

2022 Virginia History Day State Contest Special Award Winners

BRENTON S. HALSEY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

- Jill Shull, Haycock Elementary

VIRGINIA HISTORY DAY DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- District 1 – Mickey VanDerwerker, Bedford History Day Club
- District 3 – Elizabeth Marshall, Indian Valley Elementary
- District 4 – Amanda Conway, Lylburn Downing Middle
- District 5 – Kathleen Stankiewicz, Langley High
- District 6 – Kathleen LaRoue, Tallwood High
- District 6 – Rachael Rudis, Lois Hornsby Middle
- District 8 – Katherine Snow, John Randolph Tucker High

BETSY S. BARTON HISTORY DAY SCHOLARSHIP

- “The Recognition of the Monacan Nation: Debate and Diplomacy” by Makayla Branham, Liberty High

BOBBY CHANDLER SENIOR PROJECT AWARD

- “Radium Girls” by Adina Tewolde and Hiba Khalid, West Springfield High

ANNE R. WORRELL JUNIOR PROJECT AWARD

- “Vinegar Hill: Not Up for Debate” by Leo Abrahamson, Buford Middle

ENCYCLOPEDIA VIRGINIA ELEMENTARY PROJECT AWARD

- “Votes for Women! The Debate for Voting Rights for Women, Leading to the 19th Amendment” by Trinity Carr, Carr Homeschool

HOLLINS UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S HISTORY AWARD

- **Junior Division:** “Radium Girls: Exposing the Fraud of the US Radium Corporation” by Xiana Ide, Henley Middle
- **Senior Division:** “America’s Submerged Half: How Dr. Mabel Ping-Hua Lee Redefined the Internal and External Debates of the Women's Suffrage Movement” by Claire Ke, Albemarle High

DIVERSITY RICHMOND AND VIRGINIA PRIDE LGBTQ+ HISTORY AWARD

- “From the Mattachine to Stonewall: How Diplomacy Failed the American Gay Rights Movement” by Drew Rivas, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

MCV FOUNDATION MEDICAL HISTORY PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “Dr. Kelsey Thalidomide - The Drug That Almost Devastated America and the Woman Who Stopped It” by Audrey Tang, Lydia Harmeyer, and Riley Ziegler, Swift Creek Middle
- **Senior Division:** “Andrew Wakefield and the MMR Vaccine” by Madalynn Antoskow, Tidewater Collegiate Academy

VMHC SPORTS HISTORY AWARD

- **Junior Division:** “1950s Dance Debate” by Alexandra Skates and Hailey Rowe, Swift Creek Middle
- **Senior Division:** “An Unprecedented Mass Boycott: 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics” by Shouzhi Wang, Virginia Episcopal School

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL PRIZE

- **Elementary Division:** “Tremendous Transformation in Tehran” by Damian Hermenegilda and Grayson Reid, Baldwin Intermediate
- **Junior Division:** “The Debate on the Battle of Iwo Jima” by Grant Swenty, Lylburn Downing Middle
- **Senior Division:** “Shall He Return? MacArthur and Nimitz Clash Over Pacific Strategy” by Cameron Sasser, Tallwood High

NATIONAL MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRIZE

- **Junior Division (1st Place):** “Debate and Diplomacy in the Cuban Missile Crisis” by Josiah Baldwin and Sean McBride, George Washington Middle
- **Senior Division (2nd Place):** “President T. Roosevelt's Triumph” by Madelyn Brendel, Grafton High
- **Senior Division (1st Place):** “Sink or Swim: The Lusitania to WWI” by Bao Hoang, Bharath Kashyap, and Cadence Reiz, Grafton High

WHITE HOUSE HISTORY PRIZE

- **Elementary Division:** “The Indian Removal Act of 1830” by Angelo Dejesus, Christopher White, Gabriella Alston, Skylah Buckingham, and Zoe Williams, Patrick Henry School of Science & Arts
- **Junior Division:** “Resolving the Cuban Missile Crisis: Triumph and Diplomacy” by Tiago Studart, Haycock Elementary

- **Senior Division:** “The 1981 PATCO Strike: Fierce Debate, Failed Diplomacy, and Broken Unions” by Liah Chung, Douglas S. Freeman High

GEORGE C. MARSHALL AWARD IN DIPLOMACY

- **Junior Division:** “Selling the Marshall Plan: Domestic Debates and Foreign Diplomacy” by Edward Burros, Longfellow Middle
- **Senior Division:** “Disastrous Diplomacy: The Impact of the Munich Agreement on World War II and Postwar Czechoslovak Recovery” by Mikayla Bartos, West Springfield High

JOHN MARSHALL CENTER PRIZE FOR POLITICAL HISTORY AND CIVICS

- **Junior Division:** “Separate but Unequal: Brown v the Board of Education” by Evan Learn and Jaedin Barna, Swift Creek Middle
- **Senior Division:** “S.933” by Jordyn Krajewski and Rithika Bhagavatula, James River High and Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School

MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM AWARD IN AVIATION HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “The Berlin Airlift” by Elliot Allen, Graham Shester, and Russell Bucy, Lylburn Downing Middle
- **Senior Division:** “Wright vs. Curtiss- The Patent To End All Patents” by Emily Wagner, Tallwood High

VMHC AWARD IN NAVAL HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “The Day of Infamy Speech: A Speech that Changed the Course of America” by David Dambrauskas, Isaac Guin, and Noah Castellanos, James Blair Middle School
- **Senior Division:** “John McCain: the Maverick in Debate” by Damian Kearns, Dea Guo, Jehyun Hong, Monte Berman, and Yaning Liu, Episcopal High School

ASALH RICHMOND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PRIZE

- **Elementary Division:** “Harriet Tubman” by Capri Swinton, McKell Poulton, and Naya Kwitowski, Dranesville Elementary
- **Junior Division:** “Maasai Land Rights” by Eleanor Baird, Blacksburg New School
- **Senior Division:** “The Congo Bleeds Blue: The Shortcomings of Diplomacy That Led to the Assassination of Patrice Lumumba” by Anushree Shah and Lily Wershbaile, Glen Allen High

ALSA ASIAN HISTORY AWARD

- “The Korean Armistice Agreement: Divide in Diplomacy” by Jaewon Cha, John Randolph Tucker High

ALSA LATINO HISTORY AWARD

- “Debate and Diplomacy: The Effects of Coca-Colonization in Mexico After World War II” by Dahlia Obiedat, Lylburn Downing Middle

GEORGE WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “Diplomatic Inception: How George Washington Used Jay’s and Pinckney’s Treaties to Preserve Peace and Prosperity in the United States During the Early Federal Period” by Aiden Mathai, Blacksburg New School
- **Senior Division:** “The History of Pearl Harbor: The Notable Debate over America's Foreign Policy” by Crisley Ventura and Lelna Teshome, Westfield High

MARY BICOUVARIS AWARD IN VIRGINIA HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “Loving v Virginia: The Debate That Changed American Culture” by Anuva Hoque, Arielle Hicks, Janelle Asante, Samone Howell, and Zaleeya Baa, Mary G. Porter Traditional
- **Senior Division:** “The Debate over Forced Sterilization” by Zahra Trail, World Community Education Center