2024 State Qualifiers

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:** Hussein Alzoubi, Kyle Vaziri  
**Project Title:** Nitrous Oxide: Extracting the Pain While Waking Up Advancements in Anesthesia  
**School:** Birchwood School of Hawken  
**Teacher:** Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

**2nd Place**
**Students:** Nicholas Jacques, Samuel Moyer  
**Project Title:** The Rite of Spring: Stravinsky's New Dynasty of Maximalism  
**School:** Menlo Park Academy  
**Teacher:** Jesse Gross

**3rd Place**
**Students:** Nicolena Sandor, Jaidyn Woods, Allison Sandor  
**Project Title:** Birmingham’s Breaking Point  
**School:** Saint Rose Catholic School  
**Teacher:** Anthony Catale

**Honorable Mention**
**Students:** Hannah Hatcher, Calesse Pitts, Zelwyn Ward  
**Project Title:** The CROWN Act  
**School:** Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students  
**Teacher:** Steven Lewis

**Senior Group Documentary**

**1st Place**
**Students:** Jonah Paponetti, David Rhodes  
**Project Title:** Miles Davis and the Transformation of American Music  
**School:** Shaker Heights High School  
**Teacher:** Sarah Davis

**2nd Place**
**Students:** Daniel Lee, Hayyan Qureshi  
**Project Title:** The Miracle Drug: Penicillin’s Global Medical Revolution  
**School:** Sylvania Northview High School  
**Teacher:** Keevan Hazel
3rd Place
Students: Joshua Chen, Joshua Gordon
Project Title: Norman Borlaug and the Green Revolution: How One Man Sowed the Seeds of a Global Turning Point in Agriculture
School: St. Ignatius High School
Teacher: Joseph Ptak

Honorable Mention
Students: Brooke Gemechu, Areesha Nouman, Siya Lakireddy, Aanya Lakireddy
Project Title: Shaping a "New Clear" Vision: How the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Sparked a Turning Point in Global Cooperation
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

Junior Group Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Sammy Nemr, Nikhil Yalavarthy, Reeve Vincent
Project Title: A Transition to Democracy: South Africa's Triumph Over Apartheid
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Todd P Boyer, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Natalie Shipman, Audrey Groger
Project Title: The Fight to Find the Polio Vaccine
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel, Lori Howland

3rd Place
Students: Olivia Panciu, Sophia Panciu
Project Title: From Ohio to the Skies: Orville and Wilbur Wright’s Pioneering Journey in Aviation
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher: Jesse Gross

Honorable Mention
Students: Cameron Cooper, Amarie Tull, Anna Flaherty
Project Title: Sally Ride: First American Woman in Space
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel, Leslie Thompson
Senior Group Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Erin Findley, Marisa Macioce
Project Title: From Flames to Restoration
School: Huron High School
Teacher: John Harkelroad

2nd Place
Students: Jacob Clellen, Robert Weinberg, Bernat Corcelles
Project Title: Highway Revolution: The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place
Students: Liliana Mack, Miryam Reyes
Project Title: Loving v. Virginia: The Fight for Interracial Marriage
School: Whetstone High School
Teacher: Krista Buckley, Kathy Arnold

Honorable Mention
Students: Robert Campbell, Adam Zuccarell, Ethan Pendergraff
Project Title: Now and Then: The Beatles Impact on Music and Culture
School: Toledo Technology Academy of Engineering
Teacher: Andrew Brandt

Junior Group Performance

1st Place
Students: Corrado Naples, Yianni Gountis, Nathan Thomas
Project Title: A Geothermal Gem: How Yellowstone Ignited the Way for America's National Parks
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

2nd Place
Students: Marcella Morris, Hannah Tedrow
Project Title: "When the Sun Came to Earth"
School: Pike Delta York Middle School
Teacher: Jane Foor
3rd Place
Students: Nicola Clever, Gabriella Nakanwagi, Hope Mendoza, Faith Mendoza, Janelle Gyampoh
Project Title: The Yellow Fever Commission: A Turning Point in Medical History
School: Independent Entry
Teacher: Elisa Clever

Honorable Mention
Students: Samuel Chen, Jake Zhang, Rockam Parrino, Caleb Alicea
Project Title: Revoking the Pinball Ban: Flipping Opinions About Gambling and Gaming
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

Senior Group Performance

1st Place
Students: Elizabeth Liu, Radha Pareek
Project Title: The Epitome of Counterintelligence and Counterespionage Through Cooperation: The Farewell Dossier
School: Beachwood High School
Teacher: John Perse

2nd Place
Students: Charles Griest, Loukas White, Luca Arnoldi, Isaac Hren
Project Title: Kent State Tragedy: A Turning Point in Anti-War Protests
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place
Students: Myles Hills, Sarah Holbrook, Leah Reymann
Project Title: Loving v. Virginia: A Story of Trials and Triumph
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

Honorable Mention
Students: Liam Close, Corinne Blake
Project Title: Silent to Talkies: How Sound Impacted the Film Industry
School: Toledo Technology Academy of Engineering
Teacher: Andrew Brandt
Junior Group Website

1st Place
Students: Rhea Kumar, Ayah Dinary, Leen Salem
Project Title: Shattered Trust: Unveiling the Pivotal Watergate Scandal
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

2nd Place
Students: Sarah Schnadower, Ella Crutcher
Project Title: Frida Kahlo: One of the Most Influential Artists Changes History
School: Walnut Hills High School
Teacher: Michael Cabral

3rd Place
Students: Saanvi Chari, Maliha Nadkarni
Project Title: From Hough to Stokes: How a Racial Riot Turned Cleveland Leadership on a Path Toward Diversity
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

Honorable Mention
Students: Rodrigo Niebla Urueta, Danyaal Khan
Project Title: Marquis de Lafayette: Fighting in the Battle of Yorktown
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

Senior Group Website

1st Place
Students: Abby Hahnenberg, Kelsey Rogers
Project Title: Unlocking the Mind: How the Publication of Patricia Goldman-Rakic's Scientific Research Marked a Turning Point in Brain Science
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski, Sarah Davis

2nd Place
Students: Scarlet Price, Emma Rush
Project Title: Criminal of Chastity: Eisenstadt v. Baird on Redefining Privacy and Bodily Autonomy
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee
3rd Place
Students: Vishista Nayak, Annabelle Kamerman
Project Title: The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire - A Tragic Event that was a Turning Point in American Labor Laws.
School: Mayfield High School
Teacher: Michael Hughes

Honorable Mention
Students: Audrianna Honda, Ayat Jaffar, Valeria Kislyansky, Leen Akras
Project Title: The Battle of Midway Miracle: Turning the Tide in the Pacific
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

Junior Individual Documentary

1st Place
Students: John Gordon
Project Title: Burn on Big River: The Cleveland Blaze that Sparked an Environmental Revolution
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

2nd Place
Students: Joshua Thomas
Project Title: From Despair to Hope: The Discovery of Insulin that Changed the World
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

3rd Place
Students: Sami Elliott
Project Title: Billie Jean King: The Battle for Equality On and Off the Court
School: Bishop Flaget School
Teacher: Dana Wiseman

Honorable Mention
Students: Chrysanthi Constantinou
Project Title: 50 Years of Unresolved Pain: The 1974 Invasion that Scarred Cyprus and Scattered its People
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Todd P Boyer, Joe Parrino
Senior Individual Documentary

1st Place
Students: William Stoepfel
Project Title: "It Was Just Cold Blooded Murder, Nothing Else": Bloody Sunday, A Turning Point for Northern Ireland
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

2nd Place
Students: Qiwen Wu
Project Title: Black Hawk Down: A Battle that Changed US Peace Intervention Within African Nations
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

3rd Place
Students: Mircea Butnariu
Project Title: Munich 1972: The Dawn of Broadcasted Terrorism
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

Honorable Mention
Students: Isabel Siegel
Project Title: Female Directors in Hollywood: From Silent to Silenced
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Junior Individual Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Tommy McFarland
Project Title: Martin Luther King Jr.: The Dream Marches On...
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher: Judith Darus

2nd Place
Students: Stella Eadie
Project Title: A Turning Point with Supreme Impact: How Mendez v. Westminster led to Brown v. Board
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer
3rd Place
Students: Ruthie Cannon
Project Title: Fighting Shirley; "Unbossed and Unbought"
School: Dominion Middle School
Teacher: Lauren Noble

Honorable Mention
Students: Lula Fuhr
Project Title: The Manhattan Project: Unveiling the Power of an Atom
School: Rock Hill Middle School
Teacher: Rhonda Hacker

Senior Individual Exhibit

1st Place
Students: Grace Rogers
Project Title: Shedding Light on Rural America: Rural Electrification Administration
School: Anderson High School
Teacher: Independent Entry

2nd Place
Students: Lara Sesenoglu-Laird
Project Title: Fission to Fallout: How the Atomic Bomb Changed the World
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

3rd Place
Students: Olive Medina
Project Title: Anesthetics Advancer: William T.G. Morton’s Surgery and Success
School: Toledo Early College
Teacher: Zachary Shepler

Honorable Mention
Students: Lyla McFadden
Project Title: WWII Women’s Fashion
School: Whetstone High School
Teacher: Krista Buckley, Kathy Arnold
Junior Individual Performance

1st Place
Students: Suryan Jain
Project Title: From Trinkets To Planes: How Charles Martin Hall Freed Aluminum And Alloyed America
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

2nd Place
Students: CJ Hanhauser
Project Title: J. Robert Oppenheimer and The Manhattan Project.
School: St. Brendan School
Teacher: Frank O'Grady

Senior Individual Performance

1st Place
Students: Grace Cremeans
Project Title: The Wonderful Journey to Oz
School: River Valley High School
Teacher: Brent Smith

2nd Place
Students: Kaidyn Watson
Project Title: The Makers of Change; the History of the 19th Amendment and women's suffrage movements
School: GlenOak High School
Teacher: Angela Wagner

3rd Place
Students: Chesney Carter
Project Title: Living in the material world consumerism in the 1980’s in defense of the valley girl
School: Maysville High School
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

Honorable Mention
Students: Trevor Swan
Project Title: 95 Sparks to a Reformation
School: Toledo Early College
Teacher: Mona Al-Hayani
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**Junior Individual Website**

1st Place
Students: Alaina Appleman  
Project Title: Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 and Its Impact on Commercial Aviation  
School: St. Francis de Sales  
Teacher: Stacey Smith

2nd Place
Students: John Mele  
Project Title: Manhattan Project  
School: Notre Dame Elementary School  
Teacher: Victoria Thompson

3rd Place
Students: Alina Kojima  
Project Title: The Endangered Species Act of 1973  
School: Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students  
Teacher: Steven Lewis

Honorable Mention
Students: Rawlings Kanjo  
Project Title: Crossroads of Change: the Great Migration as a Turning Point  
School: Genoa Middle School  
Teacher: Deanna McDaniel, Leslie Thompson

**Senior Individual Website**

1st Place
Students: Michael Heard III  
Project Title: Hip Hop Making Strides Toward Equality: How Urban Youth Launched A Global Phenomenon, Altered the Course of African American History  
School: Toledo Early College  
Teacher: Mona Al-Hayani

2nd Place
Students: Addien Lewis  
Project Title: The Forgotten Child: The Indian Child Welfare Act as a Turning Point in US History  
School: Western Reserve Academy  
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

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3rd Place
Students: Abigail Zhao
Project Title: Driving Out: A Driving Force in America’s Sinophobia
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

Honorable Mention
Students: Kylie Lykins
Project Title: Tuning In or Tuning Out? Exploring the Turning Point of Parental Advisory on Music Consumption and Regulation in America
School: Toledo Early College
Teacher: Mona Al-Hayani

Junior Paper

1st Place
Students: Kritika Chahar
Project Title: MP3: The Streaming Format That Turned Up Shareability and Piracy
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Todd P Boyer, Joe Parrino

2nd Place
Students: Olivia Zhou
Project Title: Brown vs. Board of Education: A Major Victory for the Civil Rights Movement and a Catalyst for Equality in Education
School: Mason Middle School
Teacher: Erin White

3rd Place
Students: Shriya Iyer
Project Title: A Surgeon for Soldiers and Civilians: How George Crile Turned Bloodshed into Life-Saving Innovations
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd P Boyer

Honorable Mention
Students: Samuel Manning
Project Title: The Little Steel Strike of 1937: Short Term Defeat Leads to Long Term Victory for Labor
School: Holy Family School
Teacher: Caroline Mulhall
Senior Paper

1st Place
Students: Lance Hulme
Project Title: Parting the White Cloud of Aotearoa: How the Native Land Acts were a turning point in Maori Chieftain power and land ownership in colonial New Zealand.
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

2nd Place
Students: Omar Elbadawy
Project Title: The August 1991 Coup: A Turning Point in the Dissolution of the Soviet Union
School: Hawken Upper School
Teacher: Kenneth Clark

3rd Place
Students: Abby Xiao
Project Title: The Grave Diggers of Spirituality: How Maoist Suppression Led to the Renewal of Christianity in China
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

Honorable Mention
Students: Samson Gurgiolo
Project Title: Napoleon's Invasion of Russia: How the Greatest Military Disaster of the 19th Century Forever Altered Europe
School: Independent Entry
Teacher: Nancy Gurgiolo