

National History Day Qualifiers

Congratulations to the following students from the Chicago metro region on qualifying for National History Day!

Individual Documentary

Junior Division

- Lydia Jayne: The Challenger Disaster; Hours of Debate – Tragedy in Seconds
- Elan Kaeding Valentine: The General vs the President

Senior Division

- Olivia Jessen: Diplomacy in a Vacuum
- Corona Chen: Ping-Pong Diplomacy: How an “Accidental” Encounter Led to a Diplomatic Victory in U.S.-China Relations

Individual Exhibit

Junior Division

- Henry C. Pyskacek: Adaptive Negotiations: Diplomacy During the Cuban Missile Crisis

Senior Division

- Daniel Roque: Uprising in the Coalfields: The Battle of Blair Mountain
- Katherine Timm: Hamilton, Jefferson, and the Deal for D.C.

Individual Performance

Junior Division

- Ryann Dawson: The Negro Question: Integration v Segregation, From Slave to Scholars

Senior Division

- Kaley Perryman: Segregation and Desegregation in the Education System

Individual Website

Junior Division

- Stella Wise: The Berlin Blockade: When Diplomacy Fails

Senior Division

- Katherine Bai: Griswold v. Connecticut: How a Contraceptives Case Ignited a Heated Debate on the Right to Privacy
- Lena Stole: Annexation or Occupation: Bayonet Diplomacy, Limited Congressional Debate, and the Ambiguous Status of the 50th State

Paper

Junior Division

- Ash Liang: The Failures of Appeasement in the 20th Century: The Munich Agreement
- Neena Agrawal: The Debate Over Disability Rights: How the 504 Sit-In Created Disability Diplomacy

Senior Division

- Clara O'Connor: Too Big to Ignore: How the Women of the Hull-House Used Statistics to Redefine Public Debate
- Julia Cerimele: The Debate Seen and Heard 'Round the World: The Transformative Legacy of the Kennedy-Nixon Debates on Presidential Elections, Image Creation, and Personal and Public Diplomacy

Group Documentary

Junior Division

- Ella Fang, Megan Tan, Elsa Torres: The Opium Wars: An Excuse for British Foreign Policy
- Simon Gidalevitz, Iliyan Nathani, Owen Myers, James Canar: Bullets for Peace: The Diplomatic Successes of the Kent State Massacre

Senior Division

- Sara Kumar, Donovan Miller, Lauren Tapper: AIMing for a Diplomatic Future: The American Indian Movement's Occupation of the BIA

- Louis Auxenfans, William Tan, Serena Thomas: Jazz Justice: The Ironic Consequences of the State Department's Cold War Diplomacy During the Civil Rights Era

Group Exhibit

Junior Division

- Slokha Anandula, Nidhi Karekar, Emily Zmyslowski: The Fight for Forest Preserves: The Tale of Busse Woods Creation

Senior Division

- Nola Malito, Stephanie Marchan, Angelica Ruiz: The Swastika War: Limits to "Freedom of Speech"; NeoNazi vs. Jewish
- Preston Wright, Jack Gagamov: Post WWII Reconstruction

Group Performance

Junior Division

- Anvita Vinu, Carolyn Zhang, Mridula Prabu: Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity During the Enlightenment: Debate Throughout France
- Zulia Lopez and Reka Nabe: Plessy Versus Ferguson: A Reenactment

Senior Division

- Charles Benton, Jenna Kilkus, Myra Malkic: Never Diplomatic but Always Determined: Emma Goldman's Debate on Free Expression

Group Website

Junior Division

- Janelle Chan, Cynthia Chen, Prisara Chumsangsri, Chloe Mui, Alina Zhao: The New Deal: How a Series of Programs Corrected the Anti-Labor Atmosphere of America and Set the Foundation for A New Era of Industry
- Vladislav Bodnaruk, Steven Jiang, Dou Lai, William Wang: "A City within A City": The Cabrini Green Housing Projects

Senior Division

- Jessica Daugherty, Ege Halac, Jack McRoberts: Taking a Diplomatic Approach to the Most Urgent Debate: How The World's Chance To Solve The Climate Crisis Evaporated in Rio
- Riya Thomas, Reba Thomas: Vashti McCollum: How One Woman Changed Religious Instruction in Public Schools