2020
National History Day
Breaking Barriers in History
Award Winners

Senior Division:

Individual Performance:
1st: Temple Grandin: Being a Visionary and Thinking Visually
Sarah Biernacki

Historical Paper:
3rd: Cian Jian: Circumventing the Barrier of Chinese Censorship Through Rock and Roll
Madelyn Kye
2nd: Integration in Malverne, New York: Barriers to Equal Education
Grace Wildermuth
1st: Nellie Bly: The Girl Who Cried “Muckraker”
Tess Stanley

Individual Exhibit:
3rd: The Navajo Code Talkers: Breaking Barriers with their Unbreakable Code
Cassidy Casabona
2nd: Alan Turing: Breaking the Enigma Code
Sophie Bradford
1st: Amelia Earhart: The Feminist Flyer
Theadora Carnesi
Group Exhibit:
3rd: *Lois Weber: Breaking Barriers in History*
Allison Malone & Cecilia Kye
2nd: *Wangari Maathai: Breaking Barriers One Tree at a Time*
Izabela Cuji & Lauren Gennarelli
1st: *Nellie Bly: Shattering the Glass Ceiling One Headline at a Time*
Katie Brown, Emily Geller, & Christopher Maichin

Individual Documentary:
3rd: *The Development of Music Therapy*
Sophia Matheus
2nd: *Star Trek: Shifting Cultural Norms*
Keira Francis
1st: *WASP in WWII: Shattering Gender Stereotypes*
Allison Quinn

Group Documentary:
3rd: *Breaking Barriers in History: Pope John Paul II*
Kianna Criscuola & Emily Plachta
2nd: *The Walt Disney Company: Advancing Animation for the Future*
Morgan Colleluori, Alexis Kaloudis, & Sophia Toscano
1st: *The Artistic Power of West Side Story*
Ally Kustera & Emily Roberts
Individual Website:
3rd: Elinor Smith: The Flying Flapper of Freeport
Chloe Buffone
2nd: The Disability Rights Movement
Emma Hannigan
1st: Wendell Smith: The Fight for Racial Equality on and off the Field
Haileigh Smith

Group Website:
3rd: Breaking Barriers in History: Bilingual Education in the U.S.
Erik Flores & Hannah Roberts
2nd: Miracle in the Mold: Penicillin Breaking Barriers in Medicine
Talia Addeo, Laurel Bonn, & McKenna Buffa
1st: Evolving Standards of Decency: The Rise and Fall of the Death Penalty for Minors
Erin Ye, Ella Siepel, Valerie Rogel, & Andrew McKenzie

SENIOR DIVISION SPECIAL AWARDS:

African-American History Award:
Group Website
Mary Jackson: Breaking Barriers and Engineering a Better Future
Victoria Mangan & Mary Grace Rorke

American Labor History:
Individual Exhibit
Lewis Wicks Hine: Photographs that Forever Changed Child Labor in America
Lauren Landolfi
Citizen Activist Award:
Group Documentary
*The Young Lords: Breaking Barriers*
Nicholas Tudisco, Joey Nicotra, Andreas Seferian, & Ethan Franciscovich

White House History Award:
Group Website
*Not Just the President’s Wife: How First Ladies Broke the Barrier in Their Role for Advocacy*
Ainsley Proctor & Tallulah Pitti

Equality in History Award:
Group Exhibit
*Billie Jean King*
Taylor Case, Ainsley Lumpe, Timmeree Koepele, & Charlotte Maggio

Genocide, Bias, & Tolerance Award:
Group Documentary
*Zookeepers of Warsaw*
Sarah Krisch & Megan Donaghy

Presidential History Award:
Group Documentary
*The Watergate Scandal: Breaking the Public’s Trust in Government*
Grace Colavecchio & Madeleine Gabriel

Physical Sciences Technology Award:
Individual Exhibit
*How the Radio Changed the World*
Ella Kamenstein
Irish History Award:  
Group Website  
*Connaught Rangers*  
Fiona Brosnan & Aislyn Franciscovich

Latino-American History Award:  
Group Website  
*Breaking Barriers in History: Bilingual Education in the U.S.*  
Erik Flores & Hannah Roberts

Military History Award:  
Group Website  
*The Army Air Cushion Vehicle: A Military Combat Vehicle Breaking Barriers*  
Laura Curtin & Anna Bell Young

Native American History:  
Individual Exhibit  
*The Navajo Code Talkers: Breaking Barriers with their Unbreakable Code*  
Cassidy Casabona

Sports History Award:  
Group Documentary  
*Jesse Owens: Standing Against Superiority*  
Matthew Beasley & Henry Vohs

U.S. Constitution Award:  
Group Exhibit  
*Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*  
Katie Renkewitz, Zadie Lauer, & Gracie Renkewitz
**Women’s History:**
Group Exhibit
*The Women’s Medical College of Pennsylvania: How Women Opened the Forever Locked Doors to the Medical Field*
Renee McKean, Victoria Befumo, & Markella Markotsis

**Discovery or Exploration in History:**
Group Exhibit
*Apollo 11*
Gianna Forte, Jordan Rund, Erin Scanlon, Sophia Thompson, & Neha Rathore

**Best Topic in Global History 9th Grade:**
Group Exhibit
*Two Women, One Dream*
Grace Allen & Jillian Panos

**Best Topic in Global History 10th Grade:**
Individual Paper
*Perestroika: The Movement that Destroyed the Iron Curtain*
Fiorella Benitez

**Best Topic in American History 11th Grade:**
Historical Paper
*How the King James Bible Increased Revolutionary Spirit in the American Colonies*
Aaron Chin

**Clio Award:**
Group Exhibit
*Wangari Maathai: Breaking Barriers One Tree at a Time*
Izabela Cuji & Lauren Gennarelli
**Jack Abrams Local History Award:**
Group Website
*Jupiter Hammon: A Pioneer of African-American Literature*
Jake Burton, Luke Rinaldi, & Richard Zboray

**Principal’s Award:**
Individual Exhibit
*Charles Loring Brace: Revolutionizing Protection for the Forgotten Children of America*
Lilly Polack