



## 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 Lewis  
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, Alicia 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 Clellen, 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*  
Vishista Nayak 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 Jevic

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