

Connecticut History Day 2024 State Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: *The Mass Production of Penicillin Project During World War II: A Dual Turning Point in the History of Medicine and the U.S.*

Pharmaceutical Industry

School: Amity Middle School: Bethany (Woodbridge)

Student: Eric Chen

Second Place: *Starman Waiting in the Sky: David Bowie, Glam Rock, and the Remaking of Gender Identity*

School: Worthington Hooker School (New Haven)

Student: Azalea Deener

Third Place: *Edwin Hubble: How One Galaxy Turned Into Millions*

School: Worthington Hooker School (New Haven)

Student: Iris B.E.

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *The Invention of the Sewing Machine: A Turning Point in Women's History*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Annabelle Brooks

Second Place: *"Nunca Mas", Grandmothers of Change*

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Student: Alex Sheefel

Third Place: *A Miracle on Ice; A Turning Point in American Hockey and The Cold War*

School: Memorial Middle School (Middlebury)

Student: Alaina Uva

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

First Place: *The Capitol Crawl: A Climb for Disability Equality and the Push for the ADA*

School: Center School (Ellington)

Students: Katie Smith, Julianne Pashe

Second Place: *Hayes v. Tilden: The Dastardly Compromise of 1877*

School: Vernon Center Middle School (Vernon)

Students: Jacob Brown, Charles Guida

Third Place: *Anna Louise James Breaking the Barrier in the Medical Field*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Students: Emma Conway, Alexiana Rinaldi

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: *William T.G. Morton's Ether Day: A Turning Point in Surgical Anesthesia*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Ishanvi Mohapatra

Second Place: *Results in a Flash: How X-Rays Revolutionized the Medical Field*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School (Enfield)

Student: Emily Gourley

Third Place: *Turning a Page in History: The Gutenberg Printing Press*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Yilin Lin

Category: Junior Group Documentary

Bill Brayfield Prize for First Place Junior Group Documentary

First Place: *Harlem's Golden Age: Revolution and Rebirth*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Students: Zayd Hemdan, Lev Piterbarg, Oliver Sunderji

Second Place: *Germ Theory: A Turning Point in Healthcare*

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Noor Hassan, Sarah Elsherbini

Third Place: *The Impact of Barbie*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Students: Alina Knapp, Quinn Danbeck, Julia Riley

Category: Junior Individual Performance

Wayne Smith Memorial Award for First Place Junior Individual Performance

First Place: *Dr. Bernice Sandler: Too Strong For A Woman*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Asmi Kulkarni

Second Place: *The Wonders and Woes of a Turning Point: The Basilic Cannon's Blast into Multiculturalism*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Liam Harrison

Third Place: *Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

School: Pine Point School (Mystic)

Student: Charlotte Rodgers

Category: Junior Group Performance

First Place: *The Hartford Circus Fire; Sparking a Change*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Students: Thomas Hagymasi, Owen Miller, Dylan Juliano, Avery Mazzacane, Cali Hoehne

Second Place: *How the charter oak ploy shaped Connecticut*

School: Fields Memorial School (Bozrah)

Students: Elise Kobelski, Hannah East

Third Place: *The Black Death: A Pandemic That Both Changed And Ended Lives*

School: Mansfield Middle School School (Storrs)

Students: Nana Ama Osei Bonsu, Deirdre Tindall, Isabella Peres, Elif Ozcakar

Category: Junior Individual Website

First Place: *Cogito, Ergo Sum: Decartes' Cartesian Revelation*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Aaron Aldrin

Second Place: *My Lai: The Massacre That Changed the Course of the Vietnam War*

School: Worthington Hooker School (New Haven)

Student: Sieun Yoo

Third Place: *The Transistor: One Discovery Changed the World Forever*

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Student: Ethan Maxwell Valencia

Category: [Junior Group Website](#)

First Place: *The History and Evolution of The Small-Pox Vaccine*

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Enaaya Mohammed, Musfira Bhuiyan

Second Place: *Stalingrad: How the Triumph of the Red Army Turned the Tide of War in the East*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School (Enfield)

Students: Avishkar Kasiliya, Andrew Doyle

Third Place: *The Magic Bullet: How Anesthesia Transformed Medicine*

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Salma Hassan, Sohyla Hassan

Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

Bruce Fraser Prize for First Place Senior Paper

First Place: *Russia in Central Asia: Immigration, Self-Determination, and the Impacts of Soviet Rule*

School: Loomis Chaffee School (Windsor)

Student: Ruopan Song

Second Place: *Turning the Wheel of Revolution: The Ambivalent Struggles of Modern China's Zhiqing Generation*

School: The Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)

Student: Jingxuan Lin

Third Place: *The Charter of 1662: How New Haven Colony's Radical Puritanism Led to its Demise as an Independent Colony and the Creation of Modern Connecticut*

School: Wilbur Cross High School (New Haven)

Student: Julian Theodore

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *A Battle of Rights for the Incarcerated: The Legacy of the Attica Prison Riot*

School: Ellington High School (Ellington)

Student: Emmett Smith

Second Place: *"We're Crawling into History": The Capitol Crawl's Pivotal Role in Disability Justice, Visibility, and Equitable Access*

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Neila Feeney

Third Place: *Turning Points in Civil Rights Movements: How the Story of Mamie Till Changed the Nation*

School: High School In The Community (New Haven)

Student: Mya Stettinger

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

First Place: *A Turning Point in Culture: The Immoral Origin and Immortal Legacy of HeLa Cells*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Uma Choudhury, Zara Saliba, Caroline Banks

Second Place: *Shoot for the Moon, Land on the Climate: How Earthrise Turned the World onto Environmental Advocacy*

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

Students: Amanda Zadnik, Simonne Thibeault, Hailey Sharma

Third Place: *Breaking Cultural and Educational Boundaries: Yung Wing*

School: Amity Regional High School (Woodbridge)

Students: Jessie Zheng, Linda Chen

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: *The Great Swamp Fight: The Battle That Change American History*

School: South Windsor High School (South Windsor)

Student: Aarush Kalia

Second Place: *Marshall and Brown: A Courageous Legal Battle That Changed It All*

School: East Haven High School (East Haven)

Student: Kayla DeLuca

Third Place: *Growth among the Ruins: The Great Chicago Fire's reform to Chicago's Fire Department and Laws*

School: Ellington High School (Ellington)

Student: Anthony Gray

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: *The Creation of Sesame Street: A Turning Point in Educational History*

School: Ellington High School (Ellington)

Students: Maura Armstrong, Teagan Dieterle

Second Place: *"Weaving" a New Path: How the Boll Weevil set off the Great Migration*

School: South Windsor High School (South Windsor)

Students: Aashritha Sathish, Hasini Gunda, Smriti Rajan, Angelese Santiago

Third Place: *Dictatorship to Democracy: How the Death of Franco and the Rise of Juan Carlos led to a Democratic Spain*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Students: Ferran Ruiz, Kostas Rakevicius

Category: Senior Individual Performance

Wayne Smith Memorial Award for First Place Senior Individual Performance

First Place: *From Protest to Progress: Helena Hill Weed and the Birth of a New Activist Movement*

School: South Windsor High School (South Windsor)

Student: Bhaavni Krishna

Second Place: *The Right to Counsel. The story of Clarence Earl Gideon and his fight for Due Process*

School: High School In The Community (New Haven)

Student: Emiliana Torres

Third Place: *The Columbine High School Shooting: A Day That Would Change Schools Forever*

School: East Lyme High School (East Lyme)

Student: Emma Frisbie

Category: Senior Group Performance

First Place: *From Asian Exclusion to Inclusion: The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965*

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

Students: Kalyani Tihaiya, Mia Chen, Kayla Lin

Second Place: *Beyond the Boundaries of the Human and Feminist World*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Chloe Jordan, Sienna Wearsch

Third Place: *The Electrical Atlas: How the Transistor held up the Sky for Modern Computing*

School: Enfield High School (Enfield)

Students: Kathia Diaz, Anthony Galvez, Conner Ramsdell, William Moody

Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: *The Shot that Echoed Across the World: The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Julien McMahon

Second Place: *Harriet Beecher Stowe: Pen to Power*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Student: Alexandra Czyz

Third Place: *Nixon's Visit to China: The Week That Became a Turning Point for Sino-American Relations*

School: Amity Regional High School (Woodbridge)

Student: Rob Huang

Category: [Senior Group Website](#)

First Place: *Breaking Enigma: Decrypting Victory*

School: Ellington High School (Ellington)

Students: Connor Lagasse, Braeden Lagasse

Second Place: *The Booming Babies*

School: Norwich Free Academy (Norwich)

Students: Maya Combs, Baoyi Zhou

Third Place: *The Hartford Circus Fire of 1944: How One Fire Became a Turning Point for Safety Protocols in the Industry*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Students: Jane Guay, Jwalitha Nareddy, Jiayi Liu, Selina Shi