

2021 Virginia History Day State Contest Special Award Winners

BETSY S. BARTON HISTORY DAY SCHOLARSHIP

- “First Bull Run: The Messaging Power of a Battle” by Rachel Hocker, Pennsylvania Homeschoolers AP Online

2021 A.E. DICK HOWARD PRIZE IN VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

- “Headlines and Bloodlines: The Role of Media in Inspiring and Infuriating America into Action” by Rithika Bhagavatula and Jordyn Krajewski, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School and James River High

BOBBY CHANDLER SENIOR PROJECT AWARD

- “A Voice on the Inside: Nellie Bly’s Mental Asylum Expose” by Kendal Brown and Valerie Noto, Staunton High School

ANNE R. WORRELL JUNIOR PROJECT AWARD

- “Once Upon a Time ... Communicating Morals to Kids Through Fairy Tales” by Aashna Kapur, Magnolia Homeschool

ENCYCLOPEDIA VIRGINIA ELEMENTARY PROJECT AWARD

- “Jack Jouett’s Ride: A Secret Message by Horseback” by Porter Boyles, Bettie Weaver Elementary

VMHC WOMEN’S HISTORY AWARD

- **Junior Division:** “The Women’s Suffrage Movement: Using Communication to Fight for Equal Rights” by Ryla Enatsky and Anah Pho, Haycock Elementary
- **Senior Division:** “Ms: Bringing Feminism into the Mainstream” by Grace Steele, Liberty High

MCV FOUNDATION MEDICAL HISTORY PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “Marie Curie” by Shanaya Kamal and Nina Wolf, George Washington Middle
- **Senior Division:** “Latin American Education: Mental Health Language Barrier Issues” by Nayeon Kim, McLean High

VMHC SPORTS HISTORY AWARD

- **Junior Division:** “Riding to Liberation: The Bicycle as a Tool for Women’s Rights” by Tess Larsen, Blacksburg New School
- **Junior Division:** “Travis Freeman” by Alyssa Justice and Sophia Lehman, Swift Creek Middle

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “Reaching Audiences Through Cartoons: Walt Disney's Animation” by Lillian Hood, Haycock Elementary
- **Senior Division:** “The Zimmerman Telegram: Cross-Border Communications that Changed the Tide of WWI” by Joanne Lin, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School

NATIONAL MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRIZE

- **Junior Division (2nd Place):** “Submarine Communications: War Under the Waves” by Samantha Braden and William Roach, William Monroe Middle
- **Junior Division (1st Place):** “The Lusitania Disaster: From Public Outcry to Declaration of War” by Audrey Li, Haycock Elementary
- **Senior Division (2nd Place):** “Navajo Code Talkers” by Evan Jennings, Midlothian History Day Club
- **Senior Division (1st Place):** “How Communication between Sailors and Their Families Has Changed Since WWII” by Carolyn Heyel, John Randolph Tucker High

GEORGE C. MARSHALL AWARD IN DIPLOMACY

- **Junior Division:** “From Enemies to Friends: The Story of Russian Interpreters During The Cold War” by Eve Hawkins, Loudoun Country Day School
- **Senior Division:** “American Diplomacy Over Soviet Arms: How Kissinger Asserted US Leadership through Diplomacy during the Post-October-War Negotiations” by Hans Bai, St. Anne’s-Belfield School

JOHN MARSHALL CENTER PRIZE FOR POLITICAL HISTORY AND CIVICS

- **Junior Division:** “Watergate: The Use of Investigative Journalism in Communication and Reporting” by Samhita Som, Haycock Elementary
- **Senior Division:** “Protest Music as Communication” by Ella Williams, Fredericksburg Academy

NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES AWARD IN NAVAL HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “Communicating Through Cell Walls: The Secret Correspondence of American POWs in Vietnam” by Caroline Bruton and Kayla Shaller, William Monroe Middle

- **Senior Division:** “Miscommunication: Yellow Journalism, the USS Maine, and the Spanish-American War” by Rola Suleiman and Jennifer Zhang, Grafton High

ASALH RICHMOND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “Malcolm X: A Change of Perspective” by Ahmad Kutkut, Blacksburg Middle
- **Senior Division:** “A Journey to Freedom: Rider's Perspective” by Lauren Fischer, Fredericksburg Academy

GEORGE WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “Washington's Farewell Address: The Letter that Shaped the Nation” by Sepehr Agah, Blacksburg New School
- **Senior Division:** “Diplomacy at Its Finest: The Power of Words During the Cuban Missile Crisis” by Risshi Naavaal and Aashka Shah, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School

MARY BICOUVARIS AWARD IN VIRGINIA HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “Street Smarts: Shaping the Children Who Will Shape the Future” by Emily Paul, Blacksburg New School
- **Senior Division:** “A Monumental Difference” by Simon Dewees-Hanna, Fredericksburg Academy