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2026 State Contest Results

Note: Students 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: Bodi Elliott, Gabe Elliott
Project Title: The Bridge that Changed America
School: Independent Entry
Teacher: Gwen Elliott

2nd Place

Students: Viyan Kshetry, Haadi Nouman
Project Title: Toxic Wake-Up: The 1993 Lead Summit That Stirred Citizens and Shaped Reform
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

3rd Place

Students: Danah Jang, Tzurielle Parrino
Project Title: "Feeling Right": How Stowe's Revolutionary Novel Sparked Reactions and Ignited Reform
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Honorable Mention

Students: Aubrey Williams, Caitlin Callihan, Nina Cardillo
Project Title: World War I: Fashion Revolution
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Sara Benge, Leslie Thompson

Senior Group Documentary

1st Place

Students: Joshua Gordon, Joshua Chen, Joshua Thomas
Project Title: "Justice for Vincent Chin!" The Murder that Mobilized a Movement
School: St. Ignatius High School
Teacher: Joe Ptak

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2nd Place

Students: Gabriel Heard, Masen Nelson

Project Title: A Silver Lining in a Performative Paradox: The Legacy of the Aristocrat of Harlem (The Cotton Club)

School: Toledo Early College

Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

3rd Place

Students: Samuel Manning, Giorgio Restaino, Rex Papa, Owen Olmi

Project Title: The Easter Rising: A Failed Revolution Leads to a Long-Term Victory

School: Ursuline High School

Teacher: Steven Hiner

Honorable Mention

Students: William Jevac, Chaatwik Nettem, Harinandhan Vasanthakumar

Project Title: A Revolution for Unions; The Little Steel Strike of 1937

School: Strongsville High School

Teacher: Erica Powell

Junior Group Exhibit

1st Place

Students: Skye Bondy, Kamari Carpenter, Genevieve Hess

Project Title: The 1918 Flu Pandemic Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio

School: Buckeye Trail Middle & High School

Teacher: Toni Gallow

2nd Place

Students: Lucas Cook, Zhiying Yuan, Sophie Hao

Project Title: From Patients to Athletes: The Revolution of Respect in the Paralympic Games

School: Mason Intermediate School

Teacher: Jill Hartsock

3rd Place

Students: David Scaparotti, Samuel Glick, Benjamin Ticak

Project Title: Bars, Blood, and a Breaking Point: How Attica Reformed American Prisons

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Honorable Mention

Students: Agnes Reder-Steigman, Lucy Winslow

Project Title: The Bachelorette's Degree: How Mary Jane Patterson "Opened the Doors" to Higher Education

School: Dominion Middle School

Teacher: Lauren Noble

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Senior Group Exhibit

1st Place

Students: Samuel Claspy, Saint Anthony Crawford V, Joseph Friguglietti, Matthew Moore

Project Title: "The George Washington of Saint Domingue," Toussaint Louverture's Revolution and the Global Reaction to Slavery

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

2nd Place

Students: Mariana Smith, Anajoselyn Cruz, Karina Cruz

Project Title: The United Farm Workers

School: Toledo Early College

Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

3rd Place

Students: Reeve Vincent, Andrew Khawam, Maaz Ali

Project Title: A Reform Towards Democracy: The Velvet Revolution of 1989

School: St. Ignatius High School

Teacher: Joe Ptak

Honorable Mention

Students: Jerry Jiang, Zixing Zhou, Arthur Zhao

Project Title: From Atomic Fear to Peaceful Power: How a Revolutionary Nuclear Vision Triggered Worldwide Reaction and Lasting Reform

School: Hawken Upper School

Teacher: Mati Barker

Junior Group Performance

1st Place

Students: Devang Pareek, Mia Woodley

Project Title: From Challenge to Change: Revolutionizing Women's Rights through Moritz v. Commissioner

School: Independent Entry

Teacher: Independent Entry

2nd Place

Students: Eve Thompson, Trisha Sriniketh, Architha Reddy

Project Title: Church Reformation of England

School: Mason Intermediate School

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Teacher: Jill Hartsock

3rd Place

Students: Lucille Bradford, Peyton Barr

Project Title: "The Revolution, Reaction, and Reforms After the Fallout of Women's Suffrage Based on the Fifteenth Amendment"

School: Tri-Valley Middle School

Teacher: Molly Orr

Senior Group Performance

1st Place

Students: Rachel Klein, Pom Ziv, Saya Walters

Project Title: Radium Girls: Doomed to Die

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

2nd Place

Students: Vibha Balasubramaniam, Laura Holbrook, Ava Mason

Project Title: "Don't Pass the Babies By" - Martin Couney's Coney Island Incubator Exhibit

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher: Sarah Davis

3rd Place

Students: E'Million Rankins, A'alexys White, Layla Tillett, Nya Mathews

Project Title: Sojourner Truth; A Runaway Slave Who made a Difference

School: Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students

Teacher: Ben Rall

Honorable Mention

Students: Peyton Lazar, Soumaya Sacko, Tigerlily Wagner, Yahir Ponce De Leon Campos, Jack Grayson

Project Title: The Reaction and Reforms to the Death of Emmett Till: The Boy who the American People Failed to Protect

School: Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students

Teacher: Ben Rall

Junior Group Website

1st Place

Students: Niko Constantinou, Noah DeLuca, Millan Babu

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Project Title: Revolutionary Resting: How The Akron Sit-Down Strike Brought Reform To Goodyear's Factories

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

2nd Place

Students: Nicholas Hartman II, Kristen Howard

Project Title: The Influence of The Capitol Crawl

School: Toledo Early College

Teacher: Allison Edler, Zachary Shepler

3rd Place

Students: Isabella Shieh, Grace Higginbotham

Project Title: Willem Kolff and the Invention of the Kidney Dialysis Machine

School: Genoa Middle School

Teacher: Sara Bengel, Caitlin Begeny

Honorable Mention

Students: Tommy Kurtek, Mauro Fernandes

Project Title: Black Death

School: Genoa Middle School

Teacher: Sara Bengel, Caitlin Begeny

Senior Group Website

1st Place

Students: Bram Turturici, Calvin Wilson, Lucas Tcheurekdjian, Marios Kallergis

Project Title: Vera Rubin: A Pioneer in Science and Gender Equality

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

2nd Place

Students: Liam Calabrese, Henry Burkhart, Matias Pusa

Project Title: Ink, Blood, and Crack Cocaine: How Gary Webb's Investigation into the CIA caused Public Outrage, and its Impact on Government Accountability

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

3rd Place

Students: Leen Akras, Leanne Zheng, Ayat Jaffar, Linchang Zhao

Project Title: Trail of Broken Treaties: Revolution on the Road, Reaction in Washington, Reform in Native Policy

School: Hawken Upper School

Teacher: Mati Barker

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Honorable Mention

Students: Sydney Merckens, Lila Miles

Project Title: Amber Alert: Reactions and Revolution for Child Safety

School: Huron High School

Teacher: John Harkelroad

Junior Individual Documentary

1st Place

Students: Nathan Thomas

Project Title: Echoes of the Plains: The Wounded Knee Occupation and the Fight to Reform Native American Rights

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

2nd Place

Students: Susan Stewart-Pirone

Project Title: Silence = Death: How ACT UP Turned Anger and Fear into Action and Change

School: Walnut Hills High School

Teacher: Joseph Stewart-Pirone

3rd Place

Students: Wade Jones

Project Title: The Mine Wars, A Forgotten Revolution

School: Dresden Elementary School

Teacher: Molly Orr

Honorable Mention

Students: Jackson Tan

Project Title: Alfred Nobel: The Dynamite Story of Revolution, Remorse, and Recognition

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Senior Individual Documentary

1st Place

Students: Ethan Daniels

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Project Title: Frank Lloyd Wright and The Birth of Organic Architecture

School: Toledo Early College

Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

2nd Place

Students: David Machak

Project Title: America's Burning River

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher: Sarah Horgan

3rd Place

Students: Angelique Blanc

Project Title: Burning A Dream: The Forge and Fall of Black Wall Street

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher: Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention

Students: Patrick Williams

Project Title: The Post World War II American Food System and Its Effect on American Health

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher: Sarah Horgan

Junior Individual Exhibit

1st Place

Students: Alice Gutridge

Project Title: The 1970s Reclamation of the Pink Triangle

School: Walnut Hills High School

Teacher: Samantha Bramlage

2nd Place

Students: James Ryba

Project Title: The Mold That Mended Millions: The Invention of Penicillin

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher: Andrea Scullion

3rd Place

Students: Stella Eadie

Project Title: Emma Tenayuca and the Pecan Shellers Strike of 1938

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Honorable Mention

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Students: Kaya Delgado-Rivers

Project Title: The General from Santiago: Guillermo Moncada and the Cuban Wars of Independence

School: Dominion Middle School

Teacher: Lauren Noble

Senior Individual Exhibit

1st Place

Students: Joseph Smith

Project Title: Standing Alone: The courage of Ida B. Wells

School: Berne Union High School

Teacher: Julie Cornell

2nd Place

Students: Stephanie Liu

Project Title: A Study in Deception: The Tuskegee Syphilis Study and the Reckoning of American Medical Ethics

School: Columbus Academy

Teacher: Tim Morford

3rd Place

Students: Clare Park

Project Title: One Drop, Millions Saved: Dr. Sabin and the Revolutionary Vaccine

School: Jerome High School

Teacher: Mary Bezbatchesko

Honorable Mention

Students: Victoria Waldron

Project Title: Students React: The Right to Be Heard

School: Strongsville High School

Teacher: Erica Powell

Junior Individual Performance

1st Place

Students: Graham Walker

Project Title: John Muir : Revolution, Reaction, Reform

School: Gallia Academy Middle School

Teacher: Megan Lawhon

2nd Place

Students: Corrado Naples

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Project Title: Virtue After Vietnam: How Reactions to the Bui Doi Inspired Reforms in America's Immigration Policies

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

3rd Place

Students: Aarav Ahuja

Project Title: Stirring the Barrel: How Ida Tarbell's Pen Sparked Revolution, Reaction, and Reform Against Standard Oil

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Honorable Mention

Students: Virginia Bardwell

Project Title: Let's Call Her Barbie: A Plastic Revolution and the Reactions That Reformed an Icon

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Senior Individual Performance

1st Place

Students: Ananya Kandel

Project Title: The Fight of America's Glowing Radium Girls

School: Toledo Early College

Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

2nd Place

Students: Greyson Hearing

Project Title: Revolution on the Airwaves: Sesame Street and the Reaction to Educational Integration

School: Maysville High School

Teacher: Lance Mcgee

3rd Place

Students: Chesney Carter

Project Title: Grrrl Power to Real Power: How the Spice Girls Popularized Third Wave Feminism

School: Maysville High School

Teacher: Lance Mcgee

Honorable Mention

Students: Liesse Ihirwe

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Project Title: Ndabaga's Story
School: Ursuline High School
Teacher: Steven Hiner

Junior Individual Website

1st Place

Students: Julie Swedeh
Project Title: Killing Polio: The Medical Revolution That Saved Millions from Paralysis
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

2nd Place

Students: Emily Dury
Project Title: Katherine Johnson - One of NASA's Hidden Figures
School: St. Agatha School
Teacher: Nicholas Moore

3rd Place

Students: Alex Zuchowski
Project Title: Stonewall Riots of 1969
School: Genoa Middle School
Teacher: Sara Benge, Caitlin Begeny

Honorable Mention

Students: Rosalind Johnson
Project Title: RMS Titanic and the Revolution in Nautical Safety
School: Independent Entry
Teacher: Mark Johnson

Senior Individual Website

1st Place

Students: Ella Tang
Project Title: Víctor Jara and Nueva Canción: A Musical Revolution
School: Columbus Academy
Teacher: Tim Morford

2nd Place

Students: Calvin Lei

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Project Title: The Race That Changed Racing: Tragedy and the Safety Revolution in Formula One

School: Hawken Upper School

Teacher: Mati Barker

3rd Place

Students: Samuel Xu

Project Title: When Curriculum Became Controversy: How the Scopes Reaction Reflected America's Struggle Between Science, Faith, and Identity

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher: Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention

Students: Antonina Tse

Project Title: Revolution Through Sound: Protest Music of the 1960s

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher: Sarah Horgan

Junior Paper

1st Place

Students: Anne Fei

Project Title: Blood or Birthplace? How United States v. Wong Kim Ark Revolutionized Citizenship in America

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

2nd Place

Students: AirMarie Stanley

Project Title: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue

School: Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students

Teacher: Steven Lewis, Ben Rall

3rd Place

Students: Mabel Barber

Project Title: Virginia is for Lovers: How Richard and Mildred Loving Sparked a Legal Revolution, Faced Massive Reaction, and Reformed Marriage Rights in America

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Honorable Mention

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Students: Yi Yang

Project Title: Reform Born from Tragedy: The History of Thalidomide and the Birth of the Modern Pharmaceutical Regulatory System

School: Mason Middle School

Teacher: Erin White

Senior Paper

1st Place

Students: Omar Elbadawy

Project Title: Romania's Revolution of 1989: The Violent Path from Dictatorship to Reform

School: Hawken Upper School

Teacher: Mati Barker

2nd Place

Students: Isaiah Fuhr

Project Title: Tinker vs. Des Moines: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform

School: Rock Hill High School

Teacher: Rhonda Hacker

3rd Place

Students: Avery Harris

Project Title: Breaking the Chain: Akron Workers, Strikes, and Labor Reform

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher: Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention

Students: Yuxi Zheng

Project Title: More Than a Nurse: The Significance of Black Nurses in Health Reform from the 1890s to the 1920s

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher: Sarah Horgan