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

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 Wershbale, 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 BICOVARIS 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