



Region 3 Ohio History Day | March 27, 2021 Winners by Category

All category winners advance to the statewide Ohio History Day contest on April 24, 2021.

Junior Group Documentary

First Place

Selma to Montgomery: The Marches that Overcame Violence, Communicating the Right to Vote for All Americans

Isabella Bixler and Ben Miyares

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Second Place

"The Gate of Heavenly Peace": China's Communication to Her People That the Key to Democracy Would Never Open China's Communist Lock

Cadence Guo and Joshua Sifers

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Third Place

Improving Communication Through Mail: Joseph William Briggs and Free Mail Delivery

Siya Lakireddy and Aanya Lakireddy

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Senior Group Documentary

First Place

You've Gotta Give 'Em Hope!: Harvey Milk's Work in the LGBTQ Movement

Josh Mink, Abigail Sable, Eva Nieman, and Sylvia McCormack

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Lowell Thomas, the Forgotten Man who Changed Communication

Parker Roeder, Bryan Pogel, Jackson Fowler, and Andrew Farkas

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski



Third Place

Mahalia Jackson: A Voice for Change

Emily Boron, Elizabeth Huang, and Nora Von Der Heydt

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis

Honorable Mention

Communications in History: The Crisis That Almost Destroyed the World

Ezaiyah Jolly and Adrik Dutta

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Junior Group Exhibit

First Place

Braille: Communication Without Fail

Sophia Bell and Danica Niemiec

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Second Place

Navajo Code Talkers

Lee Somerville and Danka Wentzel

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Third Place

Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphic Script: The Key to Advancing a Civilization and Shaping Today's World

Daniel Wise and Michael Grobelny

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Honorable Mention

Operation Mincemeat

Jaydon Hallis and Brandon Eardley

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady



Honorable Mention

Celebrating Life in Dance

Kylee Zamecnik and Victoria Shiban

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Senior Group Exhibit

First Place

Propaganda in the American Revolution

Eleanor Pierse, Jacob Speicher, and Alexandra Quinones

School: Lutheran West

Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

Second Place

How the Oberlinites of the Underground Railroad Secretly Brought Slaves to Safety

Isabela Csora and Catie Kerr

School: Lutheran West

Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

Third Place

Communication Through Theater

Jaipaul Singh Jr, Abigail Hammer-Huber, and Joyce Weng

School: Lutheran West

Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

Junior Group Performance

First Place

Different Dreams: How Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X Communicated Their Influential Messages to Troubled America

Jad Alsouss and Manan Raina

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Second Place

How the Courtroom Became a Crime Scene: The Unjust Communication in the Sam Sheppard Trials

Audrey Ronayne, Katherine Leonardi, and Fiona Boyd

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino



Third Place

Alice Paul and Lucy Burns – Boldly Marching to Communicate the Vital Need for Women’s Suffrage
Yara Salam, Ishika Chand, Manya Raina
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Honorable Mention

The Words of Gandhi
Shashini Mohan, Nakshatra Mohan, and Atidya Mohan
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady

Senior Group Performance

First Place

I Am Not a Weakling: How the Pentagon Papers Altered Communication Between the United States Government and Its People
Anna Welsh and Maria Krouse
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Tinker v. Des Moines: The Student Led Fight for Free Speech
Mary Basilion, Zara Braun, and Brendan Zbanek
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Third Place

The Emancipation Proclamation: Causes, Reactions, and Effects
Angel Rosales and Luis Rosales
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Junior Group Website

First Place

Nazi Propaganda: Communicating Hatred
Annabelle Kamerman and Vishita Nayak
School: Mayfield Middle School
Teacher(s): Rachael Streitman



Second Place

Titanic: The Miscommunication that Sunk the "Unsinkable" Ship and Launched Key Safety Reforms

Nadine Nouraldin, Chloe Lang, and Reyna Uechi

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino

Third Place

BASIC: The simple code that powered the PC revolution and inspired all users to communicate with computers

Stephen Parrino and Joshua Chen

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Senior Group Website

First Place

Influenza: The Failed Coverup of 1918

Nicolo Moulthrop, Jonathan Jacques, William Lang, and Ahmed Lasheen

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Sister Rosetta Tharpe: Godmother of Rock n Roll

Maeve Brogan and Claire Borden

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Third Place

Publishing Political Perspectives for the Public: Puck Magazine

Owen Tolbert, Dylan Lamb, and Nick Luther

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Junior Individual Documentary

First Place

The Cleveland Free-Net: How a Case Western Reserve University Experiment Opened Up a New World of Communication



Angela D'Souza
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Second Place

Gandhi's Salt March – Helping the world understand his message of nonviolence one step at a time

Adharsh Narendrakumar
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Third Place

Thomas Nast: Fighting Corruption One Cartoon At A Time

Joshua Gordon
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Honorable Mention

Ink Wars: Sensationalizing Communication Through Yellow Journalism

Nicolas Shang
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Senior Individual Documentary

First Place

Communication in Song: How Lady Day Paved the Way

Laila Christian
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher: Sarah Davis

Second Place

A time to break silence

Omar White Evans
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Third Place

The Creation of an Enemy

Kayla Jiang
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan



Honorable Mention

The Effects of Assimilation

Gisa Karamaga

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place

Communicating Through the Centuries: Tu Youyou, TCM, and the Quest to Cure Malaria

Jennifer Song

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Second Place

The Ghost Army: Communication and Deception by the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops

Cehan Ahmad

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Third Place

"Dummy" Hoy's Grand Slam: how a deaf center fielder changed communication in team sports

Alex Sideris

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Honorable Mention

The Ohio State School for the Blind

Ellie Zoeckler

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Honorable Mention

Morse Code: The Roots of Modern Communication

Zachary Fuhrer

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Honorable Mention

Seneca Falls: First Women's Rights Convention 1848



Sarah Weaver
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Honorable Mention

Homing Pigeons: Military Messengers During the Great War

Anna Oestreich
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place

How Marvel Comics Communicated Civil Rights Through Their Characters

Amy Zell
School: Lutheran West
Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

Second Place

Dorothea Lange: How Photography Helped End the Great Depression

Brynn McCaslin
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Third Place

Spanish Influenza

Emily Bergmann
School: Lutheran West
Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

Junior Individual Performance

First Place

The Story of FDR's Fireside Chats, as told by "Deputy President" Harry Hopkins

Jackson Kenny
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady



Second Place

How the Diary of Anne Frank Changed the World

Madeline Suma

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Junior Individual Website

First Place

FDR Fireside Chats

Dae Kim

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Second Place

The Enigma Machine

Benjamin Hewitt

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Third Place

President Reagan's Speech: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this Wall!"

Ethan Chen

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Senior Individual Website

First Place

Communication During WWII: The Navajo Code Talkers and their Forgotten Contribution

Natalie Ham

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Second Place

The Making of the Modern Campaign: Turning Points in Communication with the Voter

Hazel Smith

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski



Third Place

Satellites: The Path to Communication

Katya Luchette

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Junior Paper

First Place

Uncle Tom's Cabin: The Key to Understanding the Inhumanity of Slavery through the Power of the Story

Omar Elbadawy

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Second Place

Soviet Posters and Jewish Identity

Ari Feinberg

School: Shaker Heights Middle School

Teacher(s): David Saluga

Third Place

Deceptive communication at Yalta – The Key to Understanding the Start of the Cold War

Shreeyans Bhavaraju

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller and Joe Parrino

Senior Paper

First Place

The Effects of The Crucible as a Medium to Communicate Anti-McCarthyism Ideals

Isabella Folio

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Second Place

Yiddish Means Mishpocheh

Jimena Oliva

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan



Third Place

Examining Communication Through Diplomacy: How Kennedy and Khrushchev Deescalated the Cuban Missile Crisis and Led the World to a More Peaceful Future

Arthur Johnson

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Champ's Pick! Awards

This 2021 contest season, we are delighted to announce the "Champ's Pick!" Award! The purpose of this award is to provide students equitable access to advance through the Ohio History Day competition levels. All schools that field at least three entries for their regional contest are eligible. If, in the judging process, no entries from an eligible school advance to the State Contest, that school's nomination will win a Champ's Pick! Award. The recipients of this award will automatically advance to the Virtual State competition, held on Saturday April 24, 2021.

Rocky River High School

The Balkan Divide: Dayton's Last Settlement

Alex Stevovich, Jackson Smith, and Jed Semaan

Teacher: Sara Ziemnik