Connecticut History Day
2020 State Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: The Native American Occupation of Alcatraz Island; Breaking National Barriers in Indian Rights and Activism
School: Worthington Hooker School
Student: Rosie Hampson

Second Place: 1968 Olympics Black Power protest
School: Worthington Hooker School
Student: Aki Hussain

Second Place: Beatrice Fox Auerbach: Breaking Barriers at G. Fox and Beyond
School: Irving A. Robins Middle School
Student: Preston McNulty Socha

Category: Junior Group Documentary

First Place: The Deafening Sound of Barriers Being Broken: The American School for the Deaf
School: Irving A. Robins Middle School
Students: Nandini Shah and Leah Glaspey

Second Place: Wheels for Women: Albert Pope Breaking Barriers in the Bicycle World
School: Irving A. Robins Middle School
Students: Eira Prakash and Meera Kamath

Third Place: Rosie Cracks Barriers on the Homefront
School: Memorial Middle School
Students: Evelyn Chun and Kate Kennon

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: Eli Terry: Snapping Barriers With His Milling Machine
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School
Student: Aarush Agarwal
Second Place: The Montreal Protocol: How Science and Politics Saved the Earth’s Atmosphere  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: James Chafouleas

Third Place: Samuel Colt: The Journey to Breaking Barriers and Changing America  
School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School  
Student: Andrew Zhong

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: Mary Lynch, Simonne Thibeault, and Sylvia Halbrooks

Second Place: Chicago Freedom Movement  
School: Westside Middle School Academy  
Students: Colin Gordon, Aekom Diogun, and Xavier Going

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

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place: Cycling On the Road to Freedom: How the Safety Bicycle Broke Barriers for Women In the United States  
School: Sedgwick Middle School  
Student: Claire Flynn

Second Place: Breaking the Wrong Barriers: The Kara Hultgreen Controversy  
School: Red Maple Academy  
Student: Kathryn Lucente

Third Place: Sandra Day O’Connor: Breaking Gender Barriers in the United States Supreme Court  
School: Sedgwick Middle School  
Student: Kate Maglio
Category: Junior Group Performance

First Place: A Canterbury Tale: Defying Racial and Legal Barriers
School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School
Students: Amelia Remo, Anqi Hou, and Abigail Langston

Second Place: "I'm Sick of Being Told I'm Sick": The Stonewall Uprisings of 1969
School: Mansfield Middle School
Students: Gioia Miller, Katie Lynch, and Eleanor Johnston

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

Category: Junior Individual Performance

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

Second Place: Rita Moreno: Breaking Barriers in Entertainment
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School
Student: Anushri Sandeep

Third Place: Thomas Cook: Breaking Barriers to the World of Travel
School: Red Maple Academy
Student: Jacob Lucente

Category: Junior Group Website

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

Second Place: Gateway To the West: Transformation of a Nation
School: Memorial Middle School
Students: Liam Quinn, Owen Broadwater, Michael Tutoli, and Jonah Turner

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

First Place: A Woman's Place is in the Aerospace Lab: The West Computers of NASA
School: Mansfield Middle School
Student: Tess Johnston

Second Place: Dolly: The World's Most Famous Sheep, Who Shattered Barriers And Changed The World
School: Scotts Ridge Middle School
Student: Sophie Shen

Third Place: Isabella Beecher Hooker: Breaking Barriers for Women
School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School
Student: Mikail Aliyev
Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

First Place: Ford, Rockefeller, and Gandhi: Breaking Human Rights Barriers through Population Control, 1951-1977
School: Staples High School
Student: Ishan Prasad

Second Place: A Tale of Consumerism and Conformism: Too Many Barriers Broken?
School: The Taft School
Student: Felicia Wang

Third 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

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 Rosenhan Experiment
School: Farmington High School
Students: Lillian Yim, Sara Holt, and Emily Tycz

Third Place: Where No One Has Gone Before: How Sputnik Sparked the Space Age
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School
Students: Valli Pendyala and Ria Saxena

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: The Mother of Nature: Rachel Carson and the Groundbreaking Publication of ‘Silent Spring’
School: Conard High School
Student: Andrew Maglio

Second Place: Mahatma Gandhi – The Peaceful Protester
School: The Taft School
Student: Anishka Perera
Third Place: Harvey Milk: Breaking Barriers and Breaking out of the Closet
School: Engineering – Science University Magnet School
Students: Lucy O'Brien

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

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

Second Place: Ignorance ≠ Advancement: How Scientific Breakthrough during the AIDS Crisis Cured America's Prejudice
School: Greenwich High School
Students: Richa Vaid and Carolina Ferrer

Third Place: Dr. Alice Hamilton: Breaking Workplace Barriers, Improving Conditions and Health Hazards
School: Pomperaug Regional High School
Students: Emma Williams and Caroline Parrott

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: The Immortal Cells of Henrietta Lacks; Breaking Barriers in Medicine, Bioethics, and in History
School: Greenwich High School
Student: Danielle Spitz

Second Place: A Woman in Business: Beatrice Fox Auerbach
School: Conard High School
Student: Natalie Gavalis

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

Category: Senior Group Performance

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

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

Third Place: John Winthrop: His impact on the Connecticut Witch Trials
School: Madina Academy
Students: Madina Saleh and Haneen Abuteen

Category: Senior Individual Performance

First Place: Mister Rogers: Breaking Barriers in Television to Nourish the Minds of Young Children
School: Conard High School
Student: Marlena Pegolo

Second Place: Breaking Illegal Surveillance: The Burglars Who Stole the Secrets of the FBI
School: South Windsor High School
Student: Iniya Raja

Third Place: Splitting the Atom: The Legacy of J. Robert Oppenheimer and the Manhattan Project
School: Staples High School
Student: Thomas Sargent

Category: Senior Group Website

First Place: Robert Smalls: Breaking the Barrier of Intolerance
School: Staples High School
Students: Lea Rivel and Emma Nordberg

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

Third Place: Elizabeth Blackwell: A Pioneering Physician Who Dented the Gender Barrier
School: Staples High School
Student: Ava Vincini and Sarah Thomas
Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: The Tuskegee Airmen: Soaring Through the Color Barrier
School: Conard High School
Student: Ethan Mathieu

Second Place: Caroline Hewins: Opening the World of Libraries to Children
School: Chairvolotti Homeschool
Student: Audrey Chairvolotti

Third Place: Italian Immigrant Women: Weaving their Way into the Multi-Cultural Society in Connecticut
School: Wilbur Cross High School
Student: Gabriel Festa