Region 3 Ohio History Day – Category Award Winners
March 2, 2024

All category award winners qualify for the Ohio History Day state contest on April 20, 2024.

Junior Group Documentary

Third Place
Nitrous Oxide: Extracting the Pain While Waking Up Advancements in Anesthesia
Hussein Alzoubi and Kyle Vaziri
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

Second Place
The Rite of Spring: Stravinsky's New Dynasty of Maximalism
Nicholas Jacques and Samuel Moyer
Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Jesse Gross

First Place
From Deir Ez-Zor to Auschwitz: How the Armenian Genocide was a Turning Point in Deciding the Fate of the Jewish Population
Alexa Eardley and Seraphina Huang
Menlo Park Academy
Teachers: Adam Williams and Jesse Gross

Senior Group Documentary

Honorable Mention
Chernobyl: The Last Straw in the Collapse of the Soviet Union
Andrew McKee and Nate Miller
Christian Community School
Teacher: Dean Klunzinger
Third Place
*Miles Davis and the Transformation of American Music*
Jonah Paponetti and David Rhodes
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Second Place
*MTV: The Revolution That Rocked America*
Spencer Zbanek, Augustus Grey, and Jack Dunn
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

First Place
*Norman Borlaug and the Green Revolution: How One Man Sowed the Seeds for a Global Turning Point in Agriculture*
Joshua Chen and Joshua Gordon
St. Ignatius High School
Teacher: Joseph Ptak

Junior Group Exhibit

Honorable Mentions

*Amelia Earhart: Turning Points Around the World*
Isadorah Cruz and Rylan Bricely
St. Brendan School
Teacher: Frank O'Grady

*The Revival of Playhouse Square: Ray Shepardson Reopens the Curtains*
Nathan Kolo and Brielle Mitchell
St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

*The Ford Model T The car that changed America*
Finley Kraynack and Liam Kraynack
St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

*Challenger Space Shuttle*
Luke Brumfield and Samuel Lowis
St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus
Third Place
Pearl Harbor: December 7, 1941 "A Date That Will Live in Infamy"
Landon Pry and Christopher Harris
St. Brendan School
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

Second Place
From Ohio to the Skies: Orville and Wilbur Wright's Pioneering Journey in Aviation
Sophia Panciu and Olivia Panciu
Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Jesse Gross

First Place
A Transition to Democracy: South Africa's Triumph Over Apartheid
Sammy Nemr, Reeve Vincent, and Nikhil Yalavarthy
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

Senior Group Exhibit

Honorable Mentions

NATO: An Establishment of New Relations
Ella Szunyog, Anna Blumfeldt, and Sarah Hasten
Christian Community School
Teacher: Dean Klunzinger

The Battle of Tannenberg: The Fall of the Russian Bear
Brooke Drake and Grant Klunzinger
Christian Community School
Teacher: Dean Klunzinger

The 19th Amendment: The Fight for Rights!
Isabella Russ, Maddie Kandrach, Kelly Ross, Aliciana Medina, and Alejandra Panta-Perez
Lutheran West High School
Teacher: Dave Ressler

Born to Revolutionize Women in World War II
Arabella Kielbasa and Mia Anthony
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Third Place
The Accomplishments of Billie Jean King
Sloan Gurney, Katherine Adams, Maya Kestin, and Caroline Niess
Shaker Heights High School
Teachers: Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place
*Highway Revolution: The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956*
Jacob Clellan, Robert Weinberg, and Bernat Corcelles
Shaker Heights High School
Teachers: Sarah Davis

First Place
*Ms.: A Movement Beyond the Magazine*
Molly Milligan, Alexa Carpenter, Audrey Steinmetz, and Eleanor Allan
Shaker Heights High School
Teachers: Sarah Davis

Junior Group Performance

Third Place
*The 1950-51 Season: A Pivot Towards A Diverse NBA*
Zora Asalu and Leyla Natal
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

Second Place
*A Geothermal Gem: How Yellowstone Ignited the Way for America's National Parks*
Nathan Thomas, Yianni Gountis, and Corrado Naples
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

First Place
*Revoking the Pinball Ban: Flipping Opinions About Gambling and Gaming*
Jake Zhang, Rockam Parrino, Samuel Chen, and Caleb Alicea
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

Senior Group Performance

Third Place
*Kent State Tragedy: A Turning Point in Anti-War Protests*
Isaac Hren, Luca Arnoldi, Loukas White, and Charles Griest
Shaker Heights High School
Teachers: Sarah Davis
Second Place
The Epitome of Counterintelligence and Counterespionage Through Cooperation: The Farewell Dossier
Elizabeth Liu and Radha Pareek
Beachwood High School
Teacher: John Perse

First Place
Loving vs Virginia: A Story of Trials and Triumph
Sarah Holbrook, Leah Reymann, and Myles Hills
Shaker Heights High School
Teachers: Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Junior Group Website

Third Place
From Hough to Stokes: How a Racial Riot Turned Cleveland Leadership on a Path Toward Diversity
Saanvi Chari and Maliha Nadkarni
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

Second Place
Shattered Trust: Unveiling the Pivotal Watergate Scandal
Leen Salem, Rhea Kumar, and Ayah Dinary
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

First Place
Marquis de Lafayette Redoubt 9; Fighting in the Battle of Yorktown
Danyaal Khan and Rodrigo Niebla
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

Senior Group Website

Third Place
Unlocking the Mind: How the Publication of Patricia Goldman-Rakic's Scientific Journals Marked a Turning Point in Brain Science
Kelsey Rogers and Abby Hahnenberg
Shaker Heights High School
Teachers: Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski
Second Place
*The Brady Bill: A New Era In Gun Control Politics*
William Coffee, Nathaniel Price, and Talia Kansal
Shaker Heights High School
Teachers: Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

First Place
*The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire - A Tragic Event that was a Turning Point in American Labor Laws*
Vishi Vayak and Annabelle Kamerman
Mayfield High School
Teacher: Michael Hughes

Junior Individual Documentary

Honorable Mention
*50 Years of Unresolved Pain: The 1974 Invasion that Scarred Cyprus and Scattered its People*
Chrysanthi Constantinou
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

Third Place
*The Collinwood Disaster: The Worst School Fire in American History*
Stella Miyares
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

Second Place
*From Despair to Hope: The Discovery of Insulin that Changed the World*
Joshua Thomas
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

First Place
*Burn on Big River: the Cleveland Blaze that Sparked an Environmental Revolution*
John Gordon
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Todd Boyer and Joe Parrino

Senior Individual Documentary

Honorable Mention
*The Space Race: Turning Point in Space Exploration and Beyond*
Chaatwik Nettem
Strongsville High School
Teacher: Erica Powell

**Third Place**
*Female Directors in Hollywood: From Silent to Silenced*
Isabel Siegel
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

**Second Place**
*Emmett Till's Echoes of Justice*
Xochi Nandi
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

**First Place**
*Beyond the Bases: The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League*
Brenna Pethel
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

**Junior Individual Exhibit**

**Honorable Mentions**

*Martin Luther King Jr.: The Dream Marches On...*
Tommy McFarland
St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

*A Turning Point with Supreme Impact: How Mendez v. Westminster led to Brown v. Board*
Stella Eadie
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

*The Ohio & Erie Canal, Connecting the Frontier with the Nation*
Makenna Foley
St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

"For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People:"
*How Yellowstone Became the First National Park*
Matilda Sekorky
Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Jesse Gross
Third Place
Stagecrafting Cleveland: Reviving Playhouse Square's Theatrical Legacy
Sofia Sideris
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

Second Place
The Collinwood School Fire: Tragedy Forces Reform
Bailey Rzeszut
St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

First Place
The Matchgirl Strike of 1888
Norah Lea
St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

Senior Individual Exhibit

Honorable Mentions
Punk Rock: A Cultural Turning Point in Politics and Music
William Jevec
Strongsville High School
Teacher: Erica Powell

Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
Olivia Tyson
Lutheran West High School
Teacher: Andrew Mog

Third Place
A Turning Point in History: Social Security Act of 1935
Shane Karlowicz Jr.
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Second Place
¡Sí Se Puede!
Myra Palomeque
Lutheran West High School
Teacher: Andrew Mog

First Place
Fission to Fallout: How the Atomic Bomb Changed the World
Lara Sesenoglu-Laird
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

Junior Individual Performance

Second Place
*J. Robert Oppenheimer and The Manhattan Project*
CJ Hanhauser
St. Brendan School
Teacher: Frank O’Grady

First Place
*From Trinkets To Planes: How Charles Martin Hall Freed Aluminum And Alloyed America*
Suryan Jain
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

Junior Individual Website

Third Place
*Moving Images: How Toy Story Directed a CGI Renaissance*
Nathan Chilcote
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

Second Place
*"A Humble Servant of You, the People": the Peaceful Turning Point that Ended Apartheid in South Africa*
Brian Milindi
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

First Place
*The School Tragedy that Changed Fire Codes*
Aislinn Joyce
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

Senior Individual Website

Third Place
*Fighters for Racial Change: The Tuskegee Airmen*
Asa Ziegler
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

**Second Place**
*The Hyde Amendment*
Riya Hegde
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

**First Place**
*The Forgotten Child: The Indian Child Welfare Act as a Turning Point in US History*
Addien Lewis
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

**Junior Paper**

**Third Place**
*The Importance of Archduke Franz Ferdinand's Assassination*
Noah Westfall
Lutheran West Middle School
Teacher: Megan Miller

**Second Place**
*A Surgeon for Soldiers: How George Crile Turned Bloodshed into Life Saving Medicine*
Shriya Iyer
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

**First Place**
*MP3: The Streaming Format That Turned Up Shareability and Piracy*
Kritika Chahar
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teachers: Joe Parrino and Todd Boyer

**Senior Paper**

**Third Place**
*An Uphill Battle: A Comprehensive Analysis of the Controversial Landscape of Women’s Reproductive Rights in the United States*
Wynn Harward
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan
Second Place
*The Tonkin Gulf Resolution: A Turning Point in United States Politics*
Mason Zhang
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

First Place
*A Seat for Justice: Rosa Parks and the Genesis of a Movement*
Lingzhen Wang
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

**Champ’s Pick Awards!**

Schools that enter at least three projects in the Region 3 Ohio History Day Contest, but do not advance a project to the state contest through placement in the category awards, are eligible to receive a Champ’s Pick Award. **Recipients of Champ’s Pick Awards qualify for the Ohio History Day state contest to proudly represent their school’s History Day programs.**

*A Contradictory Turning Point: The US Occupation of Haiti*
Julia Koops
Junior Individual Documentary
Shaker Heights Middle School
Teacher: David Saluga

*Evolution of Hip-Hop: An Influential Turning Point*
Harper Lasecki
Junior Individual Exhibit
Kirtland Middle School
Teacher: Heidi Grunenberg

*Henry Ford Changes the Future*
Cody Miller
Senior Individual Exhibit
Rocky River High School
Teacher: Dr. Terrance Hudson