

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORY DAY RESULTS 2026
SENIOR DIVISION (GR. 9-12) AND JUNIOR DIVISION (GR. 6-8)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SCHOOL	TITLE	DIVISION	CATEGORY	CATEGORY AWARD	STATE HONORS/SPECIAL PRIZES	NATIONAL HONORS/SPECIAL PRIZES
SENIOR PAPERS								
Edie	Park	Independent Scholars	The Ties That Divided Rome: Marriage Alliances in the Gracchan Reforms	Senior	Paper	National Qualifier		
Hugo	Richards	Independent Scholars	General Washington's Revolutionary Reaction to Smallpox in the Revolutionary Army	Senior	Paper	National Qualifier		2nd place at Nationals
Sarah	Chae	Independent Scholars	The San Francisco State Strike: How Students' Revolution Led to Powerful Reaction and Academic Reform	Senior	Paper	Alternate		
Beatriz	Whitford-Rodriguez	Independent Scholars	"The Girl Puzzle": How Nellie Bly Weaponized Womanhood to Revolutionize Journalism and Drive Reform	Senior	Paper	Finalist		
Emma	Hoang	Maine South High School	Penicillin, a Miracle that Sparked Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in Healthcare	Senior	Paper	Finalist		
Dawud	Mansuri	DEEN Co-Op	Baseball: A Symbol of Cuban National Identity and Resistance	Senior	Paper	Finalist		
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES								
Kush	Sahal	Independent Scholars	Get Oil Out!: How the Grassroots Reaction to the Santa Barbara Oil Spill of 1969 Led to National Environmental Reform	Senior	Individual Documentary	National Qualifier		
Evan	Gabel	Lincoln Park High School	The 1967 Detroit Uprisings: Black Communities Reaction to Years of Discrimination	Senior	Individual Documentary	National Qualifier		
Hadia	Miriam	Maine West High School	Beyond the Expiration Date: Maggie Kuhn and the Gray Panthers' Revolution Against Ageism	Senior	Individual Documentary	Alternate		
Misha	Rahman	Vernon Hills High School	Before Roe: The Jane Collective	Senior	Individual Documentary	Finalist		
SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARIES								
Gabriella	Novak	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	A Reactionary Reading of the 14th Amendment: Mississippi and the Disenfranchisement of African-American Voters.	Senior	Group Documentary	National Qualifier		National Finalist (Top 10 at Nationals)
Arjun	Sawhney	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	A Reactionary Reading of the 14th Amendment: Mississippi and the Disenfranchisement of African-American Voters.	Senior	Group Documentary	National Qualifier		National Finalist (Top 10 at Nationals)
Sophia	Chen	University of Illinois Laboratory High School	John Dewey and Nationalism	Senior	Group Documentary	National Qualifier		Outstanding Affiliate Entry - IL - Senior
Julia	Min	Normal Community High School	John Dewey and Nationalism	Senior	Group Documentary	National Qualifier		Outstanding Affiliate Entry - IL - Senior
Jakub	Tinoco Lewandowski	University of Illinois Laboratory High School	John Dewey and Nationalism	Senior	Group Documentary	National Qualifier		Outstanding Affiliate Entry - IL - Senior
Jaehyun	Yi	University of Illinois Laboratory High School	John Dewey and Nationalism	Senior	Group Documentary	National Qualifier		Outstanding Affiliate Entry - IL - Senior
Irene	Kim	University of Illinois Laboratory High School	John Dewey and Nationalism	Senior	Group Documentary	National Qualifier		Outstanding Affiliate Entry - IL - Senior
Nina	Webster	Niles North High School	How Backlash Undermined Revolution: Bill Ayers and The Weather Underground	Senior	Group Documentary	Alternate		
Mia	Ognisanti	Niles North High School	How Backlash Undermined Revolution: Bill Ayers and The Weather Underground	Senior	Group Documentary	Alternate		
Magdalena	Prucnal	Niles North High School	How Backlash Undermined Revolution: Bill Ayers and The Weather Underground	Senior	Group Documentary	Alternate		
Siena	Moore	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Do Ask, Don't Tell: The Crittenden Report Reacts to the Purge of Homosexual Employees From the Federal Government	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		
Lydia	Gilbert	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Do Ask, Don't Tell: The Crittenden Report Reacts to the Purge of Homosexual Employees From the Federal Government	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		
Jessica	Stainton-Simmons	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Do Ask, Don't Tell: The Crittenden Report Reacts to the Purge of Homosexual Employees From the Federal Government	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		
Delaney	Connell	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Do Ask, Don't Tell: The Crittenden Report Reacts to the Purge of Homosexual Employees From the Federal Government	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		

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SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARIES, CONTINUED								
Austin	Lok	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Do Ask, Don't Tell: The Crittenden Report Reacts to the Purge of Homosexual Employees From the Federal Government	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		
Jebediah	Meredith	Carbondale Community High School	The Kent State Massacre	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		
David	Johnson	Carbondale Community High School	The Kent State Massacre	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		
Alexei	Kadyrov	Carbondale Community High School	The Kent State Massacre	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist		
Rowen	Fruchter	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Pettillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Lilli	Bender	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Pettillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Cynder	Johnson	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Pettillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Clara	Degenholtz	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Pettillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES								
Siran	Yang	Lake Forest Academy	The Chinese Xi'an Incident of 1936: House Arrest of Chief Commander Chiang for Changing Course to a United Front Against Japan	Senior	Individual Performance	National Qualifier		
Cordelia	Rodriguez	Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences	Packard v. Packard	Senior	Individual Performance	National Qualifier	Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Maria	Tinoco	Morton East High School	The Threat of an Educated Woman: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz's Literary Revolution, Society's Reaction, and the Reform of Women's Intellectual Freedom	Senior	Individual Performance	Alternate		
SENIOR GROUP PERFORMANCES								
Hannah	Thomas	Carbondale Community High School	The Women's Army Corps: Opening The Door	Senior	Group Performance	National Qualifier		
Elyse	Nguyen	Carbondale Community High School	The Women's Army Corps: Opening The Door	Senior	Group Performance	National Qualifier		
Hannah	Hassett	Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences	Welcome to the Jungle: A Conversation of Reform Across Time	Senior	Group Performance	National Qualifier		
Anne	Lyons	Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences	Welcome to the Jungle: A Conversation of Reform Across Time	Senior	Group Performance	National Qualifier		
Arnav	Chaphalkar	Independent Scholars	Doctor Norman Borlaug: Challenging Hunger Through Agricultural Revolution, Political Reaction, and Global Reform	Senior	Group Performance	Alternate		
Alex	Rechitsky	Independent Scholars	Doctor Norman Borlaug: Challenging Hunger Through Agricultural Revolution, Political Reaction, and Global Reform	Senior	Group Performance	Alternate		
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS								
Liliana	Escobedo	CICS Northtown Academy	Poisoned for Profit: Radium, Reaction, Reform	Senior	Individual Exhibit	National Qualifier	Illinois Court History Award	
Danielle	Sustituido	Maine South High School	The Visiting Nurses Association of Chicago	Senior	Individual Exhibit	National Qualifier		
Annie	Bowles	Maine East High School	Jane Addams and Hull-House: Revolutionizing Social Work	Senior	Individual Exhibit	National Qualifier*	Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Finnegan	Williams	Regina Dominican High School	Rock Against Reagan: Punk Politics of the '70s and '80s	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Finalist		
Ferin	Surati	Maine East High School	Women Revolutionizing Medicine	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Finalist		
Rose	Hassman	Maine South High School	Born in the U.S.A.	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Finalist		
Janiya	Jones	Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School	The Beat Goes "Out"	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Finalist		
Elliott	Miller	Maine East High School	The Fight for Women's Suffrage	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Finalist		

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SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS, CONTINUED								
Lena	Henning	Maine South High School	BLOOD BANKS: How they Revolutionized Medicine	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Finalist		
Olivia	Schleman	Independent Scholars	"The Grandest Joke of the Age": Reaction, Revolution, and Re-formation in the American Art World	Senior	Individual Exhibit	Finalist		
SENIOR GROUP EXHIBITS								
Francesca	Ocampo	Maine West High School	The 1963 Chicago Public School Boycott: The Fight Against The Injustice In Chicago's Education System	Senior	Group Exhibit	National Qualifier	Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	3rd place at Nationals
Emily	Owca	Maine West High School	The 1963 Chicago Public School Boycott: The Fight Against The Injustice In Chicago's Education System	Senior	Group Exhibit	National Qualifier	Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	3rd place at Nationals
Iris	Strahilevitz	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Thomas Nast: Taking Political Communication Back to the Drawing Board	Senior	Group Exhibit	National Qualifier		
Daniel	Chang	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Thomas Nast: Taking Political Communication Back to the Drawing Board	Senior	Group Exhibit	National Qualifier		
Amira	Moultrie	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Thomas Nast: Taking Political Communication Back to the Drawing Board	Senior	Group Exhibit	National Qualifier		
Sameera	Shethwala	Niles North High School	The Radium Girls: Reaction, Reform, and Revolution in Illinois Workplace Safety	Senior	Group Exhibit	Alternate		
Abigail	Bullis	Niles North High School	The Radium Girls: Reaction, Reform, and Revolution in Illinois Workplace Safety	Senior	Group Exhibit	Alternate		
Nha Ky	Tran	CICS Northtown Academy	The Radium Girls	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Lujain	Elkhabier	CICS Northtown Academy	The Radium Girls	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Yasmin	Flores	Cobden High School	Home of the Hispanic Immigrants: The Migration Revolution, the Repeat of Reaction, and the Road to Reform	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Isabella	Bartolo	Cobden High School	Home of the Hispanic Immigrants: The Migration Revolution, the Repeat of Reaction, and the Road to Reform	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Brisa	Calderon	Cobden High School	Home of the Hispanic Immigrants: The Migration Revolution, the Repeat of Reaction, and the Road to Reform	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Michaela	Paramben	Niles North High School	The Chicago 8 Trial: Five Voices Who Turned the Courtroom into a Platform for Protest	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Eliana	Sokolovsky	Niles North High School	The Chicago 8 Trial: Five Voices Who Turned the Courtroom into a Platform for Protest	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Axel	Rodriguez	Morton East High School	Atomic Bomb in World War 2	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Ariana	Beltran	Morton East High School	Atomic Bomb in World War 2	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Melanie	Mallari	Niles North High School	The Great Chicago Fire Modern Chicago Architecture	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Kayla	Oquendo	Niles North High School	The Great Chicago Fire Modern Chicago Architecture	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Ryan	Cooper	Maine West High School	American Airlines Flight 191: How Airline Safety Evolved to its Current State	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Kyle	Sochowski	Maine West High School	American Airlines Flight 191: How Airline Safety Evolved to its Current State	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Ignacy	Ezlakowski	Maine West High School	American Airlines Flight 191: How Airline Safety Evolved to its Current State	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Emilio	Lasku	Maine West High School	American Airlines Flight 191: How Airline Safety Evolved to its Current State	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Alex	Madathil	Maine West High School	American Airlines Flight 191: How Airline Safety Evolved to its Current State	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Selena	Flores	Cobden High School	The King Of Pop: Revolutionizing Sound, Reacting To Society, Reforming The Stage	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		
Alyssa	Garibay	Cobden High School	The King Of Pop: Revolutionizing Sound, Reacting To Society, Reforming The Stage	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist		

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SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE								
Saanvika	Chikoti	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	Viv libète! The Women Behind the Haitian Revolution	Senior	Individual Website	National Qualifier		National Finalist (Top 10 at Nationals)
Abhay	Bobba	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	Citizenship on Trial: Tule Lake and the No-No Boys	Senior	Individual Website	National Qualifier		
Francis	Bu	Carbondale Community High School	The Discovery of Penicillin: The Greatest Accidental Breakthrough in Medical History	Senior	Individual Website	Alternate		
Shankar	Harikrishnan	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	"Light, Air, and Sun": How Red Vienna's Housing Reforms Revolutionized Urban Life	Senior	Individual Website	Finalist		
SENIOR GROUP WEBSITE								
David	Li	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	A Courageous and Revolutionary Reaction to the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act: The New England Emigrant Aid Company's Anti-Slavery Campaign in Kansas	Senior	Group Website	National Qualifier		
Callum	Reddy	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	A Courageous and Revolutionary Reaction to the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act: The New England Emigrant Aid Company's Anti-Slavery Campaign in Kansas	Senior	Group Website	National Qualifier		
Kabir	Joshi	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Debates and Decisions About Birthright Citizenship in Historical Perspective: Reform-Minded or Reactionary?	Senior	Group Website	National Qualifier		
Jonah	Chen	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Debates and Decisions About Birthright Citizenship in Historical Perspective: Reform-Minded or Reactionary?	Senior	Group Website	National Qualifier		
John	Mangum	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Debates and Decisions About Birthright Citizenship in Historical Perspective: Reform-Minded or Reactionary?	Senior	Group Website	National Qualifier		
Ishmael	Holz	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Nuclear Reaction, Political Reform	Senior	Group Website	Alternate		
Cruise	Lickerman	University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (High School)	Nuclear Reaction, Political Reform	Senior	Group Website	Alternate		
SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS								
Francesca	Ocampo	Maine West High School	The 1963 Chicago Public School Boycott: The Fight Against The Injustice In Chicago's Education System	Senior	Group Exhibit	National Qualifier	Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Emily	Owca	Maine West High School	The 1963 Chicago Public School Boycott: The Fight Against The Injustice In Chicago's Education System	Senior	Group Exhibit	National Qualifier	Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Cordelia	Rodriguez	Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences	Packard v. Packard	Senior	Individual Performance	National Qualifier	Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Sohil	Pathak	Maine West High School	Emmett Till: A Death that Awakened a Movement	Senior	Group Documentary		Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Mouhamed	Elidrissi	Maine West High School	Emmett Till: A Death that Awakened a Movement	Senior	Group Documentary		Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Michael	Serrano	Maine West High School	Emmett Till: A Death that Awakened a Movement	Senior	Group Documentary		Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Kaleab	Kassa	Maine West High School	Emmett Till: A Death that Awakened a Movement	Senior	Group Documentary		Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Christin	Yaqoob	Maine West High School	Emmett Till: A Death that Awakened a Movement	Senior	Group Documentary		Illinois America 250 Commission Semiquincentennial Award	
Rowen	Fruchter	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Pettillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Lilli	Bender	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Pettillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	

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SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS, CONTINUED								
Cynder	Johnson	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Petrillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Clara	Degenholtz	Independent Scholars	It's All Because Of Jim: James Petrillo's Legacy of Labor Reform	Senior	Group Documentary	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Yasmin	Flores	Cobden High School	Home of the Hispanic Immigrants: The Migration Revolution, the Repeat of Reaction, and the Road to Reform	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Isabella	Bartolo	Cobden High School	Home of the Hispanic Immigrants: The Migration Revolution, the Repeat of Reaction, and the Road to Reform	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Brisa	Calderon	Cobden High School	Home of the Hispanic Immigrants: The Migration Revolution, the Repeat of Reaction, and the Road to Reform	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Award	
Dhruv	Soni	Maine East High School	Space to Society: How the Space Race Revolutionized Technology	Senior	Individual Exhibit		Illinois State Society Colonial Dames of 17th Century Award	
Annika	Aper	Maine South High School	Buying the American Dream: How Sears Shaped Modern Homes	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois State Society Colonial Dames of 17th Century Award	
Alyssa	Moriello	Maine South High School	Buying the American Dream: How Sears Shaped Modern Homes	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois State Society Colonial Dames of 17th Century Award	
Yuridia	Acosta	Morton East High School	Women's Suffrage	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois State Society Colonial Dames of 17th Century Award & the Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Mariana	Tunjo	Morton East High School	Women's Suffrage	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois State Society Colonial Dames of 17th Century Award & the Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Yuridia	Acosta	Morton East High School	Women's Suffrage	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois State Society Colonial Dames of 17th Century Award & the Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Mariana	Tunjo	Morton East High School	Women's Suffrage	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois State Society Colonial Dames of 17th Century Award & the Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Annie	Bowles	Maine East High School	Jane Addams and Hull-House: Revolutionizing Social Work	Senior	Individual Exhibit	National Qualifier	Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Nha Ky	Tran	CICS Northtown Academy	The Radium Girls	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Lujain	Elkhabier	CICS Northtown Academy	The Radium Girls	Senior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Award	
Sophia	Ruph	Carbondale Community High School	19th Century Reform: Dorothea Dix's Impact on American Asylums.	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Award	
Alice	Metzger	Carbondale Community High School	19th Century Reform: Dorothea Dix's Impact on American Asylums.	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Award	
Stella	Hacke	Maine South High School	Labor, Laws, and Little Ones	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Award	
Megan	Radzki	Maine South High School	Labor, Laws, and Little Ones	Senior	Group Exhibit		Illinois Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Award	
Gabriela	Carvalho	Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart	Manifest Destiny Art: A Silent Revolution in America's Image	Senior	Individual Exhibit		Illinois Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Award	

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SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS, CONTINUED								
Liliana	Escobedo	CICS Northtown Academy	Poisoned for Profit: Radium, Reaction, Reform	Senior	Individual Exhibit	National Qualifier	Illinois Court History Award	
Vincent	Snyder	Carbondale Community High School	Tuskegee Airmen: Courage in the face of Segregation	Senior	Individual Exhibit		UIS Center for Lincoln Studies Award	
Zonia	Zamora	Cobden High School	The start of a new revolution: Education Pathways created for hispanic students in southern Illinois through reform and community reaction.	Senior	Group Exhibit		Hometown Histories Award	
Mariana	Palmerin	Cobden High School	The start of a new revolution: Education Pathways created for hispanic students in southern Illinois through reform and community reaction.	Senior	Group Exhibit		Hometown Histories Award	

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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		US Federal Government History Award at Nationals
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	Hanfling	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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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	Koyitada	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		
Shaurya	Shah	Midwest Academy For Gifted Education	The Watergate Scandal	Junior	Individual Exhibit	National Qualifier		

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JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS, CONTINUED								
Brady	Becker	Catherine Cook School	Kosher Meat Boycott of 1902: How Jewish Housewives Inspired an Era of Activism	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*		
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	
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		
Julianne	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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JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBITS, CONTINUED								
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								
Sara	Tantleff	Catherine Cook School	Driving Reform: Ralph Nader's Auto Safety Revolution	Junior	Individual Website	National Qualifier		Outstanding Affiliate Entry - IL - Junior 4th place at Nationals
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	National Qualifier		
Nhi	Cao	Lincoln Magnet School	My Lai Massacre: The Horrors Hidden Under Lies	Junior	Individual Website	National Qualifier*		
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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JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITES, CONTINUED								
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
Connor	Kincaid	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	

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SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS, CONTINUED								
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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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Voni	Feng	Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center	Blame the Workers: Rock Springs 1882	Junior	Group Exhibit	Finalist	Illinois Labor History Society Special Achievement Award	
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	
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	
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	

National Qualifier*: This project qualified for the National Contest, but was unable to attend.