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2023 State Contest Results

Note: Student 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: Sylvia Swai, Leanne Zheng
Project Title: The Frontiers of Interracial Marriage in America: Loving vs. Virginia
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Georgina Kohut, Jessica Wilcox

2nd Place
Students: Arav Bhandari, Suryan Jain
Project Title: Enrico Fermi, Exploring Abundance and Annihilation of the Nuclear Frontier
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller

3rd Place
Students: Candice Pho, Annie Rao
Project Title: Wall of Legacy
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel, Leslie Thompson

Honorable Mention
Students: Andrew Khawam, Brian Milindi
Project Title: Decoys in D-Day: A Frontier of Deception that Changed World War Two
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

Senior Group Documentary

1st Place
Students: Keyshawn Ragin, Wyatt Roth, Samuel Luther, Malachai Shulman
Project Title: The Height of the Fight: Bill Russell as a Trailblazer for Activism in the NBA
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

2nd Place
Students: Siya Lakireddy, Aanya Lakireddy, Brooke Gemechu, Areesha Nouman
Project Title: Gertrude Ederle: How One Female Swimmer Pushed the English Channel Frontier to Change the Lives of Women
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark
3rd Place
Students: Sophie Schroeder, Adonia Balqis, Elena Earley
Project Title: How the Case of Roe v Wade Transformed Lives
School: Whetstone High School
Teacher: Krista Buckley, Kathy Arnold

Honorable Mention
Students: Jesse Nathenson, Joey Moore, Matthew Jones, Zachary Nathenson
Project Title: Bessie Coleman: Fight through Flight
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Junior Group Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Zora Asalu, Kritika Chahar
Project Title: A Challenging Frontier: Brown v. Board of Education and the Quest for Equality in Schools
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Eliza Bala, Kyla Morrisey
Project Title: Frontiers in Labour Unions in Britain: The Matchgirls' Strike
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Georgina Kohut, Jessica Wilcox

3rd Place
Students: Cameron Cooper, Kelsy Thompson
Project Title: All-American Girls Professional Baseball League
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel, Caitlin Begeny

Honorable Mention
Students: Emily Bull, Jordan Holub
Project Title: Frontiers in Braille and Blind Access
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Georgina Kohut, Jessica Wilcox
1st Place
Students: Meredith Hurley, Grace Kaelber, Ezra Ellenbogen, Ingrid Holda
Project Title: The Final Frontier: How Human Computers Advanced Equality and Science at NASA
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski, Sarah Davis

2nd Place
Students: Grant Bauer, Joseph Schaeffer
Project Title: Vergeltungswaffen-2 the Frontier Breaker of Space
School: Huron High School
Teacher: John Harkelroad

3rd Place
Students: Lucy Horrigan, Maya Mayan, Eamonn Furey, Lowell Rich
Project Title: Harriet Tubman: A Moses to Her People
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

Honorable Mention
Students: David Hudson, Sofia Zucca, Natalie Konrad, Madeline Kuta
Project Title: Frank Lloyd Wright: Architect of America
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Junior Group Performance

1st Place
Students: Ishika Chand, Manya Raina, Yara Salam
Project Title: Establishing the Cleveland Clinic’s Guiding Vision; How Battlefield Experiences Inspired Exploration into the Frontier of More Efficient Patient Care for Better Outcomes
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Elizabeth Dornan, Ollie Reitz
Project Title: Taking Their Swing: The Rockford Peaches
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Georgina Kohut, Jessica Wilcox
3rd Place
Students: Jillian Hall, Rory Martin, Daphne McCombs, Brylee Preston, Zoey Vore
Project Title: A New Frontier Driven by Flames; The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire
School: River Valley Middle School
Teacher: Lisa Richie

Honorable Mention
Students: Marcella Morris, Hannah Tedrow
Project Title: When Chicago Burned to the Ground
School: Pike Delta York Middle School
Teacher: Jane Foor

Junior Group Website

1st Place
Students: Ayah Dinary, Leen Salem, Rhea Kumar
Project Title: Lewis Hine: Pioneering the Frontier of Photography for Social Change
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Simran Sarkar, Niva Yadav
Project Title: Norman Borlaug and the Green Revolution: Frontiers in Agriculture
School: Mayfield Middle School
Teacher: Rachael Streitman

3rd Place
Students: Maliha Nadkarni, Saanvi Chari
Project Title: Blackwell Sisters: Opening the Frontier for Women Healthcare Workers
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller

Honorable Mention
Students: Kaylee Haupt, Ella Renner
Project Title: 17-Year-Old Fighting to Break Frontiers
School: Brookville Intermediate School
Teacher: Joyce Dorsey
1st Place
Students: Emma Rush, Scarlet Price
Project Title: "Women’s Liberation is a Lesbian Plot!" The Lavender Menace Meets The Feminist Frontier
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

2nd Place
Students: Tima Ewing, Nathan Ballman
Project Title: Granville T. Woods: A Forgotten Pioneer of the Third Rail, Multiplex Telegram, and Emergency Brake
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place
Students: Nathan Walter, Kevin Bollo
Project Title: Houston, What’s for Lunch?: How Space Food Opened the Door for Greater Space Exploration
School: Watkins Memorial High School
Teacher: Jennifer Hickey

Honorable Mention
Students: Eesha Tanneru, Ella Tang, Alaina Dadlani
Project Title: Founding Freedom in The Graveyard of Empires
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

Junior Individual Documentary
1st Place
Students: Joshua Gordon
Project Title: The Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906: Exploring the Lawless Frontier of Food and Drug Regulation
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Joshua Thomas
Project Title: Then and Now: John Snow and the Frontier of Epidemiology
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino
3rd Place
Students: Sami Elliott
Project Title: Wind, Sand and a Dream: The Wright Brothers and Their High Hopes of a New Frontier
School: ST. Peter & Paul
Teacher: Dana Wiseman

Honorable Mention
Students: Norah Tournoux
Project Title: Betty Friedan: Carving the Path to a New Frontier in Women's Rights
School: Mayfield Middle School
Teacher: Rachael Streitman

Senior Individual Documentary

1st Place
Students: Jiahe Su
Project Title: Frontiers of Democracy - Students for a Democratic Society
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

2nd Place
Students: Qiwen Wu
Project Title: The Unsung Heroines of the Space Race: Female Pioneers of the STEM field
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

3rd Place
Students: Paige Dix
Project Title: Blazing Through the Sound Barrier: The Discovery of Sound in Film
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention
Students: Sam Husenits
Project Title: The Russian Civil War: The Rise of Communism
School: Whetstone High School
Teacher: Krista Buckley, Kathy Arnold
1st Place
Students: Zachary Fuhrer
Project Title: Sesame Street. Entertainment: The Education Frontier
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

2nd Place
Students: Cambria Hudberg
Project Title: The Painful Discovery of Anesthesia
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel, Lori Howland

3rd Place
Students: Katelynn Bugzavich
Project Title: Igniting Progression: The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
School: Saint Rose Catholic School
Teacher: Anthony Catale

Honorable Mention
Students: Isaiah Fuhr
Project Title: Ironton: The City That Shaped America
School: Rock Hill Middle School
Teacher: Rhonda Hacker

Senior Individual Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Kennedi Curry
Project Title: The Bronx Boogie Down Borough: The Frontier That Birthed Hip-Hop Culture
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

2nd Place
Students: Elise Lopez
Project Title: Dr. Jane C. Wright: Pioneer in Oncology
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place
Students: Opal Shipley
Project Title: The Steps to Accessibility: The Capitol Crawl and the ADA
School: Whetstone High School
Teacher: Krista Buckley, Kathy Arnold
Honorable Mention
Students: Christiana Primeau
Project Title: Garrett Morgan: Overcoming Discrimination from Consumers and Improving the Safety of America
School: Lutheran West
Teacher: David Ressler

Junior Individual Performance

1st Place
Students: Caroline Lu
Project Title: Lise Meitner: The Forsaken and Forgotten Pioneer of the Fission Frontier
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Juliana Sacco
Project Title: The Frontier of Women Investigative Reporters: Nellie Bly
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Georgina Kohut, Jessica Wilcox

3rd Place
Students: Sabrina Syed
Project Title: A Dangerous Yet Bright Frontier: Marie Curie and the Discovery of Radium
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

Honorable Mention
Students: Kaelyn Fletcher
Project Title: The First Lady of Song
School: John F. Kennedy Catholic School
Teacher: Samuel Young, Justin Prommersberger

Senior Individual Performance

1st Place
Students: Sophie Pangrace
Project Title: Isabella: Queen of a Vast Frontier
School: Rocky River High School
Teacher: Terrance Hudson
2nd Place
Students: Grace Cremeans
Project Title: *Frontiers of Broadway Theatre, the Unknown Star: Jonathan Larson*
School: River Valley High School
Teacher: Brent Smith

3rd Place
Students: Trevor Swan
Project Title: *The Nutritional Hero*
School: Toledo Early College
Teacher: Zachary Shepler

Junior Individual Website

1st Place
Students: Jonathan Samulak
Project Title: *Sputnik: Launching a New Frontier in Space*
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Ariel Catacutan
Project Title: *Frontiers in Leadership - Women as President: Corazon Aquino*
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Georgina Kohut, Jessica Wilcox

3rd Place
Students: Catherine Mahoney
Project Title: *Ella P. Stewart: A Pioneer in Pharmaceutics*
School: Walnut Hills High School
Teacher: Michael Cabral

Honorable Mention
Students: Thomas McClendon
Project Title: *Pioneers of the Sky: Ideas That Took Flight*
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus
Senior Individual Website

1st Place
Students: Aashvi Kenia
Project Title: Silent Spring: How the “Poison Book” Forged the Frontier of the Environmental Movement
School: Independent Entry
Teacher: Independent Entry

2nd Place
Students: Celine Omega
Project Title: Dress to Express, Not Impress: Frontiers of The Woman's Suffrage Movement and Feminism
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

3rd Place
Students: Abigail Zhao
Project Title: The Chinese Exclusion Act: A Reckoning in American Immigration Policy
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

Honorable Mention
Students: Autumn Barrows
Project Title: "This is America": The MFDP's Fight for Representation
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

Junior Paper

1st Place
Students: Mason Zhang
Project Title: The Marshall Plan: A New Frontier In the Implementation and Usage of Economic Aid
School: Shaker Heights Middle School
Teacher: David Saluga

2nd Place
Students: Haadeya Salman
Project Title: The Creation of the Erie Canal: Digging into the Midwest Frontier
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Connie Miller
3rd Place
Students: Nikko Theodorou
Project Title: The Space Pioneer / Vostok 1 & The Flight of Yuri Gagarin
School: Toledo Technology Academy of Engineering
Teacher: Andrew Brandt

Honorable Mention
Students: Emily Moran
Project Title: The Seneca Falls Convention: A Frontier in Women’s Suffrage
School: Mason Middle School
Teacher: Erin White

Senior Paper

1st Place
Students: Omar Elbadawy
Project Title: The Northwest Ordinance: Forging a Frontier Republic and a Path to Freedom in the Ohio Country
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

2nd Place
Students: Edward Li
Project Title: Cars, Cities, Culture: The American Asphalt Frontier of the Twentieth Century
School: The Seven Hills School
Teacher: Beth Driehaus

3rd Place
Students: Stephen Kosco
Project Title: Theodore Roosevelt’s Lasting Legacy as the First Conservationist President
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention
Students: Cavin Xue
Project Title: Manilamen of the Bayous: An Exploration of Filipino-American Impact on the Louisiana Frontier
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan
2023 Special Award Winners

African American History Award

Junior
Students: Kritika Chahar, Zora Asalu
Project Title: A Challenging Frontier: Brown v. Board of Education and the Quest for Equality in Schools
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller

Senior
Students: The Final Frontier: How Human Computers Advanced Equality and Science at NASA
Project Title: Ezra Ellenbogen, Grace Kaelber, Ingrid Holda, Meredith Hurley
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

American Founding Award

Students: Tillman Hawk
Project Title: The Articles of Confederation: America's Frontier Document in Democracy
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance McGee

The History of Education Award

Junior
Students: Macy Moran
Project Title: Elizabeth Blackwell: Pioneer in Medicine
School: Olentangy-Berkshire Middle School
Teacher: Monica Holmberg

Senior
Students: Nichole Ball
Project Title: "The scientist among feminists’ - How Leta Hollingsworth forged the frontier of giftedness"
School: Watkins Memorial High School
Teacher: Jennifer Hickey

National Maritime Historical Award

Junior 1st Place
Students: Haadeya Salman
Project Title: The Creation of the Erie Canal: Digging into the Midwest Frontier
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino
Junior 2nd Place
Students: Alan Miller, Ellen Zhang
Project Title: “How the Sinking of the Titanic Led to a Whole New Frontier of Safety Precautions”
School: Mayfield Middle School
Teacher: Rachael Streitman

Senior 1st Place
Students: Aanya Lakireddy, Areesha Nouman, Brooke Gemechu, Siya Lakireddy
Project Title: Gertrude Ederle: How One Female Swimmer Pushed the English Channel Frontier to Change the Lives of Women
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

Senior 2nd Place
Students: Melody Williams
Project Title: The HMS Challenger Expedition: Discovering the Mystery of the Ocean
School: Christian Community School
Teacher: Michael Hoehn

Ohio Academy of History Award
Students: Annabelle Kamerman, Vishista Nayak
Project Title: Re-drawing Germany - Frontiers in a Divided Germany
School: Mayfield High School
Teacher: Michael Hughes

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award
Note: Two Junior awards were given for this award this year.

Junior
Students: Catherine Mahoney
Project Title: Ella P. Stewart: A Pioneer in Pharmaceutics
School: Walnut Hills High School
Teacher: Michael Cabral

Junior
Students: Ayah Dinary, Leen Salem, Rhea Kumar
Project Title: Lewis Hine: Pioneering the Frontier of Photography for Social Change
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller
The Ohio Local History Alliance Award

Junior
Students: Olivia Panciu, Sophia Panciu
Project Title: Frontiers in Women's Air Racing: The 1929 Powder Puff Derby
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Georgina Kohut

Senior
Students: Nathan Ballman, Tima Ewing
Project Title: Granville T. Woods: A Forgotten Pioneer of the Third Rail, Multiplex Telegram, and Emergency Brake
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Ohio Pride History Award

Students: Emma Rush, Scarlet Price
Project Title: "Women's Liberation is a Lesbian Plot!" The Lavender Menace Meets The Feminist Frontier
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

The Ohio Women in Government Award

Junior
Students: Kaya Amin, Maya Vazhkudai
Project Title: A Landmark Case: Roe v. Wade
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel

Senior
Students: Cassandra Webster
Project Title: Katherine Johnson: Crossing Frontiers of Segregation, Gender Bias, and Space
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

The Pro Football Hall of Fame History Award

Students: Fraser Hartnell
Project Title: Michigan State’s "Underground Railroad" Forges New Frontiers in College Athletics and American Society
School: Walnut Springs Middle School
Teacher: Lauren Griffin
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Junior
Students: Sofia Sideris
Project Title: Dorothy Fuldheim, Blazing a Trail for Women in Broadcasting
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Connie Miller

Senior
Students: Omar Elbadawy
Project Title: The Northwest Ordinance: Forging a Frontier Republic and a Path to Freedom in the Ohio Country
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark