

2025 State Contest Special Award Winners

African American History Award

Junior Winner

Students: Audrey Bartlett, Bryan Hill

Project Title: Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

Category: Group Exhibit

School: Buckeye Trail Middle & High School

Teacher: Toni Gallow

Senior Winner

Students: Alex Friedman, Asher Sullivan, David Wang, Wesley Lewis **Project Title**: A Voice for the Voiceless: Frederick Douglass's Rights and

Responsibilities

Category: Group Website

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

Environmental History Award

Junior Winner Students: Iva Injic

Project Title: The Spark that Ignited the EPA

Category: Individual Exhibit

School: Notre Dame Elementary School

Teacher: Victoria Thompson

<u>Senior Winner</u> Students: Ella Tang

Project Title: It's in Our Genes: Upholding Rights and Responsibilities at Asilomar

Category: Individual Website School: Columbus Academy

Teacher: Tim Morford







National Maritime Historical Award

Junior Winner

Students: Lucille Bradford, Peyton Barr, Quinn Bay

Project Title: The Titanic Tragedy of 1912: Passengers' Rights and Failed

Responsibilities of the Crew and Engineers

Category: Group Performance

School: Dresden Elementary School

Teacher: Molly Orr

Senior Winner

Students: Myra Palomeque

Project Title: The Sultana: America's Deadliest Maritime Disaster

Category: Individual Exhibit

School: Lutheran West High School

Teacher: Dave Ressler

Ohio Academy of History Award

Students: Alex Jesse

Project Title: O Avanço Industrial: Order versus Freedom under Military Control of

Brazil

Category: Senior Paper

School: Toledo Technology Academy

Teacher: Katerina Asmus

Ohio Pride History Award

Students: Emma Rush, Scarlet Price

Project Title: "Blood Sisters, Roll Up Your Sleeves!": Lesbian Community Action in

Spite of Government Inaction During the AIDS Crisis

Category: Senior Group Website **School**: Maysville High School

Teacher: Lance Mcgee







The History of Education Award

Students: Olivia Zhou

Project Title: Lau to Now: How a Landmark Case Shaped ESL Programs and the Role

of the U.S. Department of Education

Category: Senior Paper

School: William Mason High School

Teacher: Erin White

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award

Junior Winner

Students: Karalynn Tindall

Project Title: Kent State Shooting

Category: Paper

School: Buckeye Trail Middle & High School

Teacher: Toni Gallow

Senior Winner

Students: Joshua Chen, Joshua Gordon, Joshua Thomas

Project Title: The Capitol Crawl: Fighting for Disability Rights One Step at a Time

Cateogry: Group Documentary **School**: St. Ignatius High School

Teacher: Joe Ptak

The Ohio Local History Alliance Award

Junior Winner

Students: Hattie Warne

Project Title: "Surviving the Storm: Ohio's Response to the Blizzard of 1978"

Category: Paper

School: Buckeye Trail Middle & High School

Teacher: Toni Gallow

Senior Winner

Students: Michael Orr, Naim Macharia, Trent Donnelly

Project Title: Fernald Nature Preserve: The Rights of the Community, and the

Responsibilities of the Government Category: Group Documentary

School: Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students

Teacher: Ben Rall







The Ohio Women in Government Award

Junior 2nd Place Winner

Students: Amelia Hoops, Savannah Hay

Project Title: Malala Yousafzai: Advocating for Education Equality

Cateogry: Group Exhibit

School: Walnut Hills High School Teacher: Nicole Pennekamp

Junior 1st Place Winner

Students: Ava Cola, Danielle Mendoza

Project Title: Victoria Woodhull

Category: Group Exhibit

School: Buckeye Trail Middle & High School

Teacher: Toni Gallow

Senior 2nd Place Winner

Students: Fiona Freimuth

Project Title: Sojourner Truth: Using Her Rights Responsibly to Break Barriers

Category: Individual Exhibit

School: Patrick Henry High School

Teacher: Joe McKanna

Senior 1st Place Winner

Students: Elizabeth Liu, Lyndia Zheng, Shreya Chellu

Project Title: Elizabeth Loftus: False Memories and the Fallibility of Eyewitness

Testimony

Category: Group Performance School: Independent Entry Teacher: Independent Entry

The Society of Ohio Archivists Award

Junior Winner

Students: Lucy Birchman

Project Title: Who's Law? The Rights and Responsibilities of the Oberlin Wellington

Rescue

Category: Individual Exhibit

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joseph Parrino







Senior Winner

Students: Jonathan Pratt

Project Title: Cleveland Public Schools: The Fight For Integration

Category: Individual Exhibit

School: Lutheran West High School

Teacher: Dave Ressler



