Connecticut History Day
2023 Fairfield Regional Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers
First Place: The Pioneers: How the Formerly Enslaved Haitians Re-Ordered Society and Changed History Forever
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Owen Boberski

Second Place: An Unexpected Frontier: How the Civil War Exposed Medical Shortfalls and Prompted Change
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Blake Carlson

Third Place: The Black Spot: the Annexation of Alsace-Lorraine and its Effects on Nationalism Before WW1
School: West Rocks Middle School
Students: Michael Wu

Category: Junior Group Documentary
First Place: From the Farmlands to the Runway: How Denim Revolutionized the Fashion Industry Through Affordability and Transformative Styles
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Gargi Karve, Siri Klassen and Elise Yan

Second Place: The War of 1812: An Opportunity
School: Shelton Intermediate School
Students: Stephanie Sanborn and Payton Severs

Third Place: Propofol: How it Revolutionized the Anesthetic Field
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Chloe Wong and Luca Ghedini
Category: Junior Individual Documentary
First Place: The USS Nautilus: A Nuclear Milestone
School: West Rocks Middle School
Students: Kayla Linder

Second Place: Hip Hop: The Genre that Changed the Music Industry Forever
School: Coleytown Middle School
Students: Ella Turner

Third Place: The Creation of the Video Game and How They Changed the World
School: Coleytown Middle School
Students: Jasper Hultgren

Category: Junior Group Exhibit
First Place: Rosalind Franklin & the Frontier Fracturing Photos
School: Scotts Ridge Middle School
Students: Krishaa Bhattacharjee and Claire Young

Second Place: Apollo 11: The Final Frontier
School: West Rocks Middle School
Students: Ciara O’Malley, Ramona Gayton, and Madelyn Arbelaez

Third Place: Oil Pollution Act of 1990: A Change to Oil Management Forever
School: West Rocks Middle School
Students: Pranav Shetty, Jameson Booth, and Benjamin Singh

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit
First Place: Discovery of Electromagnetic Waves: Piercing Through the Boundaries of our Physical World
School: Roton Middle School
Students: Eshan Amin

Second Place: The First National Park: Yellowstone
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Emily Shiel
Third Place: Christine Jorgensen In: Trans Rights
School: Scotts Ridge Middle School
Students: Silt Soreff

**Category: Junior Individual Performance**

**First Place: “The Great” That Came Before**
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Jasmita Mani Lorenzato

**Category: Junior Group Website**

**First Place: Startling the World: The Beginning of a New Terror**
School: Scotts Ridge Middle School
Students: Ravi Natarajan and Alexander De Brino

**Second Place: Roe v. Wade**
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Bryn Lieberman and Sonali Bedi

**Third Place: A Life Altering Wonder Drug: The Discovery of Penicillin**
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Tucker Eklund and Will Loranger

**Category: Junior Individual Website**

**First Place: The Foundations of Aviation**
School: Scotts Ridge Middle School
Students: Abigail Bakle

**Second Place: Dorothea Dix**
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Cameryn Brink

**Third Place: How Amateur Radio Changed the Nation**
School: Coleytown Middle School
Students: Jonah Frey
Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers
First Place: Seeking the Greatest Good: Gifford Pinchot and the Frontier of the Conservationist Movement
School: The Academy of Information Technology
Students: Ilze Ulyanov

Second Place: Jeni LeGon: Tapping into the Civil Rights Frontier
School: The Academy of Information Technology
Students: Ella Leferman

Third Place: The Forgotten First Reservation: The History & Legacy of Samson Occum and the Brothertown Indian Nation
School: The Academy of Information Technology
Students: Michael Iacovacci

Category: Senior Group Documentary
First Place: Women’s Fashion in World War II: A Frontier in Female Identity
School: Greenwich High School
Students: Nicole Orlofsky, Avery Imp, Hanna Klingbeil Canale, Charles Andrew Miranda, and Jane Stempien

Second Place: Frontiers in Film: The Western Movie
School: Greenwich High School
Students: Bettina Gunnerson, Helen Puskar, and Zarah Hillman

Third Place: Le Voyage Dans La Lune: Changing The Way Movies Were Made Forever
School: Staples High School
Students: Jacob Beaton and Josh Ginsburg

Category: Senior Individual Documentary
First Place: How A Neighborhood Pushed the Frontier of Children’s Television
School: Staples High School
Students: Aidan Goldenburg
Category: Senior Group Exhibit
First Place: Laying Down Frontiers of the Future: The Transcontinental Railroad’s Economic and Cultural Influence
School: Staples High School
Students: Evan Wallitt, Oliver Oren, Perrin Root, and Claudia Trinchi

Second Place: Margaret Sanger: The Creation of Birth Control
School: Staples High School
Students: Lola Lamensdorf, Rhiya Anand, Katherine Fitzgerald, and Sophie Cochran

Third Place: Muhammad Ali: Paving the Way for Future Fighters
School: Staples High School
Students: Brett Lampert, Pierce Brown, Aidan Stubbs, and Anthony Cheung

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit
First Place: Ella Fitzgerald: A Civil Rights Activist and Growing Singer
School: Staples High School
Students: Eliza Gurley

Second Place: The Boom Heard ‘Round the World: the Development and Deployment of the Atomic Bomb
School: Staples High School
Students: Kate Rodriguez

Third Place: How the Fathers of Ancient Philosophy Changed the Modern World
School: Staples High School
Students: Stella Weinbrenner

Category: Senior Individual Performance
First Place: Food Network; pioneering opportunities for women in the culinary industry
School: Staples High School
Students: Camille Mergenthaler
Category: Senior Group Website
**First Place: From TV Dinners to Fast Food Nation: The Cultural Impact of Processed Foods in America**
School: Staples High School
Students: Jake Wadley, Levi Nevstad, Elliot Galin, and William Fleming

**Second Place: Title IX: The Law that Leveled America’s Playing Fields**
School: Staples High School
Students: Tyla Ozgen, Sophia Novello, and Sofia Fidalgo Schioppa

**Third Place: Rhythms of Resistance: The Power of Music in the Civil Rights Movement**
School: Staples High School
Students: Audrey Bunan and Liora Perkins

Category: Senior Individual Website
**First Place: A Ripple Effect: The Impact of Marie and Pierre Curie’s Research on Radiation and Radioactive Elements**
School: Staples High School
Students: Aidan Zer

**Second Place: Immigrants by Imperialism**
School: Staples High School
Students: Samuel Rondon

**Third Place: Ulysses S. Grant and his effect on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1800’s**
School: Staples High School
Students: Liam Furlong