

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORY DAY RESULTS 2025

STUDENT	SCHOOL	TITLE	CATEGORY		TEACHER	RECOGNITION
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Chicago Metro History Day congratulates the following Chicago metro region students on their accomplishments at Illinois State History Day on May 1, 2025.

For a full list of State Winners, contact Laura Mitchell (laura.mitchelle@illinois.gov) at Illinois History Day. IHD is coordinated by the Illinois State Museum.

JUNIOR PAPER

National Qualifiers

N. Behl	Quest Academy	The Bhopal Gas Tragedy: An Ongoing Fight for Rights and Responsibility	Junior	Paper	Drew Shillhanek	National Qualifier
O. Morley	Catherine Cook School	From Deception to Accountability: How the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act Advanced Consumer Rights and Demanded Government and Corporate Responsibility	Junior	Paper	Liz Kruse	National Qualifier

Alternate

A. Padilla	Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy	We Are the Ship, All Else the Sea: The Negro Leagues' Unstoppable Drive for Justice Throughout the 20th Century	Junior	Paper	Vince Coughlin	Alternate
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State Finalists

M. Liu	Quest Academy	The 1989 Tiananmen Square Movement's Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Paper	Drew Shillhanek	Finalist
J. Ijimakin	Taft Academic Center	Cotton Was King: How the Plantation System Stripped Away the Rights of Human Commodities While Denying Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Paper	Kelly Figueroa	Finalist
A. Mavlyankul	Science Academy of Chicago	Love Conquers All: The Pivotal Court Case That Overturned Interracial Marriage Bans	Junior	Paper	Zeferino Martinez Jr	Finalist
M. VanWinkle	Skinner North Classical School	Fighting for Equality: The UDHR and the Global Struggle for Human Rights	Junior	Paper	Zach Schroeder	Finalist
E. Chung	Skinner North Classical School	The Impact of the Atomic Bombing: The Responsibility to Protect Human Life	Junior	Paper	Zach Schroeder	Finalist
E. Poczatek	Skinner North Classical School	The Beast Behind Beauty: Animal Rights and the Cosmetics Industry	Junior	Paper	Zach Schroeder	Finalist

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

National Qualifiers

L. Salabert	Taft Academic Center	Suits, Streets, and Solidarity: How the Zoot Suit Riots were a Catalyst for the Chicano Movement	Junior	Individual Documentary	Kelly Figueroa	National Qualifier
I. Jin	Skinner North Classical School	Rights and Responsibilities: What Led to the Story of Tank Man - The Chinese Student Protests (1989)	Junior	Individual Documentary	Zach Schroeder	National Qualifier

Alternate

P. Dalskov	Quest Academy	Making Their Voices Heard: How American Women	Junior	Individual Documentary	Drew Shillhanek	Alternate
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State Finalists						
E. Nowak	Lane Technical Academic Center	Jane Addams' Fight for Social Justice	Junior	Individual Documentary	Valerie Curtis	Finalist
C. Lee	Catherine Cook School	Rights and Responsibilities in Rebellion: Tinker vs. Des Moines	Junior	Individual Documentary	Emily Zheutlin	Finalist
A. Wimmer	Margaret Mead Junior High	Solidarity Forever: The Legacy of the Haymarket Martyrs	Junior	Individual Documentary	Julie Morrison	Finalist

JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

National Qualifiers						
K. Strong	Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparato	The Black Panther Party	Junior	Group Documentary	Melisa Campos	National Qualifier
L. Ballard	Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparato	The Black Panther Party	Junior	Group Documentary	Melisa Campos	National Qualifier
G. Tipton	Avery Coonley School	Rights and Responsibilities of Schools in Emergencies	Junior	Group Documentary	Eric Youngquist	National Qualifier
H. Andreoli	Avery Coonley School	Rights and Responsibilities of Schools in Emergencies	Junior	Group Documentary	Eric Youngquist	National Qualifier
V. Bhattacharj	Avery Coonley School	Rights and Responsibilities of Schools in Emergencies	Junior	Group Documentary	Eric Youngquist	National Qualifier
Z. William	Avery Coonley School	Rights and Responsibilities of Schools in Emergencies	Junior	Group Documentary	Eric Youngquist	National Qualifier

Alternate

D. Shah	Oscar Mayer School	How the Game of Change Impacted African American Athletes and Their Rights	Junior	Group Documentary	Elizabeth Scalia	Alternate
T. Ciortan	Oscar Mayer School	How the Game of Change Impacted African American Athletes and Their Rights	Junior	Group Documentary	Elizabeth Scalia	Alternate

State Finalists

M. Ashwin	Margaret Mead Junior High	The PLATO Computer System: Transformation and Equity in the Classroom	Junior	Group Documentary	Julie Morrison	Finalist
R. Lillaney	Margaret Mead Junior High	The PLATO Computer System: Transformation and Equity in the Classroom	Junior	Group Documentary	Julie Morrison	Finalist
Z. Blumberg	Margaret Mead Junior High	The PLATO Computer System: Transformation and Equity in the Classroom	Junior	Group Documentary	Julie Morrison	Finalist

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

National Qualifiers						
R. Qaimari	Quest Academy	The Balfour Declaration: False Responsibilities and Disregarding Arab Rights	Junior	Individual Performance	Drew Shillhanek	National Qualifier
A. Laureano	Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy	The Impact of RBG	Junior	Individual Performance	Vince Coughlin	National Qualifier

Alternate

C. Makowski	Horizon Science Academy	The Stonewall Uprisings	Junior	Individual Performance	Kate Minch	Alternate
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JUNIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

National Qualifiers						
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C. Mlynarcik	Parker Junior High School	AIDS Epidemic	Junior	Group Performance	Linda ODwyer	National Qualifier
H. Daggett	Parker Junior High School	AIDS Epidemic	Junior	Group Performance	Linda ODwyer	National Qualifier
M. Bobb	Parker Junior High School	AIDS Epidemic	Junior	Group Performance	Linda ODwyer	National Qualifier
N. Davis	Parker Junior High School	AIDS Epidemic	Junior	Group Performance	Linda ODwyer	National Qualifier
R. Kelly	Parker Junior High School	AIDS Epidemic	Junior	Group Performance	Linda ODwyer	National Qualifier

Alternate

A. Barrera	Mark Twain Elementary School	Trail of Tears and Indian Removal Act of 1830: Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Group Performance	Brandon Barr	Alternate
A. Iniguez	Mark Twain Elementary School	Trail of Tears and Indian Removal Act of 1830: Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Group Performance	Brandon Barr	Alternate
C. Maldonado	Mark Twain Elementary School	Trail of Tears and Indian Removal Act of 1830: Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Group Performance	Brandon Barr	Alternate
D. Avitia-Soto	Mark Twain Elementary School	Trail of Tears and Indian Removal Act of 1830: Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Group Performance	Brandon Barr	Alternate
Y. Leon	Mark Twain Elementary School	Trail of Tears and Indian Removal Act of 1830: Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Group Performance	Brandon Barr	Alternate

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

National Qualifiers

K. Lindeke	Lane Technical Academic Center	Cabrini-Green: The Rise and Fall of High-Rise Public Housing	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Valerie Curtis	National Qualifier
J. Lai	Skinner North Classical School	A Legacy of Injustice: Japanese-American Incarceration During World War II	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Zach Schroeder	National Qualifier

State Finalists

A. Quach	Philip Rogers Elementary	The Delano Grape Strike of 1965: "Si, Se Puede" and the Responsibility to Demand Rights	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Patricia Meegan	Finalist
E. Sennett	John B. Murphy Elementary	Riot Grrrl: How Music Fueled a Revolution	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Magdalena Laqui	Finalist
E. Gutierrez	Richard Edwards Elementary	Suffrage!: Women Fight for Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Eric Haak	Finalist
E. Garcia	St. Mary School (Riverside)	Injustice For All	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Olivia Bober	Finalist
T. Robinson	John C. Coonley Elementary	The Steps to Change for Americans with Disabilities	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Alex Chang	Finalist
S. Abdurakhm	Horizon Science Academy	Jewish Shattered Rights	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Kate Minch	Finalist
F. Waterbrook	Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School	Kent State Massacre: The Day the War Came Home	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Tareeq Rasheed	Finalist
A. Chacon	Taft Academic Center	Undocumented Sexual Survivors	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Kelly Figueroa	Finalist
B. Mussie	Margaret Mead Junior High	The Double V Campaign: African-Americans Fighting for Freedom On All Fronts	Junior	Individual Exhibit	Julie Morrison	Finalist

JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

National Qualifiers

E. Eichenseer	John C. Coonley Elementary	Japan's Secret Genocide: Unit 731	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alex Chang	National Qualifier
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G. Sanchez	John C. Coonley Elementary	Japan's Secret Genocide: Unit 731	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alex Chang	National Qualifier
R. Jain	John C. Coonley Elementary	Japan's Secret Genocide: Unit 731	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alex Chang	National Qualifier
K. Hernandez	Richard Edwards Elementary	God, Buffalo Bill, and Frances Willard: The Story of America's Most Loved Woman	Junior	Group Exhibit	Eric Haak	National Qualifier
Y. Duran	Richard Edwards Elementary	God, Buffalo Bill, and Frances Willard: The Story of America's Most Loved Woman	Junior	Group Exhibit	Eric Haak	National Qualifier
Alternate						
B. Roark	John C. Coonley Elementary	Lucy E. Parsons: Revolutionary Revision	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alina Cordero	Alternate
L. Epperson	John C. Coonley Elementary	Lucy E. Parsons: Revolutionary Revision	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alina Cordero	Alternate
O. Winters	John C. Coonley Elementary	Lucy E. Parsons: Revolutionary Revision	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alina Cordero	Alternate
State Finalists						
A. Salgado	Mark Twain Elementary School	The Seneca Falls Convention: Voices of Change	Junior	Group Exhibit	Albert Burford	Finalist
J. Urbina	Mark Twain Elementary School	The Seneca Falls Convention: Voices of Change	Junior	Group Exhibit	Albert Burford	Finalist
K. Cervantes	Mark Twain Elementary School	The Seneca Falls Convention: Voices of Change	Junior	Group Exhibit	Albert Burford	Finalist
N. Guerrero	Mark Twain Elementary School	The Seneca Falls Convention: Voices of Change	Junior	Group Exhibit	Albert Burford	Finalist
E. Huang	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Haymarket Affair: Chicago's Role in the Labor Movement's Fight for Rights	Junior	Group Exhibit	Al Edwards	Finalist
J. Shariff	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Haymarket Affair: Chicago's Role in the Labor Movement's Fight for Rights	Junior	Group Exhibit	Al Edwards	Finalist
L. Ketcham	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Haymarket Affair: Chicago's Role in the Labor Movement's Fight for Rights	Junior	Group Exhibit	Al Edwards	Finalist
O. Xie	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Haymarket Affair: Chicago's Role in the Labor Movement's Fight for Rights	Junior	Group Exhibit	Al Edwards	Finalist
X. Wang	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Haymarket Affair: Chicago's Role in the Labor Movement's Fight for Rights	Junior	Group Exhibit	Al Edwards	Finalist
A. O'Callaghan	Lane Technical Academic Center	Jane Doe: The Evolution of Women's Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Group Exhibit	Valerie Curtis	Finalist
C. Barnaby	Lane Technical Academic Center	Jane Doe: The Evolution of Women's Rights and Responsibilities	Junior	Group Exhibit	Valerie Curtis	Finalist
F. Xu	Margaret Mead Junior High	The Matchgirls' Strike of 1888: The Spark that Started the Flame	Junior	Group Exhibit	Julie Morrison	Finalist
S. Hingmire	Margaret Mead Junior High	The Matchgirls' Strike of 1888: The Spark that Started the Flame	Junior	Group Exhibit	Julie Morrison	Finalist
K. Perez	Richard Edwards Elementary	Jane Addams: A Life Dedicated to the Rights and Responsibilities of Others	Junior	Group Exhibit	Eric Haak	Finalist
S. Gonzalez	Richard Edwards Elementary	Jane Addams: A Life Dedicated to the Rights and Responsibilities of Others	Junior	Group Exhibit	Eric Haak	Finalist
A. Clemente	John C. Coonley Elementary	Healthcare Needs a Feminist Revolution! The Women's Health Movement and Modern Issues in Women's Healthcare Today	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alex Chang	Finalist

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R. Riddle	John C. Coonley Elementary	Healthcare Needs a Feminist Revolution! The Women's Health Movement and Modern Issues in Women's Healthcare Today	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alex Chang	Finalist
G. Owens	Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Ce	The Less Heard Women of Suffrage	Junior	Group Exhibit	Kim Smolen	Finalist
M. Wright	Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Ce	The Less Heard Women of Suffrage	Junior	Group Exhibit	Kim Smolen	Finalist
M. Morgan	Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Ce	The Less Heard Women of Suffrage	Junior	Group Exhibit	Kim Smolen	Finalist
C. Berg	Taft Academic Center	Kristallnacht: A Turning Point in the Violation of Human Rights in the Holocaust	Junior	Group Exhibit	Jeffrey Lucco	Finalist
M. Berlin	Taft Academic Center	Kristallnacht: A Turning Point in the Violation of Human Rights in the Holocaust	Junior	Group Exhibit	Jeffrey Lucco	Finalist
B. DiLiberto	Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy	Wicked Witches of the East	Junior	Group Exhibit	Vince Coughlin	Finalist
S. Kokoszka	Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy	Wicked Witches of the East	Junior	Group Exhibit	Vince Coughlin	Finalist
C. Montenegro	Richard Edwards Elementary	Ida B. Wells: Chicago's Crusader for Civil Rights and Her Responsibility to End Lynching	Junior	Group Exhibit	Eric Haak	Finalist
F. Valdez	Richard Edwards Elementary	Ida B. Wells: Chicago's Crusader for Civil Rights and Her Responsibility to End Lynching	Junior	Group Exhibit	Eric Haak	Finalist
J. Rivas	Richard Edwards Elementary	Ida B. Wells: Chicago's Crusader for Civil Rights and Her Responsibility to End Lynching	Junior	Group Exhibit	Eric Haak	Finalist
E. Russell	John C. Coonley Elementary	The Knygnešiai	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alina Cordero	Finalist
E. Epperson	John C. Coonley Elementary	The Knygnešiai	Junior	Group Exhibit	Alina Cordero	Finalist
G. Yepez	Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy	Who Wants Diversity?	Junior	Group Exhibit	Vince Coughlin	Finalist
L. Topete	Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy	Who Wants Diversity?	Junior	Group Exhibit	Vince Coughlin	Finalist
C. Shields	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act	Junior	Group Exhibit	Samantha Weil	Finalist
C. Taylor	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act	Junior	Group Exhibit	Samantha Weil	Finalist
H. Rager	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act	Junior	Group Exhibit	Samantha Weil	Finalist
S. Bendfeldt	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act	Junior	Group Exhibit	Samantha Weil	Finalist
C. Pina	Oscar Mayer School	The Game of Change: Desegregation of College Basketball	Junior	Group Exhibit	Marta Serna	Finalist
R. Harris	Oscar Mayer School	The Game of Change: Desegregation of College Basketball	Junior	Group Exhibit	Marta Serna	Finalist
JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE						
National Qualifiers						
S. Tantleff	Catherine Cook School	EMTALA: Patients' Right to Emergency Medical Treatment and Hospitals' Responsibility to Provide Stabilizing Care	Junior	Individual Website	Nick Janczuk	National Qualifier
P. Timpe	Quest Academy	Calling the Shots: Rights, Responsibilities, and Public Health	Junior	Individual Website	Drew Shillhanek	National Qualifier

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Alternate							
B.	Whitford-Rt Skinner North Classical School	The Road to NEPA: How Highway Construction Paved the Way for a Revolutionary Environmental Law	Junior	Individual Website	Zach Schroeder	Alternate	
State Finalists							
L.	Geng	Quest Academy	Judgment at Nuremberg: Upholding Rights - Reckoning with Responsibility	Junior	Individual Website	Drew Shillhanek	Finalist
N.	Yash	Margaret Mead Junior High	Go For Broke: How a Regiment Fought for Their Rights	Junior	Individual Website	Julie Morrison	Finalist
A.	Reyes	Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary Sc	Forced Sterilization Of Puerto Rico Women	Junior	Individual Website	Josue Contreras	Finalist
D.	Hicks	St. Luke (River Forest)	Government Right, Community Responsibility: The Selective Service Act and the Draft in World War I	Junior	Individual Website	James Bratager	Finalist
JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITE							
National Qualifiers							
M.	Gibbs	St. Giles Catholic School	The Fire That Sparked a Change	Junior	Group Website	Rebecca Kent	National Qualifier
P.	Wuest	St. Giles Catholic School	The Fire That Sparked a Change	Junior	Group Website	Rebecca Kent	National Qualifier
D.	Blackburn	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	The Fire Sparking a Change: The Triangle Shirt-Waist Factory Fire and Workers Rights	Junior	Group Website	Samantha Weil	National Qualifier
J.	Lechota	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	The Fire Sparking a Change: The Triangle Shirt-Waist Factory Fire and Workers Rights	Junior	Group Website	Samantha Weil	National Qualifier
S.	Allen	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	The Fire Sparking a Change: The Triangle Shirt-Waist Factory Fire and Workers Rights	Junior	Group Website	Samantha Weil	National Qualifier
S.	Mackey	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy	The Fire Sparking a Change: The Triangle Shirt-Waist Factory Fire and Workers Rights	Junior	Group Website	Samantha Weil	National Qualifier
Alternate							
E.	Qiu	Whitney M. Young Magnet High Schoo	An Unfulfilled Responsibility that Took the Rights of Thousands: The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Alternate
L.	Guan	Whitney M. Young Magnet High Schoo	An Unfulfilled Responsibility that Took the Rights of Thousands: The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Alternate
M.	Wong	Whitney M. Young Magnet High Schoo	An Unfulfilled Responsibility that Took the Rights of Thousands: The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Alternate
S.	Hung	Whitney M. Young Magnet High Schoo	An Unfulfilled Responsibility that Took the Rights of Thousands: The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Alternate
S.	Zhu	Whitney M. Young Magnet High Schoo	An Unfulfilled Responsibility that Took the Rights of Thousands: The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Alternate
State Finalists							
L.	Viveros	Parker Junior High School	Flawed Laws: Chinese Labor Laws and the Rights of Chinese Workers	Junior	Group Website	Linda ODwyer	Finalist
R.	Rios	Parker Junior High School	Flawed Laws: Chinese Labor Laws and the Rights of Chinese Workers	Junior	Group Website	Linda ODwyer	Finalist

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S. Day	Parker Junior High School	Flawed Laws: Chinese Labor Laws and the Rights of Chinese Workers	Junior	Group Website	Linda ODwyer	Finalist
S. Reyes	Parker Junior High School	Flawed Laws: Chinese Labor Laws and the Rights of Chinese Workers	Junior	Group Website	Linda ODwyer	Finalist
T. Hendrickso	Parker Junior High School	Flawed Laws: Chinese Labor Laws and the Rights of Chinese Workers	Junior	Group Website	Linda ODwyer	Finalist
K. Neely	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Pullman Strike of 1894: A Struggle for Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibility	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Finalist
L. McCoy	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Pullman Strike of 1894: A Struggle for Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibility	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Finalist
L. Esposito	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Pullman Strike of 1894: A Struggle for Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibility	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Finalist
R. Strulov-Shl	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Pullman Strike of 1894: A Struggle for Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibility	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Finalist
S. Li	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	The Pullman Strike of 1894: A Struggle for Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibility	Junior	Group Website	Al Edwards	Finalist

SENIOR PAPER

National Qualifiers

S. Chae	Independent Scholars	Hammer v. Dagenhart: A Failure of Rights and Responsibilities for Child Welfare	Senior	Paper		National Qualifier
H. Richards	Independent Scholars	The Rise, Fall and Rise of the 1873 Comstock Act: Balancing Government Responsibility and Individual Rights	Senior	Paper		National Qualifier

Alternate

C. Cerimele	Regina Dominican High School	Visions of Integrity: Reciprocal Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens and their Government as Seen Through the Eyes of Three Vietnam Veterans	Senior	Paper	Andrew Michalek	Alternate
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State Finalists

S. Babarinde	Air Force Academy High School	Do Say Gay	Senior	Paper	Paul Axel	Finalist
A. Katzman	Vernon Hills High School	Nixon's Lasting Impact: The Political Divide	Senior	Paper	Matthew Bellito	Finalist
J. Moreno	Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy	Dolores Huerta's Fight for Civil Rights for Farm Workers	Senior	Paper	Heidi Dolcimascolo	Finalist
M. Marasas	Maine East High School	"The Gay Plague": Reactions to the Early Years of AIDS	Senior	Paper	Clinton Poskozim	Finalist

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

National Qualifiers

E. Ebreo	Maine East High School	How Internment Camps Changed the Lives of Japanese Americans	Senior	Individual Documentary	Clinton Poskozim	National Qualifier
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A. Nandi	Independent Scholars	America's Forgotten Laborers: The Bracero Program's Legacy on Rights of Non-citizens	Senior	Individual Documentary		National Qualifier

State Finalists

L. Herguth	Maine South High School	Jane Addams Responsibility as Garbage Inspector of the 19th Ward	Senior	Individual Documentary	Michael Biondo	Finalist
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SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

National Qualifiers

N. Hanic	Niles North High School	The Jane Collective: Organizing with Love at the Center	Senior	Group Documentary	Pankaj Sharma	National Qualifier
S. Novak	Niles North High School	The Jane Collective: Organizing with Love at the Center	Senior	Group Documentary	Pankaj Sharma	National Qualifier
V. Trupia	Niles North High School	The Jane Collective: Organizing with Love at the Center	Senior	Group Documentary	Pankaj Sharma	National Qualifier
E. Jozwik	Maine West High School	Mail, Mission, and Marginalization: The Six Triple Eight's Right To Serve And Duty To Deliver	Senior	Group Documentary	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier
E. Mathew	Maine West High School	Mail, Mission, and Marginalization: The Six Triple Eight's Right To Serve And Duty To Deliver	Senior	Group Documentary	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier
J. Chelberg	Maine West High School	Mail, Mission, and Marginalization: The Six Triple Eight's Right To Serve And Duty To Deliver	Senior	Group Documentary	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier
O. Mom	Maine West High School	Mail, Mission, and Marginalization: The Six Triple Eight's Right To Serve And Duty To Deliver	Senior	Group Documentary	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier

Alternate

C. Degenholtz	Independent Scholars	Goodbye, Sister Disco: How Rights and Responsibilities Shaped Disco	Senior	Group Documentary		Alternate
C. Johnson	Independent Scholars	Goodbye, Sister Disco: How Rights and Responsibilities Shaped Disco	Senior	Group Documentary		Alternate
L. Bender	Independent Scholars	Goodbye, Sister Disco: How Rights and Responsibilities Shaped Disco	Senior	Group Documentary		Alternate
R. Fruchter	Independent Scholars	Goodbye, Sister Disco: How Rights and Responsibilities Shaped Disco	Senior	Group Documentary		Alternate

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

National Qualifiers

D. Reyes	Morton East High School	Bob Dylan	Senior	Individual Performance	Jennie Crownson	National Qualifier
M. Tinoco	Morton East High School	From the Streets to the Power- The Fight for Equality of Women in the Young Lord's Movement	Senior	Individual Performance	Jennie Crownson	National Qualifier

Alternate

K. Ambers	Chicago High School for Agricultural & Mechanical Arts	The Record Spins the Same Note Today	Senior	Individual Performance	Diana Krnjaca	Alternate
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A.	Huertas	Independent Scholars	Uniting for Change: The Interracial Alliance of Larry Itliong and Cesar Chavez in the Delano Grape Strike	Senior	Group Performance	Melody Eng	National Qualifier
E.	Jin	Independent Scholars	Uniting for Change: The Interracial Alliance of Larry Itliong and Cesar Chavez in the Delano Grape Strike	Senior	Group Performance	Melody Eng	National Qualifier
J.	Jin	Independent Scholars	Uniting for Change: The Interracial Alliance of Larry Itliong and Cesar Chavez in the Delano Grape Strike	Senior	Group Performance	Melody Eng	National Qualifier
N.	Eng	Independent Scholars	Uniting for Change: The Interracial Alliance of Larry Itliong and Cesar Chavez in the Delano Grape Strike	Senior	Group Performance	Melody Eng	National Qualifier
S.	Peterson	Independent Scholars	Uniting for Change: The Interracial Alliance of Larry Itliong and Cesar Chavez in the Delano Grape Strike	Senior	Group Performance	Melody Eng	National Qualifier
Alternate							
A.	Rechitsky	Independent Scholars	The Bonus Army March of 1932: Challenging Government Responsibility In a Fight For Veteran Rights	Senior	Group Performance		Alternate
A.	Chaphalkar	Independent Scholars	The Bonus Army March of 1932: Challenging Government Responsibility In a Fight For Veteran Rights	Senior	Group Performance		Alternate
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT							
National Qualifiers							
E.	Skony	Maine East High School	Look Closer: Crafted Criminology	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Clinton Poskozim	National Qualifier
K.	Timm	Independent Scholars	"Remember the Ladies": From Coverture to Cult of Domesticity	Senior	Individual Exhibit		National Qualifier
Alternate							
T.	Delgado	Nazareth Academy	The Wall of Respect	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Billy E. Crimmins	Alternate
State Finalists							
A.	Stapleton	Chicago High School for Agricultural & Mechanical Engineering	The Butterfly Sisters	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Diana Krnjaca	Finalist
A.	Newson	Chicago High School for Agricultural & Mechanical Engineering	N.W.A vs. The FBI	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Diana Krnjaca	Finalist
V.	Bernatowicz	Maine East High School	The Great Chicago Fire of 1871	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Clinton Poskozim	Finalist
A.	Hakeem	Maine East High School	Propaganda of World War II: Comics and Cinema	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Clinton Poskozim	Finalist
A.	Dastagir	CICS Northtown Academy	Barbed Injustice: Japanese Internment	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Vincent McCann	Finalist
SENIOR GROUP EXHIBIT							
National Qualifiers							
E.	Rutherford	Maine South High School	Mirage Tavern	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Trenkle	National Qualifier
L.	Whitlock	Maine South High School	Mirage Tavern	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Trenkle	National Qualifier
A.	Madathil	Maine West High School	The Nuremberg Doctor Trials and Medical Ethics	Senior	Group Exhibit	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier
S.	Mulhern	Maine West High School	The Nuremberg Doctor Trials and Medical Ethics	Senior	Group Exhibit	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier

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Alternate						
J. Liu	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	“Hello?”: How The Hello Girls Shaped Women’s Role in Society	Senior	Group Exhibit	Pat Ambrose	Alternate
M. Modekurti	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	“Hello?”: How The Hello Girls Shaped Women’s Role in Society	Senior	Group Exhibit	Pat Ambrose	Alternate
S. Patel	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	“Hello?”: How The Hello Girls Shaped Women’s Role in Society	Senior	Group Exhibit	Pat Ambrose	Alternate
State Finalists						
M. Jackson	Maine West High School	442nd Regiment Infantry	Senior	Group Exhibit	Bryanne Roemer	Finalist
N. Kaner	Maine West High School	442nd Regiment Infantry	Senior	Group Exhibit	Bryanne Roemer	Finalist
H. Hoover	Chicago High School for Agricultural & Mechanical Engineering	Madam C.J. Walker	Senior	Group Exhibit	Diana Krnjaca	Finalist
N. Prince	Chicago High School for Agricultural & Mechanical Engineering	Madam C.J. Walker	Senior	Group Exhibit	Diana Krnjaca	Finalist
E. Fehrman	Maine South High School	Japanese Internment: The Struggle of Japanese Americans During WWII	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Trenkle	Finalist
H. Pettersen	Maine South High School	Japanese Internment: The Struggle of Japanese Americans During WWII	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Trenkle	Finalist
J. Alshorbajet	Maine South High School	Japanese Internment: The Struggle of Japanese Americans During WWII	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Trenkle	Finalist
K. Turcinov	Maine South High School	Japanese Internment: The Struggle of Japanese Americans During WWII	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Trenkle	Finalist
F. Coffman	Regina Dominican High School	95 Angels Gone Too Soon: Our Lady of the Angels School Fire and the Right and Responsibilities of Society	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Michalek	Finalist
J. Fabianski	Regina Dominican High School	95 Angels Gone Too Soon: Our Lady of the Angels School Fire and the Right and Responsibilities of Society	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Michalek	Finalist
V. Lukic	Regina Dominican High School	95 Angels Gone Too Soon: Our Lady of the Angels School Fire and the Right and Responsibilities of Society	Senior	Group Exhibit	Andrew Michalek	Finalist
A. Wold	Vernon Hills High School	Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire	Senior	Group Exhibit	Matthew Bellito	Finalist
J. Rausa	Vernon Hills High School	Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire	Senior	Group Exhibit	Matthew Bellito	Finalist
M. Karkavchuk	Vernon Hills High School	Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire	Senior	Group Exhibit	Matthew Bellito	Finalist
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE						
National Qualifiers						
A. Ramesh	Vernon Hills High School	Riding for Justice: The Freedom Riders and the Fight Against Segregation	Senior	Individual Website	Matthew Bellito	National Qualifier
Alternate						
V. Naranjo	Maine West High School	Public Health Meets Personal Freedom: The Influenza Pandemic Of 1918	Senior	Individual Website	Bryanne Roemer	Alternate

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STUDENT	SCHOOL	TITLE	CATEGORY		TEACHER	RECOGNITION
State Finalists						
D. Tomov	Maine West High School	Establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency	Senior	Individual Website	Bryanne Roemer	Finalist
SENIOR GROUP WEBSITE						
National Qualifiers						
A. Mangal	Vernon Hills High School	Responsibilities Abused and Rights Denied: The Story of Japanese Internment Camps	Senior	Group Website	Matthew Bellito	National Qualifier
K. Kim	Vernon Hills High School	Responsibilities Abused and Rights Denied: The Story of Japanese Internment Camps	Senior	Group Website	Matthew Bellito	National Qualifier
L. Mitic	Maine West High School	The First Transcontinental Railroad	Senior	Group Website	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier
M. Podczaski	Maine West High School	The First Transcontinental Railroad	Senior	Group Website	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier
V. Polissky	Maine West High School	The First Transcontinental Railroad	Senior	Group Website	Bryanne Roemer	National Qualifier
Alternate						
D. Echeverria	Maine West High School	Mass Incarceration and the War on Drugs in Hip-Hop	Senior	Group Website	Bryanne Roemer	Alternate
R. Bhatti	Maine West High School	Mass Incarceration and the War on Drugs in Hip-Hop	Senior	Group Website	Bryanne Roemer	Alternate