

**ILLINOIS STATE HISTORY DAY RESULTS 2026
JUNIOR DIVISION - MAY 4, 2026**

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| JUNIOR PAPERS | | | | | | | |
| Anushri | Patel | Taft Academic Center | The Mineral That Shook an Empire: The 1930 Salt March's Influence on India's Independence Movement | Junior | Paper | National Qualifier | |
| Shreya | Hingmire | Margaret Mead Junior High | A Cycle of Revolution, Reaction, and Reform: The Privacy Act of 1974 and the Evolution of Data Privacy | Junior | Paper | National Qualifier | |
| Connor | Griggs | Taft Academic Center | The Robert Taylor Homes: From a Revolutionary Reform to a High-rise Failure | Junior | Paper | Alternate | |
| Caroline | VanDam | Catherine Cook School | (All) The President's Reporters: How the Watergate Scandal Revolutionized Journalism | Junior | Paper | Finalist | |
| Mason | Jain | Avery Coonley School | The Mujahedin's Gambit: From Cold War Reaction to Radical Religious Reform | Junior | Paper | Finalist | |
| Haley | Hanfing | Catherine Cook School | Fast Asleep: The Revolutionary Tale of Anesthesia | Junior | Paper | Finalist | |
| JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES | | | | | | | |
| Maya | Burt | Baker Demonstration School | How the Chicago River Reversal Revolutionized the World of Civil Engineering and Reformed the Mississippi Watershed | Junior | Individual Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Isabelle | Jin | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | Mao and the Chinese Cultural Revolution | Junior | Individual Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Rilynn | Kloeckner | St. Thomas More Catholic School, Elgin | Daughters of Liberty: The Courage that Forged Equality | Junior | Individual Documentary | Alternate | |
| Joseph | Truong | Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School | The Tiananmen Square Massacre Protests in China, 1989 | Junior | Individual Documentary | Finalist | |
| Andrew | Dawson | Oscar Mayer School | D-Day: The Day History Changed Course | Junior | Individual Documentary | Finalist | |
| Anneliese | Alvarez | Lane Technical Academic Center | ¡Viva México!: France's Role in Mexican Independence from Spain | Junior | Individual Documentary | Finalist | |
| JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARIES | | | | | | | |
| Anna | Podczaska | Edison Regional Gifted Center | Irena Sendler and Jan Karski: Saving Lives, Telling Truths | Junior | Group Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Rimon | Samuel | Edison Regional Gifted Center | Irena Sendler and Jan Karski: Saving Lives, Telling Truths | Junior | Group Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Ella | Poczatek | Skinner North Classical School | The Rock n' Roll Revolution: A Transformative Era of Music | Junior | Group Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Erin | Chung | Skinner North Classical School | The Rock n' Roll Revolution: A Transformative Era of Music | Junior | Group Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Matthew | Escuadro | Skinner North Classical School | The Rock n' Roll Revolution: A Transformative Era of Music | Junior | Group Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Olivia | Moy | Skinner North Classical School | The Rock n' Roll Revolution: A Transformative Era of Music | Junior | Group Documentary | National Qualifier | |
| Baea | Harrold | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | Call Jane: A Secret Underground Abortion Network | Junior | Group Documentary | Alternate | |
| Caroline | Jolaoso | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | Call Jane: A Secret Underground Abortion Network | Junior | Group Documentary | Alternate | |
| Kara | Li | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | Call Jane: A Secret Underground Abortion Network | Junior | Group Documentary | Alternate | |
| Micah | Feaman | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | Call Jane: A Secret Underground Abortion Network | Junior | Group Documentary | Alternate | |
| Alexxander | Najera | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | "There's Blood on these Grapes": How the Delano Grape Strike Revolutionized Labor Rights | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |

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| JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARIES, CONTINUED | | | | | | | |
| Dylan | Woods | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | "There's Blood on these Grapes": How the Delano Grape Strike Revolutionized Labor Rights | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| Fin | Siurek | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | "There's Blood on these Grapes": How the Delano Grape Strike Revolutionized Labor Rights | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| John | Moss | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | "There's Blood on these Grapes": How the Delano Grape Strike Revolutionized Labor Rights | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| Faiz | Haq | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Mexican Revolution: From Dictatorship to Democracy | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | |
| Gabriel | Dybczak | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Mexican Revolution: From Dictatorship to Democracy | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | |
| Rishaan | Lillaney | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Mexican Revolution: From Dictatorship to Democracy | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | |
| Hanzhi | Jing | Margaret Mead Junior High | Brown v. Board of Education: The Turning Point of American Civil Rights | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | |
| Ocean | Chen | Margaret Mead Junior High | Brown v. Board of Education: The Turning Point of American Civil Rights | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | |
| Shahan | Mohamed | Margaret Mead Junior High | Brown v. Board of Education: The Turning Point of American Civil Rights | Junior | Group Documentary | Finalist | |
| JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES | | | | | | | |
| Ewenam Michelle | Tetedje | Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School | Nana Yaa Asantewaa: Queen Mother of Edwesu | Junior | Individual Performance | National Qualifier | |
| Madison | Christianson | Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy | Sybil Ludington's Revolutionary Ride | Junior | Individual Performance | National Qualifier | Illinois America 250 Award presented by the Illinois 250 Commission |
| Samantha | Avitia | Mannheim Middle School | Jane Addams: Changing the Way People See Immigrants | Junior | Individual Performance | Alternate | Illinois America 250 Award presented by the Illinois 250 Commission |
| JUNIOR GROUP PERFORMANCES | | | | | | | |
| Avery | Cheung | Parker Junior High School | Voices of the Dead with Chester Hughs: Radium Girls Reforming History Beyond the Grave | Junior | Group Performance | National Qualifier | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 2nd Place |
| Dahlia | Thomas | Parker Junior High School | Voices of the Dead with Chester Hughs: Radium Girls Reforming History Beyond the Grave | Junior | Group Performance | National Qualifier | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 2nd Place |
| Emma | Santiago | Parker Junior High School | Voices of the Dead with Chester Hughs: Radium Girls Reforming History Beyond the Grave | Junior | Group Performance | National Qualifier | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 2nd Place |
| Sophie | Folaju | Parker Junior High School | Voices of the Dead with Chester Hughs: Radium Girls Reforming History Beyond the Grave | Junior | Group Performance | National Qualifier | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 2nd Place |
| Avani | Koyilada | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps: How the Women of America Paved a Path for a Brighter Future | Junior | Group Performance | National Qualifier | |
| Isabelle | McBurrows | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps: How the Women of America Paved a Path for a Brighter Future | Junior | Group Performance | National Qualifier | |
| Ovee | Salavi | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps: How the Women of America Paved a Path for a Brighter Future | Junior | Group Performance | National Qualifier | |
| Ashwina | Ahuja | Margaret Mead Junior High | 1946 Royal Indian Naval Mutiny: A Revolution for Independence | Junior | Group Performance | Alternate | |
| Uma | Kumar | Margaret Mead Junior High | 1946 Royal Indian Naval Mutiny: A Revolution for Independence | Junior | Group Performance | Alternate | |
| JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS | | | | | | | |
| Gael | Agila | Taft Academic Center | 1946 St. Paul Teachers' Strike | Junior | Individual Exhibit | National Qualifier | |
| Harlowe | Ngo | John C. Coonley Elementary | Escape by Sea: The Humanitarian Crisis of the Vietnamese Boat People | Junior | Individual Exhibit | National Qualifier | |

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| Brady | Becker | Catherine Cook School | Kosher Meat Boycott of 1902: How Jewish Housewives Inspired an Era of Activism | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Alternate | |
| Klara | Zawadzka | Taft Academic Center | Solidarity: The Force that Demolished the Iron Curtain | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Wynston | Leonard | Morgan Park Academy | Industrial Revolution and World War I | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Aleta | Lash | Immanuel Lutheran School | Mary Todd Lincoln: From Criticism to Change in the Civil War White House | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Inayah | Bha | Lane Technical Academic Center | A Nation Divided: Freedom's New Meaning and the Unfinished Promise Reconstruction | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Adrian | Luo | Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center | The Labor Revolution: Haymarket Affair | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Evelyn | Gutierrez | Richard Edwards Elementary | Marching Towards Victory! How Alice Paul used a Revolutionary idea to draw a reaction that led to reform | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois State Organization National Society Daughters of the American Revolution - 1st Place |
| Emma | Perales | St. Thomas More Catholic School, Elgin | Puerto Rican Migration to New York in 1950 | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Spencer | Martinell | John C. Coonley Elementary | The Baltic Breaks Free | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Sophia | Pawlicki | St. Josaphat School | Operation Just Cause: Destruction or Salvation | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Erica | Schweda | Taft Academic Center | Chinese Exclusion Act | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Naisha | Gupta | IHD - Independent Scholar | Crawling Towards Equality : How Chicago Activism Drove the Expansion of Disability Rights in America | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois America 250 Award presented by the Illinois 250 Commission |
| Shaurya | Shah | Midwest Academy For Gifted Education | The Watergate Scandal | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Haidyn | Helton | St. Thomas More Catholic School, Elgin | Men and Women Executed Over Witchcraft Accusations in Salem | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 3rd Place |
| JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBITS | | | | | | | |
| Hamsa | Gupta | Margaret Mead Junior High | From Garden to Graveyard: Jallianwala Bagh and the Trigger that Turned Revolution into Reform | Junior | Group Exhibit | National Qualifier | |
| Prisha | Vajpayee | Margaret Mead Junior High | From Garden to Graveyard: Jallianwala Bagh and the Trigger that Turned Revolution into Reform | Junior | Group Exhibit | National Qualifier | |
| Jonathan | LeMond | John C. Coonley Elementary | Reversing the River: The Revolutionary Reaction that Transformed Chicago | Junior | Group Exhibit | National Qualifier | |
| Milo | Richards | John C. Coonley Elementary | Reversing the River: The Revolutionary Reaction that Transformed Chicago | Junior | Group Exhibit | National Qualifier | |
| Hannah | Lambert | Lorenz Brentano Math and Science Academy | Coalition of Labor Union Women: Paving the Way to Better Working Conditions | Junior | Group Exhibit | Alternate | |
| Lizette | Roman | Lorenz Brentano Math and Science Academy | Coalition of Labor Union Women: Paving the Way to Better Working Conditions | Junior | Group Exhibit | Alternate | |
| Jaylyn | Stroehlein | Cobden Jr. High School | Vietnam War Protests At SIU | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Olivia | Clark | Cobden Jr. High School | Vietnam War Protests At SIU | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Carmen | Ugaz | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | The Book that Sparked the Environmental Movement of the 1960's | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Lakshmi | Ayloo | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | The Book that Sparked the Environmental Movement of the 1960's | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Malee | Pollard | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | The Book that Sparked the Environmental Movement of the 1960's | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Mavis | Zhao | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | The Book that Sparked the Environmental Movement of the 1960's | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Stephanie | Zhang | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | The Book that Sparked the Environmental Movement of the 1960's | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Florence | Xu | Margaret Mead Junior High | Mind-Blown: The Story of Project MK-Ultra | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Yuxin | Chen | Margaret Mead Junior High | Mind-Blown: The Story of Project MK-Ultra | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Braya | McAfee | St. Giles Catholic School | Ashes to Action: 95 Lives that Reformed Fire Safety | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Sofia | McGowan | St. Giles Catholic School | Ashes to Action: 95 Lives that Reformed Fire Safety | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Alexandra | Vahl | John C. Coonley Elementary | The Conservation Revolution | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Sally | Morrison | John C. Coonley Elementary | The Conservation Revolution | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Julianna | Lopez | Mark Twain Elementary School | Operation Pedro Pan | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Stella | Arroyo | Mark Twain Elementary School | Operation Pedro Pan | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Charles | Zurek | Parker Junior High School | The Newsies Stop the World! | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |

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| Connor | Boyko | Parker Junior High School | The Newsies Stop the World! | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Djimon | Shakoor | Parker Junior High School | The Newsies Stop the World! | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Malachi | Rucker | Parker Junior High School | The Newsies Stop the World! | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Sam | OShea | Parker Junior High School | The Newsies Stop the World! | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Amelia | Zinser | St. Josaphat School | Eastland Disaster | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Claire | Medio | St. Josaphat School | Eastland Disaster | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Mila | Shillair | St. Josaphat School | Eastland Disaster | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Lynne | Whiteid | Margaret Mead Junior High | Anti-Japanese Hysteria: Executive Order 9066 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Penny (Penelope) | Randolph | Margaret Mead Junior High | Anti-Japanese Hysteria: Executive Order 9066 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Ariana | Tu | Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center | Blame the Workers: Rock Springs 1882 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| Kayleen | Liang | Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center | Blame the Workers: Rock Springs 1882 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| Kelly | Yuen | Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center | Blame the Workers: Rock Springs 1882 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| Voni | Feng | Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center | Blame the Workers: Rock Springs 1882 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| Anthony | Molina | John B. Murphy Elementary | Served with Justice: Greensboro Sit-ins Movement | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Ethan | Chasen | John B. Murphy Elementary | Served with Justice: Greensboro Sit-ins Movement | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Roman | Jaimes | John B. Murphy Elementary | Served with Justice: Greensboro Sit-ins Movement | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Amelie | Cotto | Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy | Revolutionary Refusal: How Consumer Power was Harnessed to Reform Laws During the Montgomery Bus Boycott | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Zoey | Usina | Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy | Revolutionary Refusal: How Consumer Power was Harnessed to Reform Laws During the Montgomery Bus Boycott | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Chandler | Roof | Lane Technical Academic Center | No-Slaves to Pro-Slaves: Liberty's Irony | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| Sana | Nathan | Lane Technical Academic Center | No-Slaves to Pro-Slaves: Liberty's Irony | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | |
| JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITES | | | | | | | |
| Nhi | Cao | Lincoln Magnet School | My Lai Massacre: The Horrors Hidden Under Lies | Junior | Individual Website | National Qualifier | |
| Sara | Tantleff | Catherine Cook School | Driving Reform: Ralph Nader's Auto Safety Revolution | Junior | Individual Website | National Qualifier | |
| Ayden | Yoon | Whitney M. Young Magnet High School | Confronting the Color Line: How the 1919 Chicago Race Riots Became a Catalyst for Social Reform | Junior | Individual Website | Alternate | |
| Gavin | Hoey | St. Luke (River Forest) | "Eunice, the World Will Never Be the Same" - The Creation of the Special Olympics | Junior | Individual Website | Finalist | |
| Anders | Schnell | Benjamin Franklin Middle School | "We Had to Help Our Allies:" French Aid to Downed Airmen During WWII | Junior | Individual Website | Finalist | |
| !-Lily | !-Phillips | St. Mary School DeKalb | Vietnam Veterans; Welcome Home | Junior | Individual Website | Finalist | |
| JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITES | | | | | | | |
| Esteban | Cajamarca-Torres | Lorenz Brentano Math and Science Academy | Electric Mud: Revolutionizing Rock | Junior | Group Website | National Qualifier | |
| Soren | DeLap | Lorenz Brentano Math and Science Academy | Electric Mud: Revolutionizing Rock | Junior | Group Website | National Qualifier | |
| Arden | Keeshin | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Redefining Mankind: Jane Goodall's Revolutionary Chimpanzee Research | Junior | Group Website | National Qualifier | |
| Audrianna | DeVore | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Redefining Mankind: Jane Goodall's Revolutionary Chimpanzee Research | Junior | Group Website | National Qualifier | |
| Evan | Broz | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Redefining Mankind: Jane Goodall's Revolutionary Chimpanzee Research | Junior | Group Website | National Qualifier | |
| Jessica | Logan | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Redefining Mankind: Jane Goodall's Revolutionary Chimpanzee Research | Junior | Group Website | National Qualifier | |
| Peter | Mulaney | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Redefining Mankind: Jane Goodall's Revolutionary Chimpanzee Research | Junior | Group Website | National Qualifier | |
| Daniel | Haushalter | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Rails of Revolt: The Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of the Pullman Strike of 1894 | Junior | Group Website | Alternate | |
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| Jacqueline | Lechota | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Rails of Revolt: The Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of the Pullman Strike of 1894 | Junior | Group Website | Alternate | |
| Luke | Palmieri | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Rails of Revolt: The Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of the Pullman Strike of 1894 | Junior | Group Website | Alternate | |
| Mateo | Andrade | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Rails of Revolt: The Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of the Pullman Strike of 1894 | Junior | Group Website | Alternate | |
| Shannon | Mulcahy | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy | Rails of Revolt: The Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of the Pullman Strike of 1894 | Junior | Group Website | Alternate | |
| Chloe | Kim | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Nerves of Modern Technology: The Transistor Circuit of 1947 | Junior | Group Website | Finalist | |
| Ishikha | Praveen | Margaret Mead Junior High | The Nerves of Modern Technology: The Transistor Circuit of 1947 | Junior | Group Website | Finalist | |
| SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS | | | | | | | |
| Artavia | Hunter | Lincoln Magnet School | The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Illinois State Organization National Society Daughters of the American Revolution - 1st Place |
| Artianna | Hunter | Lincoln Magnet School | The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Illinois State Organization National Society Daughters of the American Revolution - 1st Place |
| Isabelle | McKinney | Lincoln Magnet School | The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Illinois State Organization National Society Daughters of the American Revolution - 1st Place |
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| Gwen | Neely | New Hebron Christian School | Amelia Earhart's First Female Solo Flight Across the Atlantic | Junior | Individual Exhibit | | Illinois State Organization National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Award - 3rd Place |
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| Chelsea | Bergae | Lincoln Magnet School | The Road to Freedom: America's Fight for Independence | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Illinois America 250 Award presented by the Illinois 250 Commission |
| Jocelyn | Cowan | Lincoln Magnet School | The Road to Freedom: America's Fight for Independence | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Illinois America 250 Award presented by the Illinois 250 Commission |
| Jack | McCarthy | John C. Coonley Elementary | The War of 1812: Reforming the United States of America | Junior | Group Documentary | | Illinois America 250 Award presented by the Illinois 250 Commission |
| Mary | McCarthy | John C. Coonley Elementary | The War of 1812: Reforming the United States of America | Junior | Group Documentary | | Illinois America 250 Award presented by the Illinois 250 Commission |
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| Nathan | Guimking | Saint Aloysius | 1908 Springfield, IL Race Riot | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Springfield Historian Award presented by the City of Springfield and the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau |
| Maddie | Samson | Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy | Voices of Change: The Haymarket Trials - How Protest, Fear, and Justice Reshaped Workers' Rights | Junior | Individual Exhibit | | Outstanding Junior Project Related to Illinois Court History presented by the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission |
| Ariana | Tu | Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center | Blame the Workers: Rock Springs 1882 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
| Kayleen | Liang | Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center | Blame the Workers: Rock Springs 1882 | Junior | Group Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
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| Isabella | Powell | Avery Coonley School | Pay Disparities: The Fight For Equal Pay in Women's Basketball | Junior | Individual Exhibit | | Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award |
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| Aditi | Gadhvi | Avery Coonley School | The Fabric of Equality | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 1st Place |
| Gwenyth | Fiedler | Avery Coonley School | The Fabric of Equality | Junior | Group Exhibit | | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 1st Place |
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| Haidyn | Helton | St. Thomas More Catholic School, Elgin | Men and Women Executed Over Witchcraft Accusations in Salem | Junior | Individual Exhibit | Finalist | Illinois State Colonial Dames XVII Century - 3rd Place |