

Connecticut History Day 2025 State Contest Special Prize Results

Outstanding Entry for Use of Materials and/or Collections Held in a CT Archive, Museum, or Historical Society tied to a CT Historic Site

Sponsored by: Connecticut League of Museums

Project: A Town's Duty: Southbury's Historic Stand Against the Nazis

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

School: Hamden Hall Country Day School

Student: Jessie Zheng, Linda Chen

Outstanding Entry in Native American History

Sponsored by: Akomawt Educational Initiative

Project: The American Indian Movement's Self-Determination to Regain Tribal Sovereignty During the Wounded Knee Occupation of 1973

Category: Senior Paper

School: Ellington High School

Student: Kaitlyn Powers

Outstanding Entry in Connecticut History

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

Project: Hilda Crosby Standish- A Timeline of Her Work for Reproductive Rights

Category: Senior Group Performance

School: Manchester High School

Student: Parker Agresta, Shaelan Gara Grady

Bruce Stave Prize for Best Use of Oral History, Immigrant or Urban History

Sponsored by: Connecticut Coalition for History

Project: Red Flags, Red Lines, and the Red Scare: The Legacy of the Palmer Raids

Category: Senior Individual Performance

School: South Windsor High School

Student: Asmi Kulkarni

Outstanding Entry in American Legal History

Sponsored by: CT Supreme Court Historical Society

Junior Division

Project: The Scopes Trial: Rights and Responsibilities in Education

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Avery Hand

Senior Division

Project: The Radium Girls: A Critical Lesson for Employers in Worker Safety

Category: Senior Paper

School: The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

Student: Toni Brown

David O. White Prize for Outstanding Entry in African-American History

Sponsored by: Association for the Study of Connecticut History

Project: The Double Victory Campaign: How National Duty Clashed with the Fight for Equality

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

School: Norwich Free Academy

Student: Keegan Levine

Outstanding Entry that Incorporates a Building, Landscape, or Archaeological Site in the US that Promotes a Historic Preservation Ethic

Sponsored by: Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Project: Burning Bridges; McClellan and Burnside at Antietam

Category: Senior Group Performance

School: Norwich Free Academy

Students: Cobain Jones, Harold Trafford

Outstanding Entry in World History

Sponsored by: Connecticut Council for the Social Studies

Junior Division

Project: Work, Family, Fatherland: the National Revolution in Vichy France

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

School: Worthington Hooker School

Student: Daelen Dinkler, Mengzhou Han

Senior Division

Project: The Treaty of Paris of 1783: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities in Post-War Diplomacy

Category: Senior Paper

School: The Hotchkiss School (Salisbury)

Student: Sungyun Kim

Outstanding Entry Related to Civics, Government, or Citizenship

Sponsored by: Connecticut Democracy Center

Project: How Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul Impacted Women's Rights in the 19th Amendment

Category: Junior Group Performance

School: Worthington Hooker School

Students: Alice Asael, Amina Ramazanova

Outstanding Entry Related to Slavery or Abolition

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

Project: The Amistad Case: A Struggle for Freedom, Rights, and Moral Responsibility

Category: Senior Group Documentary

School: Norwich Free Academy

Students: Mackenzie Meyer, Talia Gonzalez

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

Sponsored by: Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County

Project: Medicine and Morals: How the Nuremberg Code Protected the Rights of Patients While Defining the Responsibility of Physicians

Category: Senior Paper

School: South Windsor High School

Student: Rachel Mathew

Outstanding Entry in Maritime History

Sponsored by: National Maritime Historical Society

Junior Division

Project: The 1973 Treaty: The Return of the Polar Bears

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

School: James H Moran Middle School (Wallingford)

Students: Juliet Caponera, Norah Kiely

Senior Division

Project: Whales and dolphins in captivity for entertainment

Category: Senior Group Documentary

School: Norwich Free Academy

Students: Farsa Ahmed, Skylarre Brown

Special Prize for an Outstanding Entry in Aerospace or Technological History

Sponsored by: New England Air Museum

Project: The Legacy of Asilomar '75 : The Debate that Forged the Rights and Responsibilities for the Future of Life

Category: Junior Individual Website

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Aaron Aldrin

Outstanding Entry Related to American Colonial History

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

Project: Breaking Boundaries: Women's Fight for Equality in the American Revolution

Category: Senior Group Performance

School: Norwich Free Academy

Student: Kaylee Woods, Sienna Chaffee

Outstanding Entry Related to a Social Justice Issue

Sponsored by: History Department, Southern Connecticut State University

Project: The Montgomery Bus Boycott: How Black Citizens Took the Responsibility to Have Their Rights Acknowledged

Category: Junior Paper

School: Sedgwick Middle School

Student: Emilie Mathieu