

Connecticut History Day 2022 State Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: Divergent Paths: How the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 Transformed the Debate on U.S.-Japan Relations

School: Worthington Hooker School

Student: Manxi Han

Second Place: From Peru to Yale and back again: The Journey of the Peruvian Machu Picchu Artifacts

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Rachel Mathew

Third Place: To Help or To Hurt: An Exploration of DDT

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Benjamin Burrill

Category: Junior Group Documentary

Bill Brayfield Award for 1st Place Junior Group Documentary

First Place: How the White Rose Bloomed and Flourished

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Students: Penelope Evans and Astha Tripathy

Second Place: Berlin Divided: The Story of Short-lived Diplomacy and Ceaseless Debate

School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School

Students: Isha Shenoy and Kriti Jaladurgam

Third Place: The Tripolitan War: A Calculated Decision or a Lucky Gamble?

School: Intermediate School, Shelton

Students: Payton Severs and Stephanie Sanborn

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Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: Loving v. Virginia: Loving v. Hating

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Gauri Kumbar

Second Place: The Olympic Boycott Debate of 1936: Changing the Face of Discrimination Through Diplomacy

School: Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Student: Kaelyn Cambi

Third Place: The Merritt Parkway: Debating its Way Through History

School: West Rocks Middle School

Student: Kayla Linder

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

First Place: Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: The Origins of Atomic Diplomacy

School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Students: Tessa Grethel and Sophia D'Amico

Second Place: The Cuban Missile Crisis: The Diplomatic Dilemma

School: Nathan Hale Middle School

Students: Daniel Guo, Marianne Joy Montenegro, Anna Kvashchuk, and Olivia Papadopoulos

Third Place: The Seneca Falls Convention: The Diplomatic Start to the U.S. Women's Suffrage Movement

School: Center School, Ellington

Students: Julia Drury and Evelyn Nelson

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place: The Greensboro Sit-Ins: Many Faces of Diplomacy

School: Bedford Middle School

Student: Mulsy Mani Sundararajan

Second Place: The Debate of Radium and Diplomacy of its Evil

School: Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Student: Kira Rand

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Third Place: Silent Spring: Rachel Carson's Fight to Ban DDT

School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Grace Osborne

Category: Junior Group Performance

First Place: Thomas Jefferson: From An Unheard Secretary of State to the President Who Won the First Barbary War, Changing the Role of Debate and Diplomacy in American Foreign Policy

School: Madina Academy

Students: Aanum Khan, Zara Fatima Khan, and Zainah Khaliq

Second Place: Debate and Diplomacy Through Dialogue: How A Cold War Spy Exchange Resulted in Success

School: Mansfield Middle School

Student: Kalyani Tihaiya and Sophie Marcus

Third Place: The Genesis of our National Bank: Debate, Diplomacy, and Direction

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School

Students: Kylie Purdue and Maya Costello

Category: Junior Individual Performance

First Place: Estelle Griswold: Debating the Past for the Future of Women's Healthcare Rights

School: Bristow Middle School

Student: Eleanor Farquhar

Second Place: Prohibition Era in Connecticut

School: Coleytown Middle School

Student: Joey Vazquez

Category: Junior Group Website

First Place: Controversy Surrounding the Israel-Palestine Separation of 1947

School: Worthington Hooker School

Students: Maya Harpaz-Levy and Raisa Ahsan

Second Place: Surrender of the Japanese Empire

School: Bedford Middle School

Students: Alex Cahaly, Samson Viner, and John Mello

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Third Place: Age Olde Debates: The First Continental Congress

School: Mansfield Middle School

Students: Zia Kashwan and Kaela Jia

Category: Junior Individual Website

First Place: "The Hull Note": Failed Diplomacy or an Ultimatum in Disguise?

School: Talcott Mountain Academy

Student: Sia Reddy

Second Place: The Most Hated Treaty in History

School: Scotts Ridge Middle School

Student: Sebastian Utomo

Third Place: The World on Edge: The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962

School: Scotts Ridge Middle School

Student: Joseph Velasco

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Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

Bruce Fraser Prize for Outstanding Senior Paper

First Place: The Armenian Genocide: The Consequences of Silence

School: Loomis Chaffee School

Student: Emily Khym

Second Place: Army Alpha: The Unintended Consequences of the Implementation of Intelligence Testing in the United States

School: Choate Rosemary Hall

Student: Jeff Kim

Third Place: The Complex Legacy of the Iran Hostage Crisis

School: Engineering - Science University Magnet School

Student: Lucina O'Brien

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: Ping Pong Diplomacy: The Remarkable History of the Game That Changed the World

School: The Taft School

Students: Anishka Perera and Drew Niewinski

Second Place: Ambedkar's Mahad Satyagraha: Protesting for Rights in a Caste Based Country

School: Ellington High School

Students: Sivasree Nagavarapu and Daris Pon Mohan Kumar

Third Place: The Debate of Hiroshima Atomic Bombing

School: Ellington High School

Students: Ava Powell, Allyson Currier, and Sydney Matz

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: Peru vs. Yale: a Fight for Repatriation

School: Greenwich Academy

Student: Grace Sullivan

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Second Place: Paving the Way or Spoiling the Day? The Unintended Consequences of FDR's Agricultural Adjustment Act

School: Norwich Free Academy

Student: Brendan Bezanson

Third Place: Ending The Troubles with Diplomatic Debate: How the Mitchell Principles paved the way towards lasting peace in Northern Ireland

School: Conard High School

Student: Claire Flynn

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

First Place: The 1968 Olympics: Controversy Surrounding Athletic Activism

School: Ellington High School

Students: Aidan Ladr, Natalie Kiessling, Damian Smith, and Olivia Tebbetts

Second Place: Cold War Debate, Diplomacy, and the Creation of the Polio Vaccine: Successes, Failures, and Consequences

School: Staples High School

Students: Tessa Tobias, Talia Varsano, and Annika Reddy

Third Place: The Debate and Diplomacy of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act regarding Native American Economic Improvement: Successes, Failures, and Consequences

School: Staples High School

Students: Isabella Rivel, Lucie Nivaud, and Kaya Law

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: Angry Days 1939-1941: Should the U.S. Enter World War II?

School: Staples High School

Student: Dagny Dahl

Second Place: Duck Diplomacy: How Walt Disney Saved FDR's Good Neighbor Policy

School: Norwich Free Academy

Student: Joseph Cook

Third Place: The Lowell Mill Girls: Demonstrating Diplomatic Strategy Through The First Working Women's Union

School: E.O. Smith High School

Student: Mary Lynch

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Category: Senior Group Performance

First Place: The Gold Standard's Control Over the Working Class: William Jennings Bryan's Crusade to End Economic Disparity in America

School: Enfield High School

Students: Sophia Carrier and Kathia Diaz

Second Place: The Congress for Cultural Freedom: The CIA's Cloak and Paintbrush Diplomacy

School: Rockville High School and ACT Magnet School

Students: John Margelony and Clarissa Halpryn

Third Place: Breaking the Bank: Political Debate and the Bank War of 1832

School: E. O. Smith High School

Students: Sarah Levine, Julia Healey-Parera, and Lauren Levine

Category: Senior Individual Performance

First Place: Public Diplomacy in the Debate Between Capitalism and Communism

School: South Windsor High School

Student: Iniya Raja

Second Place: Otto von Bismarck: Germany's Creator and its Killer

School: Trumbull High School

Student: Elizabeth Steeves

Third Place: The Destruction of Indigenous Cultures Through Canadian Residential Schools

School: Pine Point School

Student: Cecilia Zimbelmann

Category: Senior Group Website

First Place: Jacqueline Cochran: The Fight for Women Aviators in the Military

School: Ellington High School

Students: Nadia Zaffanella and Natalie Marshall

Second Place: Galileo: A Scientist Ahead of His Times

School: Ellington High School

Students: Anna Guerette, Samantha Norton, Shayla Regan, and Ana Lundberg April 30,

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Third Place: The U.S.-Soviet Cultural Agreement of 1958: Successes, Failures, and Consequences of Soviet and American Diplomacy

School: Staples High School

Students: Elise Eisenberger, Jolie Gefen, and Tessa Cassell

Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: Minamata's Fight for Justice: How Japan's Failed Debate and Response Sparked Local and Global Change

School: Staples High School

Student: Lucia Wang

Second Place: The Cuban Missile Crisis: How Debate and Diplomacy Saved the World

School: Staples High School

Student: Matthew Delman

Third Place: From Dictatorship to Democracy: The Peaceful End of the Apartheid Era

School: Staples High School

Student: Samantha Sheldon