

Connecticut History Day 2023 State Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Papers

First Place: Katharine Hepburn: Forging Frontiers in Female Fashion

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School (South Windsor)

Student: Rachel Mathew

Second Place: An Unexpected Frontier: How the Civil War Exposed Medical Shortfalls and Prompted Change

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Blake Carlson

Third Place: Here, There and Everywhere: How the Beatles Reinvented Popular Music

School: Worthington Hooker School (New Haven)

Student: Azalea Deener

Category: Individual Documentary

First Place: Hedy Lamarr: The Brains Behind The Beauty That Revolutionized Frequency Cybernetics, Creating The Basis For Most Modern Day Technologies

School: Talcott Mountain Academy (Avon)

Student: Rhea Doshi

Second Place: Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Luke Kalke

Third Place: One Step At a Time: The Story of J. E. Hanger

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School (South Windsor)

Student: Charlotte Zhang

Category: Group Documentary

Bill Brayfield Prize for First Place Junior Group Documentary

First Place: From the Farmland to the Runway: How Denim Revolutionized the Fashion Industry Through Affordability and Transformative Styles

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Students: Siri Klassen, Gargi Karve, Elise Yan

Second Place: The War of 1812: An Opportunity

School: Intermediate School (Shelton)

Students: Payton Severs, Stephanie Sanborn

Third Place: Camera to Court: Focusing the Lens on the Revolution of Child Labor

School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School (Farmington)

Students: Irene Cho, Lauren Rock

Category: Individual Exhibit

First Place: Love Canal: A Precedent for Chemical Contamination Catastrophes and a Legacy of Environmental Advocacy

School: Ellington Middle School (Ellington)

Student: Emmett Smith

Second Place: Noah Webster: A Revolutionary Polymath

School: Crystal Lake School (Ellington)

Student: Sanchaya Vibranarayanan

Third Place: Second Wave: How the Women of the 1960s Cracked the Glass Ceiling of Sexism in Employment

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Caroline Wentland

Category: Group Exhibit

First Place: Helen Keller: Changing How We See Disabilities

School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School (Regional School District 18)

Students: Charlie McEwen, Liam McCormick

Second Place: A Journey into How Deaf Education Has Evolved Over Time

School: Vernon Center Middle School (Vernon)

Students: Makayla Farris, Sarah Rizzo

Third Place: Rosalind Franklin & the Frontier Fracturing Photos

School: Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

Students: Krishaa Bhattacharjee, Claire Yang

Category: Individual Performance

Wayne Smith Memorial Award for First Place Junior Individual Performance

First Place: The Janes: A Frontier for Women's Reproductive Healthcare

School: Pine Point School (Stonington)

Student: Emma Frisbie

Second Place: Victoria Woodhull: The First Woman to Run for President

School: Pine Point School (Stonington)

Student: Dorothy Kearney

Third Place: Mercy Otis Warren: Writing For Freedom

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School (South Windsor)

Student: Emma O'Brien

[Category: Group Performance](#)

First Place: Steinem vs. Schlafly: The Ongoing Battle for Women's Equality

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School (South Windsor)

Students: CC Dresser, Rayna Reed

[Category: Individual Website](#)

First Place: Penicillin: The Antibiotic Breakthrough that Impacted Worldwide Bacterial History

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Student: Noor Hassan

Second Place: How Amateur Radio Changed the Nation

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Student: Jonah Frey

Third Place: The Pequot Defeat: Shifting the Social Landscape of Colonial Connecticut

School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School (Farmington)

Student: Alexandra Czyz

[Category: Group Website](#)

First Place: The Creation of The Internet

School: Westside Middle School Academy (Danbury)

Students: Alexander Barry, Joseph Nigro

Second Place: American Sign Language: The Impact it made on Deaf People

School: School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Taqwa Bedir, Sarah Elsherbini

Third Place: The Gutenberg Printing Press: Opening the Door to Middle-Class Education

School: Mansfield Middle School (Mansfield)

Students: Theodore Cormier, Willis Solomon Marcy

Senior Division

Category: Papers

Bruce Fraser Prize for First Place Senior Paper

First Place: Foreign Mud, Local Landslide: The Struggle Over Economic, Political, and Diplomatic Policies on the Chinese Maritime Frontier in the Prelude to the First Opium War

School: South Windsor High School (South Windsor)

Student: Rishabh Mohapatra

Second Place: The Founding Fathers of Military Medicine: How Hammond, Letterman, and the U.S. Sanitary Commission Crossed a Medical Frontier through Policy and Organization Reforms

School: Yang Homeschool (South Glastonbury)

Student: Abigail Yang

Third Place: The Final Piece of the Puzzle - Gregor Mendel's Completion of Darwin's Theory of Evolution

School: Ellington High School (Ellington)

Student: David Slotter

Category: Individual Documentary

First Place: Frontiers in "Mental Hygiene": How Clifford W. Beers Shifted Attitudes Towards Mental Health

School: High School in the Community (New Haven)

Student: Jonaily Colon

Second Place: Operation Sunshine: How Crossing the Polar Frontier Allowed America to Step Out from Sputnik's Shadow

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Claire Flynn

Third Place: African American Directors: A New Frontier in Film

School: Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Student: Will Schmitz

Category: Group Documentary

First Place: The Scottsboro Tragedy: The Trials That Transformed Civil Rights and the Judicial System

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Salma Mahmoud, Ghita Elamrani

Second Place: Women's Fashion in World War II: A Frontier in Female Identity

School: Greenwich High School (Greenwich)

Students: Charles Andrew Miranda, Jane Stempien, Hanna Klingbeil Canale, Avery Imp, Nicole Orlofsk

Third Place: MJC: Military M.D.

School: Norwich Free Academy (Norwich)

Students: Ruby Chiu, Emily Hong

Category: Individual Exhibit

First Place: "Hold On To The Land": The Treaty of Hartford and its Eradication of Pequot Frontiers

School: E.O. Smith High School (Storrs- Mansfield)

Student: Mary Lynch

Second Place: The Boom Heard 'Round the World: the Development and Deployment of the Atomic Bomb

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Kate Rodriguez

Third Place: Billy Mitchell The Crusade for U.S. Airpower

School: Rockville High School (Vernon)

Student: Nicolas Angeli

Category: Group Exhibit

First Place: Unfathomed Depths of Understanding: The Challenger's Voyage into the Unknown

School: E.O. Smith High School (Storrs- Mansfield)

Students: Amanda Zadnik, Simonne Thibeault

Second Place: Laying Down Frontiers of the Future: The Transcontinental Railroad's Economic and Cultural Influence

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Evan Wallitt, Claudia Trinchi, Oliver Oren, Perrin Root

Third Place: The Impact of the British Empire in South Asia

School: Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (Hartford)

Students: Manyata Pathania, Margaret Rebeiro

Category: Individual Performance

Wayne Smith Memorial Award for First Place Senior Individual Performance

First Place: Food Network; pioneering opportunities for women in the culinary industry

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Camille Mergenthaler

Category: Group Performance

**First Place: Clara Barton's Advocacy for the Geneva Treaty: A Frontier in American History
Implementing International Humanitarian Laws**

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Deana Khatib, Tasneem Zoghol, Fatima Khan, Zainah Khaliq

Second Place: The Wilde Trials: Pioneering Discussions about Homosexuality

School: E.O. Smith High School (Storrs- Mansfield)

Students: Kalyani Tihaiya, Mia Chen, Kayla Lin

Third Place: Operation Donnie Brasco: Convicting the American Mafia

Schools: Arts at the Capitol Theater Magnet School (Willimantic) & Rockville High School (Vernon)

Students: Clarissa Halpryn, John Margelony

Category: Individual Website

First Place: Televised debates and the effect, Nixon v. Kennedy

School: Brunswick (Greenwich)

Student: Nina Lux

**Second Place: 红龙之征途: 华人移民经历 hóng lóng zhī zhēngtú: huárén yímín jīnglì The Journey
of the Red Dragon: The Chinese Immigration Experience**

School: Norwich Free Academy (Norwich)

Student: Amy Zhang

Third Place: New Orbits: How Valentina Tereshkova Propelled Progress on Two Fronts

School: Wilbur Cross High School (New Haven)

Student: Ila Sundstrom

Category: Group Website

First Place: The Vietnam War Memorial: How Maya Lin Revolutionized Memorial Design

School: Wilbur Cross High School (New Haven)

Students: Magda Lena Griffel, Sophia Zhang

Second Place: Janis Joplin: Crossing Frontiers in Blues and Rock Music

School: Norwich Free Academy (Norwich)

Students: Amelia Tart, Brooke Romanski

Third Place: From TV Dinners to Fast Food Nation: The Cultural Impact of Processed Foods in America

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Levi Nevstad, Elliot Galin, Jake Wadley, William Fleming