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*
Madeleine 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