

## 2021 Virginia History Day State Contest Award Winners

### Junior Group Documentary

- Third Place: “The Women’s Suffrage Movement: Using Communication to Fight for Equal Rights” by Anah Pho and Ryla Enatsky, Haycock Elementary
- Second Place: “The 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion” by Sara Czirjak, Amalia Keshap, and Veronica Vitko, Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle
- First Place: “Communicating Through Cell Walls: The Secret Correspondence of American POWs in Vietnam” by Kayla Shaller and Caroline Bruton, William Monroe Middle

### Senior Group Documentary

- Third Place: “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
- Second Place: “Navajo Weaving: A Generational Message of Spirit and Dedication” by Natasha D’Cunha and Caroline Nguyen, John Randolph Tucker High
- First Place: “The Secret Language of Flowers” by Caroline Berg and Georgia Berg, Grafton High

### Junior Group Exhibit

- Third Place: “A Silence Full of Sounds: America’s Perception of the Deaf” by Kristen Duetsch and Mollie Hughes, St. John Neumann Academy
- Second Place: “Alone and a Long Way to Run” by Isaac Meyers and Sam Reiss, George Washington Middle
- First Place: “Navajo Code Talkers: The Power of Communication” by Aaron Lin and Stephen Lin, Haycock Elementary

### Senior Group Exhibit

- Third Place: “Power to the People: The Music of 1960’s – 70’s Suffrage” by Elinor Maloney and Soren Trimble, West Springfield High
- Second Place: “Alexander Hamilton: A Revolutionary Transforming the World with Every Pen Stroke” by Anastasiia Goi and Riley Sucato, West Springfield High
- First Place: “The Fight for Freedom: A Look Into the 1989 Tiananmen Square Protests” by Kayli Nguyen and Jasmine Traynor-Hawk, West Springfield High

### Senior Group Performance

- First Place: “Why We’re Here: 9/11 and the Lessons We Learned” by Aidan Gibson, Gio Mazzeo, and Sagar Murthy, Douglas S. Freeman High

### Junior Group Website

- Third Place: “Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin: Activist, Advocate, Communicator” by Betty Bond and Caroline Bond, Blacksburg New School
- Second Place: “Marie Curie” by Shanaya Kamal and Nina Wolf, George Washington Middle
- First Place: “The Beautiful City to the Ugly Truth – The Tragic Story of the Toxic Love Canal and its Mystifying Communication” by Simge Gerdaneri, Angel Martin, and Mahider Mengistu, Francis C. Hammond Middle

### Senior Group Website

- Third Place: “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
- Second Place: “The Story of Walter Gadsden: How One Miscommunication Changed the Course of the Civil Rights Movement” by Sagar Gupta and Sahil Gupta, Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology
- First Place: “A Voice on the Inside: Nellie Bly’s Mental Asylum Expose” by Kendal Brown and Valerie Noto, Staunton High School

### Junior Individual Documentary

- Third Place: “The Golden Record – B Side: Humanity’s Message” by Oz Trost, Jennifer Bonds
- Second Place: “The Wings of War” by Julia Ware, George Washington Middle
- First Place: “Navajo Code – The Unbreakable Code” by Mukund Marri, William Monroe Middle

### Senior Individual Documentary

- Third Place: “First Bull Run: The Messaging Power of a Battle” by Rachel Hocker, Pennsylvania Homeschoolers AP Online
- Second Place: “Protest Music as Communication” by Ella Williams, Fredericksburg Academy
- First Place: “The Emotional and Political Messages in Classical Music Composition during World War II” by Serena Sara, West Springfield High

### Elementary Individual Exhibit

- Second Place: “How the Printing Press Affected Global Health” by Isaac Grover, Tidewater Collegiate Academy at Virginia Wesleyan University
- First Place: “Jack Jouett’s Ride: A Secret Message by Horseback” by Porter Boyles, Bettie Weaver Elementary

### Junior Individual Exhibit

- Third Place: “Men Their Rights, and Nothing More; Women Their Right, and Nothing Less” by Hannah Carroll, William Monroe Middle
- Second Place: “The Lusitania Disaster: From Public Outcry to Declaration of War” by Audrey Li, Haycock Elementary
- First Place: “Norman Borlaug: Actions Overweighing Words in Agricultural Communication” by Seonghui Ju, Haycock Elementary

### Senior Individual Exhibit

- Third Place: “A Day Without Women” by Rachel Dexter, West Springfield High
- Second Place: “Say Cheese! : How Lewis Hine Used Cameras to Shine a Light Upon Life’s Dark Corners” by Carly Phung, John Randolph Tucker High
- First Place: “A Monumental Difference” by Simon Dewees-Hanna, Fredericksburg Academy

### Junior Individual Performance

- Third Place: “Words of Wisdom: How Connecting Through Speech Can Help Mental Illness” by Jack Emmett, Blacksburg New School

- Second Place: “Better Off Dead? Baby Bollinger” by Kaylie Tabor, Bedford Middle
- First Place: “Once Upon a Time ... Communicating Morals to Kids Through Fairy Tales” by Aashna Kapur, Magnolia Homeschool

### Senior Individual Performance

- Third Place: “Marie Jean Philip: How One Woman Modernized Deaf Education and Language” by Lillian Clark, Western Albemarle High
- Second Place: “Communication through the Underground Railroad” by Nikki Kumar, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School
- First Place: “A Journey to Freedom: Rider’s Perspective” by Lauren Fischer, Fredericksburg Academy

### Junior Individual Website

- Third Place: “On Protracted War: A Speech That Inspired and Redefined” by Sean Fu, Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle
- Second Place: “Devil Dog Canines: A Line of Communication in World War II” by Julienne Lim, Mary G. Porter Traditional
- First Place: “The Charge of the Light Brigade – A Gallant Mistake” by Minh Nguyen, Blacksburg Middle

### Senior Individual Website

- Third Place: “Latin American Education: Mental Health & Language Barrier Issues” by Nayeon Kim, McLean High
- Second Place: “The Zimmerman Telegram: Cross-Border Communications that Changed the Tide of WWI” by Joanne Lin, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School
- First Place: “A Mother’s Grief: Communicating Accountability for Hate Crimes” by Zahra Trail, World Community Education Center

### Junior Paper

- Third Place: “Street Smarts: Shaping the Children Who Will Shape the Future” by Emily Paul, Blacksburg New School
- Second Place: “Riding to Liberation: The Bicycle as a Tool for Women’s Rights” by Tess Larsen, Blacksburg New School
- First Place: “Watergate: The Use of Investigative Journalism in Communication and Reporting” by Samhita Som, Haycock Elementary

### Senior Paper

- Third Place: “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
- Second Place: “Artistic Expression: Communication Through Painting During the Romantic Era” by Dana Johannsen, Fredericksburg Academy
- First Place: “The Negative Impact of the Press on the Women’s Suffrage Movement in the United States” by Naomi Scully-Bristol, Woodson High