2022 State Contest Results

Note: Students in first and second place of each category are the Ohio Affiliate National Qualifiers! More information will be sent to those students via email.

Junior Group Documentary

1st Place
Students: Siya Lakireddy, Aanya Lakireddy
Project: The Montreal Protocol: A Successful Diplomatic Achievement That Resolved the Debate Over the Ozone Layer
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino,

2nd Place
Students: Atidya Mohan, Shashini Mohan, Nakshatra Mohan
Project: The Great Divide: The Bloody Legacy of the India-Pakistan Partition
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

3rd Place
Students: Benjamin Miyares, Jordan Gordon
Project: “Our People Need Peace”: The Debate and Diplomacy of Richard Holbrooke and the End of the Bosnian War
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller

4th Place
Students: Ava Neyer, Sophie Hajjar, Maya Fertick, Abby White
Project: Apollo 8: The Great Debate
School: Mercy Montessori
Teacher: Elizabeth Pille

Senior Group Documentary

1st Place
Students: Taye Ziv, Henry York, Shawn Yu
Project: Liberty Through Diplomacy: The Iran Hostage Crisis
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

2nd Place
Students: Jillian Nelson, Jonas Conn, Ellie Dew
Project: Toxic Waste Dump: The Debate and Diplomacy Behind Love Canal
School: Whetstone High School
Teacher: Krista Buckley
3rd Place
Students: Kira Anderson, Vee Flowers, Annie Fleece
Project: The Stonewall Riots: A Six-Day Saga
School: Whetstone High School
Teacher: Krista Buckley

4th Place
Students: Juliana Barnhart, Kathryn Stone
Project: The Case of Dr. Sam Sheppard: The Media’s Murder
School: St. Francis DeSales High School
Teacher: Colleen Mascarin

Senior Group Exhibit
1st Place
Students: Annabel Coxon, Shelby McBee
Project: Integral Integration: Story of the Little Rock Nine
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis
2nd Place
Students: Linnea Koops, Madeleine Fraser, Eilidh Horn, Julia Babic
Project: Concert of the Century: A First Lady's Diplomatic Fight for Social Justice
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place
Students: Caroline Harrison, Samantha Jalics
Project: Score! The Athletic Goals of Women Played Out Through Title IX
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

4th Place
Students: Charlotte Smyers, Alexis Glinzler
Project: The anti-apartheid movement in the US
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

Junior Group Performance

1st Place
Students: Brylee Preston, Daphne McCombs, Rory Martin, Elexis Ray
Project: Meetings in the Monroe Room: Press Conference Diplomacy with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
School: River Valley Middle School
Teacher: Lisa Richie

2nd Place
Students: Jonas Baird, Lilah Baird
Project: Jane Goodall and the Debate over Primate Intelligence
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Gradu

3rd Place
Students: Yara Salam, Manya Raina, Ishika Chand
Project: Settling the Debate- How Three Female Spies Pulled Off the Most Dangerous Form of Diplomacy Behind Enemy Lines
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller

4th Place
Students: Jakub Heinemann, Wyatt York
Project: Trail of Tears: Debating the Successes and Failures of the Indian Removal Act
School: Pike Delta York Middle School
Teacher: Jane Foor
Senior Group Performance

1st Place
Students: Parker Williams, Matthew Davis, Derek Combs
Project: The Kent State Massacre: A Debate and Eventual Failed Diplomacy Regarding Nixon’s Honesty and Intension to End the War in Vietnam
School: Tri-County North High School
Teacher: Stacy Williams

2nd Place
Students: Vivian Auten, Josie Mayhew, Matthew Huang
Project: Abolition in Ohio: Plymouth Church
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place
Students: Amelia Raymond, Beatrice Augustine
Project: Margaret Sanger: Changing the Lives of Women Around the World Through Debate
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

4th Place
Students: Melanie Harmath, Sophie Pangrace
Project: The Wars of the Roses: Debate for the Throne
School: Rocky River High School
Teacher: Sara Ziemnik

Junior Group Website

1st Place
Students: Ayat Jaffar, Stephen Parrino, Joshua Chen
Project: “WE HOLD THE ROCK!” The American Indian Occupation which Sparked a Debate Toward Self-Determination
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Onna Spiker, Joelle Moreland, Kaitlyn Sanders, Camdyn Tyson
Project: Jane Addams: Debates of Her Diplomatic Efforts
School: Dresden Elementary School
Teacher: Molly Orr
3rd Place
Students: Leen Salem, Catherine Yang, Melanie Statsevych
Project: Kent State Shootings: Thirteen Seconds of Tragedy
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

4th Place
Students: Max Grabowski, Daniel Naddour, Mariah Hernandez
Project: Mahatma Gandhi & the Non-Cooperation Movement: Mean Monarchs to Mega Maturation
School: John F. Kennedy Catholic School
Teacher: Anthony Catale, Samuel Young

Senior Group Website

1st Place
Students: Mackenzie Mathers, Abigail Fracker
Project: Debating Reproductive Rights: Definition, Interpretation, & Uneasy Diplomacy in the Shadow of Roe v Wade
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

2nd Place
Students: Rebecca Chin, Liam Workman, Abby Gemechu
Project: Texas v. Johnson: A Case of Debate and Diplomacy Over Symbolic Speech
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

3rd Place
Students: Vishista Vishwanath Nayak, Annabelle Kamerman
Project: Changing Diplomacy Through Debate: The Effects of the Nuclear Debate on International Politics
School: Mayfield High School
Teacher: Michael Hughes

4th Place
Students: Ruben Rippner, Jamie Jack
Project: The Iran Hostage Crisis: A Failure of Negotiation
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis
1st Place
Students: Jack D’Cruz
Project: The Cuban Missile Crisis: Diplomacy of Kennedy vs. Khrushchev
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

2nd Place
Students: Oliver Sekorky
Project: May 4, 1970: Four Dead in Ohio - The Debate Over Who is to Blame
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

3rd Place
Students: Ari Emam
Project: The Cuban Missile Crisis: Strong Character of Men Who Led the World to Safety
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller

4th Place
Students: Hannah Hunt
Project: The Welfare Debate: Three Reforms That Shaped Our American Society
School: St. Agatha School
Teacher: Nick Moore

1st Place
Students: Annie Nguyen
Project: Dimsum Diplomacy: Chinatowns in America
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

2nd Place
Students: Sophia Alleman
Project: “As Long as the Grass Shall Grow”
School: Ursuline High School
Teacher: Nicole Uerling

3rd Place
Students: Marianna Jocas
Project: Women’s Battle with Beauty Standards: The Debate about the Razor
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan
4th Place
Students: Qiwen Wu
Project: The Night Witches: A Debate of Women in Military Raised by a Lack of Diplomacy
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

Junior Individual Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Fraser Hartnell
Project: The Diplomatic Failures that Sparked WW1 and WW2
School: Walnut Springs Middle School
Teacher: Jeffrey Holmes

2nd Place
Students: Angel Commager
Project: The Geneva Convention of 1949 - The Diplomatic Effort to Protect a Common Humanity
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

3rd Place
Students: Anthony Berzonski
Project: The Lincoln-Douglas Debates: A Blueprint For Diplomacy
School: John F. Kennedy Catholic School
Teacher: Samuel Young, Anthony Catale

4th Place
Students: Lakshanyaa Ramjee
Project: The Debate Over Women's Suffrage in America
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O'Grady

Senior Individual Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Nevada Williams
Project: Scopes Monkey Trial: The Continuing Debate Over What Is Taught As Truth
School: Christian Community School
Teacher: Michael Hoehn
2nd Place
Students: Julia Filby
Project: Saloon Smashers to Suffrage
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place
Students: Jack Geisler
Project: John Lewis in Selma: A Legacy of Debate and Diplomacy in Civil Rights
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

4th Place
Students: Sadie Seggerson
Project: Develop or Preserve: National Park Establishment in the United States
School: Olentangy Liberty High School
Teacher: Nance Heckman

1st Place
Students: Isabella Bixler
Project: Graham vs. Connor: the Successful Promotion of the Reasonableness Standard and the Debate Over its Failure to Hold Police Accountable
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller

2nd Place
Students: Jackson Kenny
Project: “They’ve Labeled Us the Hollywood Ten”: The Debate against the House Un-American Activities Committee
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

3rd Place
Students: Emerson Krauss
Project: Debatable Diplomacy: How Britain and America’s Leaders Escalated the Century of Conflict in the Formation of Israel
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller
Senior Individual Performance

1st Place
Students: Brianna Wagoner
Project: *Elizabeth Cady Stanton: A Diplomat Who Brought the Debate Over Women's Rights to the Public Eye*
School: Tri-County North High School
Teacher: Stacy Williams

2nd Place
Students: Charlotte Quick
Project: *The Pinochet Trial*
School: Northview High School
Teacher: Ian Malcolm

3rd Place
Students: Grace Cremeans
Project: *The Last Hawaiian Queen*
School: River Valley High School
Teacher: Brent Smith

4th Place
Students: Lily Barlow
Project: *Poisoning America: How one man sparked permanent change with just a book*
School: Christian Community School
Teacher: Michael Hoehn

Junior Individual Website

1st Place
Students: Ethan Chen
Project: *The Portsmouth Peace Treaty: President Theodore Roosevelt’s Double-Edged Diplomacy during the Russo-Japanese War*
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

2nd Place
Students: Reena Sivakumar
Project: *Loving v. Virginia: Striking Down Interracial Marriage Bans*
School: Mason Middle School
Teacher: Erin White
3rd Place
Students: Jonathan Samulak
Project: Debating Japanese American Internment: Military Necessity or Racism?
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

4th Place
Students: Snehan Mukherjee
Project: The Berlin Airlift: Cold War Diplomacy of 1948-1949
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

Senior Individual Website

1st Place
Students: Ela Mody
Project: Banana Diplomacy to Banana Rebellion
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

2nd Place
Students: Autumn Barrows
Project: Debate and Diplomacy: The Presidential Debates of 1960
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

3rd Place
Students: Arnav Sahni
Project: The Iranian Embassy Siege and the Diplomacy That Led to its Successful Resolution
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

4th Place
Students: Tolga Cavusoglu
Project: The Lend-Lease Deal: The United States' Reentry Into International Diplomacy
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark
1st Place
Students: Omar Elbadawy
Project: Hamilton vs. Jefferson: Early Republic Diplomacy and the Debate That Shaped the Nation
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Neelesh Gupta
Project: Debate and Diplomacy in Cold War Spying: The Successes, Failures, and Consequences of the U-2 spy plane incident
School: Lee Burneson Middle School
Teacher: Linda Worthington

3rd Place
Students: Emily Ward
Project: Treaty of Versailles: Was it Really a Treaty?
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel, Leslie Thompson

4th Place
Students: Carmen Kozlowski
Project: The Cuban Missile Crisis: Death in the Hands of Mortal Men
School: St. Francis de Sales
Teacher: Stacey Smith

Senior Paper

1st Place
Students: Sumedha Mahesh
Project: Lack of Diplomacy in the United Nations; The Effects of the Negroponte Doctrine
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

2nd Place
Students: Ashley Allton
Project: The Defenestration of Prague: Failed Diplomacy between Catholics and Protestants and its Dire Consequences
School: St. Francis DeSales High School
Teacher: Colleen Mascarin
3rd Place
Students: Nora Bacon
Project: *Shaking Hands in ’75: How the Ideological Debate of the Helsinki Accords Defined Detente and Diplomacy*
School: Strongsville High School
Teacher: Erica Powell

4th Place
Students: Malachy Sullivan
Project: *The Treaty of Fort Laramie: How the United States Used a Guise of Diplomacy to Manipulate and Exploit Native American Tribes*
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

Special Awards

American Founding Award
Students: Omar Elbadawy
Project: *Hamilton vs. Jefferson: Early Republic Diplomacy and Debate that Shaped the Nation*
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller

African American History Award Junior Division
Students: Isabella Bixler
Project: *Graham vs. Connor: The Successful Promotion of the Reasonableness Standard and the Debate over its Failure to Hold Police Accountable*
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino

African American History Award Senior Division
Students: Jack Geisler
Project: *John Lewis in Selma: A Legacy of Debate and Diplomacy in Civil Rights*
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

American History Film Project Prize
Students: Juliana Barnhart, Kathryn Stone
Project: *The Case of Dr. Sam Sheppard: The Media’s Murder*
School: St. Francis DeSales High School
Teacher: Colleen Mascarin
George Washington Leadership Prize
Students: Daniel Howard
Project: The Constitution Convention
School: Mercy Montessori
Teacher: Elizabeth Pille

The History of Education Award Junior Division
Students: Kailey Snyder, Lainey Bilek
Project: Lewis Hine: The Successes and Failures of the Child Labor Debate
School: Pike Delta York Middle School
Teacher: Jane Foor

The History of Education Award Senior Division
Students: Amelia Raymond, Beatrice Augustine
Project: Margaret Sanger: Changing the Lives of Women Around the World Through Debate
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

National Maritime Historical Award Junior Division 2nd Place
Students: Ethan Chen
Project: The Portsmouth Peace Treaty: President Theodore Roosevelt’s Double-Edged Diplomacy during the Russo-Japanese War
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

National Maritime Historical Award Junior Division 1st Place
Students: Ari Emam
Project: The Cuban Missile Crisis: Strong Character of Men Who Led the World to Safety
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino

Ohio Academy of History Award
Students: Ari Feinberg
Project: Negotiating Change: France Under Louis Phillippe and the July Monarchy, 1830-1845
School: Shaker Heights Middle School
Teacher: David Saluga

The Ohio Digitized Archives Researcher Award Junior Division
Students: Margo Brugger
Project: The Great Lakes Exposition 1936-37: A Roaring Success
School: Notre Dame Elementary School
Teacher: Victoria Thompson
The Ohio Digitized Archives Researcher Award Senior Division
Students: Derek Combs, Matthew Davis, Parker Williams
Project: The Kent State Massacre: A Debate and Eventual Failed Diplomacy Regarding Nixon’s Honesty and Intension to End the War in Vietnam
School: Tri-County North High School
Teacher: Stacy Williams

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award First Place
Students: Brielle Mitchell
Project: The Hepburn Act of 1906: Regulating America’s Railroads
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award Second Place
Students: Catherine Yang, Leen Salem, Melanie Statseych
Project: Kent State Shootings: Thirteen Seconds of Tragedy
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller

The Ohio Local History Alliance Award Junior Division
Students: Benjamin Miyares, Jordan Gordon
Project: “Our People Need Peace”: The Debate and Diplomacy of Richard Holbrooke and the End of the Bosnian War
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino

The Ohio Local History Alliance Award Senior Division
Students: Josie Mayhew, Matthew Huang, Vivian Auten
Project: Abortion in Ohio: Plymouth Church
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

The Ohio Women in Government Award Junior Division 2nd Place
Students: Camdyn Tyson, Joelle Moreland, Kaitlyn Sanders, Onna Spiker
Project: Jane Addams: Debates of Her Diplomatic Efforts
School: Dresden Elementary School
Teacher: Molly Orr

The Ohio Women in Government Award Junior Division 1st Place
Students: Carly Casey, Saumya Sheth, Shayna Massacci
Project: Victoria Woodhull: Finding Freedom in the Truth
School: John F. Kennedy Catholic School
Teacher: Anthony Catale
The Ohio Women in Government Award Senior Division 2nd Place
Students: Julia Filby
Project: Saloon Smasher to Suffrage
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

The Ohio Women in Government Award Senior Division 1st Place
Students: Abigail Fracker, Mackenzie Mathers
Project: Debating Reproductive Rights: Definition, Interpretation, & Uneasy Diplomacy in the Shadow of Roe v Wade
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

Ohio Pride History Award
Students: John Barkhimer, Madelyn Kunar
Project: “Save our Children” Debate: Anita Bryant’s Anti-Gay Crusade
School: Pike Delta York Middle School
Teacher: Jane Foor

The Primary Sources Award
Students: Oliver Sekorky
Project: May 4, 1970: Four Dead in Ohio - The Debate over Who is to Blame
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

The Pro Football Hall of Fame History Award
Students: Caroline Harrison, Samantha Jalics
Project: Score! The Athletic Goals of Women Played Our Through Title IX
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

The Society of Ohio Archivists Award Junior Division
Students: Aanya Lakireddy, Siya Lakireddy
Project: The Montreal Protocol: A Successful Diplomatic Achievement That Resolved the Debate Over the Ozone Layer
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller

The Society of Ohio Archivists Award Senior Division
Students: Libby Neuschwanger
Project: The Toledo Auto-Lite Strike: A Deadly Battle for Unionization
School: Toledo Early College
Teacher: Zachary Shepler