

Connecticut History Day 2023 State Contest Special Prize Results

David O. White Prize for Outstanding Entry in African American History *Sponsored by: Association for the Study of Connecticut History*

Project: Jackie Robinson: Breaking Barriers in Baseball and Beyond

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

School: Ellington High School (Ellington)

Students: Jaela Garrow, Jenna Garrow, Kayleigh Wiegand

George Washington Leadership in History Prize-Junior Division

Sponsored by: The Washington Library at George Washington's Mount Vernon

Project: Lafayette and The Revolution

Category: Junior Group Documentary

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Students: Diego Flores, Gaige Gawrych

George Washington Leadership in History Prize-Senior Division

Sponsored by: The Washington Library at George Washington's Mount Vernon

Project: America Goes Global: How Benjamin Franklin Shaped a National Identity

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

School: South Windsor High School

Student: Grace Smith

Outstanding Award Related to a Social Justice Issue

Sponsored by: History Department, Southern Connecticut State University

Project: "Denied Entry"

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

School: Torrington High School (Torrington)

Students: Keila Santos, Makayla Rodriguez, Olivia Andrade

Outstanding Entry for Use of Materials from a Connecticut Museum or Collecting Institution

Sponsored by: Connecticut League of History Organizations

Project: The Role of Operation Bootstrap on Puerto Rican Migration

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

School: High School in the Community (New Haven)

Students: Isabella Rivera, Nicole Tubac

Outstanding Entry in American Colonial History

Sponsored by: Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford

Project: The Trial of Levi Weeks: America's First Fully Transcribed Murder Trial

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

School: Bristow Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Ari Shukla

Outstanding Entry in Connecticut History

Sponsored by: Connecticuthistory.org, a program of CT Humanities

Project: Adapting to The American Frontier: The History & Legacy of Samson Occom and the Brothertown Indian Nation

Category: Senior Paper

The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

Student: Michael Iacovacci

Outstanding Entry in Native American History

Sponsored by: Akomawt Educational Initiative

Project: "It's Hard to Hate Someone That You Know a Lot About": How Gladys Tantaquidgeon Was a Frontier for Preserving Mohegan Culture, Protecting Indigenous Medicine, and Defining the Role of Indigenous Women in Society and Academia

Category: Junior Group Documentary

Memorial Middle School (Southbury)

Students: Jillian O'Connor, Maria Bueno, Marlo Gabriele, Payton Pentino

Outstanding Entry in World History - Junior Division

Sponsored by: Connecticut Council for the Social Studies

Project: "The Greats" That Came Before

Category: Junior Individual Performance

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Jasmita Mani Lorenzato

Outstanding Entry in World History - Senior Division

Sponsored by: Connecticut Council for the Social Studies

Project: Footsteps of an Empire: Frontiers of the Ancient World

Category: Senior Group Website

School: Pomperaug Regional High School (Southbury)

Students: Liam Quinn, Owen Broadwater

Outstanding Entry Related to an Under-Represented Connecticut Community

Sponsored by: Connecticut Landmarks

Project: Mary Townsend Seymour: Rethinking the Role of Women and African Americans in the Connecticut Political Frontier

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

School: Windham Technical High School (Willimantic)

Student: Denayah Bostick

Outstanding Entry Related to Civics, Government, or Citizenship

Sponsored by: Connecticut Democracy Center

Project: Ulysses S. Grant and his effect on the Civil Rights movement of the 1800's

Category: Senior Individual Website

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Liam Furlong

Outstanding Entry Related to Slavery or Abolition

Sponsored by: The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition

Project: The Pioneers: How Formerly Enslaved Haitians Re-Ordered Society and Changed History Forever

Category: Junior Paper

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Owen Boberski

Outstanding Entry that Best Incorporates Jewish History, Heritage and/or a Jewish Personality

Sponsored by: Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County

Project: Jews on the American Frontier; How They Helped Expand the West and the Challenges They Faced

Category: Junior Individual Website

School: King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Amaia Potashner

Prize for Outstanding Entry in American Legal History - Junior Division

Sponsored by: Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

Project: AMBER: The Murder That Saved Thousands

Junior Paper

School: Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School (East Haddam)

Student: Kaelyn Cambi

Prize for Outstanding Entry in American Legal History - Senior Division
Sponsored by: Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

Project: Margaret Sanger: The Creation of Birth Control

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Katherine Fitzgerald, Lola Lamensdorf, Rhiya Anand, Sophie Cochran

Special Prize for an Outstanding Entry in Aerospace or Technological History
Sponsored by: New England Air Museum

Project: Women who worked on the Manhattan Project: How did women help create the two bombs that ended WWII?

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

School: Bristow Middle School (West Hartford)

Students: Nina Francone, Payton Bailey

The Bruce Stave Special Prize for the Best Use of Oral History Prize
Sponsored by: Connecticut Coalition for History

Project: Frontiers in the Vietnam War: The Role of Geography and its impact on Tactics

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

School: High School in the Community (New Haven)

Students: Marbella Escobar Gonzalez, Yeilienys Ojeda