

**2023**  
**National History Day**  
**Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas**  
**Award Winners**

**Junior Division**

**Group Performance:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Life of Molly: First Female Pioneer*

Patricia Abruzzo, Helena Sullivan, Caitlin Wegielnik

**Historical Paper:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Silk Road*

Franklin Mulvaney

**Individual Exhibit:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Bonus Army*

Sawyer Davis

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Hedy Lamarr: Breaking through the Frontier of Wireless Technology*

Eva Ritcher

**Group Exhibit:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Hedy Lamarr: Inventor of Frequency Hopping*

Hennie England & Sophia Curley

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Seneca Falls Convention: A New Frontier in Women's History*

Andie DiGioia, Michael DiVincenzo & Julia Goodwin

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Frontiers in Film Production: Kinemacolor and the First Color Movie in History*

Gemma Bedell, Piper Davis & Chelsea Drumblings

**Individual Website:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Recovering Lost Maps from the Denmark Expedition: A Frontier in Mapping*

Sena Knopf

**Group Website:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Martin Luther King Jr.: A Pioneer Who Ended Segregation*

Noah Garcia & Evan Murillo

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Einstein and His Theories: Pioneer in History*

Eli Levi, Cormac Driscoll & Ronan Driscoll

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The X-Ray: A New Frontier in Medical History*

Avery Davidson & Leila O'Toole

**Individual Documentary:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *NBA Pioneer: The Story of the First Black Player to Play in the NBA*

Kaitlin Purcell

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Beatles: Pioneers of Music*

Zachary Goldstein

**Group Documentary:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Princess Diana: A Pioneer for the Royals*

Harper Cohn, Angelica Cunningham, Celia LoPorto & Brianna Purcell

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Peloponnesian War*

Nico Meloni & Charles Stanforth

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Theodore Roosevelt*

Emily Casamassima, Gracyn Steinert & Quinn Woodley

## **Junior Division Special Awards:**

### **Women's History**

*History of Women's Lacrosse*

Luisa Mackey, Emma Martin & Shelby Meystrik

### **Military History Award**

*Desmond T. Doss: An American Hero*

William Oliva & Matthew Krull

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## **Senior Division**

### **Historical Paper:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Frontiers: A Flower that Blooms: Iris Chang and the Rape of Nanking*

Anne Tyrell

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The World's First Disputed Surrogacy Case: "The Matter of Baby M"*

Charlotte Gordon

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The War on Drugs: How Mass Incarceration was used as a Legal Frontier to Target Black Americans*

Caitlin Maher Dubnau

## **Individual Website:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster: The Event that Sparked Hypervigilance around Nuclear Technology*

Adriana Nunez Mendez

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Space Exploration: The Everlasting Frontier*

Anthony Addeo

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Ice Breaker: The Story of Willie O'Ree*

Cameron Smith

## **Group Website:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Taiwan: China's Island Frontier*

Hillel Linker & Shaina Linker

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Que Viva Mexico: Chicano Moratorium*

Andrea Mani-Munoz, Damaris Mani-Munoz, & Jannel Marroquin

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Dogs in Warfare: Combating Frontiers and Forwarding History*

Jessica Bree & Heileen Torres

## **Individual Documentary:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Julia Child*

Maya Akerman

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Korean War*

Ashton Davies

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Freud's Psychoanalytic Revolution*

Jack Semelsberger

## **Group Documentary:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Development and Discovery of Anesthesia*

Kaylee Splendorio & Mary Marinello

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Matchgirls Strike: Striking up New Unionism*

Kiley Barch, Louisa Skrobela, Emma Polinsky, & Sofia Vias

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Mathew Brady's Capturing of the Civil War: Altering the Use of Photography Forever*

Jada Joseph, Marley Joseph, & Reese Rinaldi

## **Individual Performance:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *How John Williams Revolutionized the Film Score and Touched the Hearts of Listeners Everywhere*

Emily Kustera

## **Group Performance:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Igor Stravinsky: Rite of Spring*

Josephine Sullivan, Alexa Schirripa, & Maggie O'Toole

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Marie and Pierre Curie: A Radioactive Legacy*

Isabella Careccia-Johnson & Rafaella Gregorio

## **Individual Exhibit:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Amish: Standing the Test of Time*

Molly O'Brien

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Apple Computer*

Vincenza Garafalo

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Steve Biko: Frontier in South Africa*

Ruby Hoffman

## **Group Exhibit:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Duke Kahanamoku*

Bridget Callery, Grace Gordan & Claire Parks

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *When the Men are Away the Women Will Play*

Ruby Baliber, Erika Hernandez Veliz & Mildred Hernandez Veliz

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Planned Parenthood Healthcare for All: A Frontier in Sex Education*

Charlotte Cassatto & Wynne Franciscovich

## **SENIOR DIVISION SPECIAL AWARDS:**

### **Native American History:**

Group Documentary

*Navajo Native Americans in World War II*

Lucas Spagnoletti, Lars Galvin, Katherine Estrada, and Lily Froggatt Bale

### **Women's History:**

Individual Website

*Nellie Bly: Bringing Awareness of Treatment in Mental Asylums and Women in Journalism*

Mabelin Maldonado Licona

### **African American History Award:**

Individual Website

*Rebecca Lee Crumpler: An Unsung Hero of Civil Rights in the Medical Field*

Nyah Grigg

## **Discovery or Exploration in History:**

Group Exhibit

*Apollo 11*

Olivia Kaufman, Kyra Larsen, Grace Oliva, & Jolie Weinschreider

## **Civil War History Award:**

Individual Website

*Fighting Frontiers: Black Soldiers in the Civil War*

Niko Luleuich

## **Equality in History Award:**

Group Documentary

*Climbing the Steps to Equality*

Samantha Koepele & Jack Ruthkowski

## **Latino American History Award:**

Group Website

*Cesar Chavez: Standing Up For What's Right*

Eshmal Fatima & Jaellyn Portillo Bueso

## **Holocaust and Genocide Studies Award:**

Group Exhibit

*Irena Sendler: The Caregiver of Jewish Children*

Giovanna Lanfranco, Jesley Martinez Canales, Emely Herrera Rivas,  
& Cecilena Mong Moreira

## **History of Physical Sciences and Technology Award:**

Group Website

*The Internet: How it changed the course of human history forever*

Sofia Gomez Calderon & Kimberly Castro Perdomo

## **The Arts in History Award:**

Individual Website

*George Balanchine: The Ballet Maker*

Lexie Balm

## **Immigration History Award:**

Group Website

*How has Temporary Protected Status affected both the United States and Migrants*

Cristel Hernandez & Kimberly Panameno

## **Military History Award:**

Group Website

*Armed Etiquette: The Geneva Convention*

Ethan Ambrosio, Samuel Klaaren & Caleb Palermo

## **Sports History:**

Group Documentary:

Jim Brown: Multi-valuable Player

Brennen Ackerman, Dylan Heller & Griffin Kanzer

## **Topic of Merit in Global History 9th Grade:**

Individual Website

*Aaron Aaronsohn: Pioneer in Agriculture & Espionage*

Jordana Boxer

## **Topic of Merit in Global History 10th Grade:**

Paper

*The Articles of Confederation: The necessary failure that explored the new frontiers of democracy*

Nicholas Plachta



## **Topic of Merit in American History 11th Grade:**

Podcast

*Sex, Drugs, and Loopholes: Codifying the Film Industry*

Lily Tierney

## **Clio Award:**

Group Exhibit

*The Frontier of a Century: The Otto Engine*

Jaipreet Singh, Andrew Ochoa Islas, & Luis Orrego Salinas

## **Jack Abrams Local History Award:**

Paper

*The Settlement and Development of Lloyd Neck*

Thomas Smith

## **Principal's Award:**

Paper

*The Expansion and Abolition of Slavery*

Mari Velasquez Maldonado