kane

**Category: Senior Group Exhibit**

**First Place:** Ignorance ≠ Advancement: How Scientific Breakthrough During the AIDS Crisis Cured America’s Prejudice  
School: Greenwich High School  
Students: Richa Vaid and Carolina Ferrer
Second Place: Jimmy Carter’s Diplomacy Broke Barriers Between Egypt and Israel and Achieved Enduring Peace
School: Staples High School
Students: Jason Chiu-Skow, Evan Trock, and Max Goldenberg

Third Place: Standing up by sitting down: How the 504 sit-in monumentally broke down barriers for the disabled community
School: Staples High School
Students: Karina Murray, Layla Bloomingdale, and Emmy Marcus

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: The Connecticut State Farm for Women: Breaking New Ground for Women’s Prisons and Freedoms
School: Conard High School
Student: Mia Porcello

Second Place: Barbies: Breaking Barriers in Diversity and Body Image
School: Greenwich High School
Student: Demetria DeMakes

Third Place: HeLa Cells: Breaking Barriers in History
School: Greenwich High School
Student: Danielle Spitz

Category: Senior Group Performance

First Place: Women’s Rights in Nigeria
School: Greenwich High School
Students: Bryn Kummell and Sophie Chaves

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First Place: Mister Rogers: How One Man Used Neighborliness to Break Barriers On His Journey to Educate and Nourish Children and Families
School: Conard High School
Student: Marlena Pegolo

Second Place: Marie Curie’s Legacy of Broken Barriers
School: Greenwich High School
Student: Veronica Paez-Deggeller
Third Place: Splitting the Atom: The Legacy of J. Robert Oppenheimer and the Manhattan Project
School: Staples High School
Student: Thomas Sargent