

2023 Virginia History Day State Contest Special Award Winners

NHD PATRICIA BEHRING TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES

- **Junior Division:** Rachel Moore, James Blair Middle
- **Senior Division:** Nicole Winter, Cosby High

BRENTON S. HALSEY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

- Nathan Munson, Jefferson Forest High

VIRGINIA HISTORY DAY DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- **District 1** – Janet Bates, Dearington Elementary School for Innovation
- **District 3** – Penny Lane, Pulaski County Middle
- **District 4** – Beth Seeley, Rappahannock County Elementary
- **District 5** – Dalton Savage, Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology
- **District 6** – Andrew Abeyounis, Grafton High
- **District 6** – Dr. Wendy Scott, Tidewater Collegiate Academy
- **District 8** – Morgan Saxby, Robious Elementary

BETSY S. BARTON HISTORY DAY SCHOLARSHIP

- “ILGWU: A New Frontier for Workers’ Rights” by Sara Johnson, Liberty High

BOBBY CHANDLER SENIOR PROJECT AWARD

- “The Frontier of Richmond: Battleground for Segregation” by Michael Trowsell, The New Community School

ANNE R. WORRELL JUNIOR PROJECT AWARD

- “Clamoring for Change: The Equal Suffrage League of Virginia” by Caroline Sundberg, Sabot at Stony Point

ENCYCLOPEDIA VIRGINIA ELEMENTARY PROJECT AWARD

- “Thomas Kane Setting and Saving the Frontier: Ending the Utah War through Peace” by Celeste Ide, Brownsville Elementary

HOLLINS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HISTORY AWARD

- **Junior Division:** “Striking a Match: Shedding Light on a Frontier in Women's Labor Rights” by Hope Keber and Page Vogel, George Washington Middle
- **Senior Division:** “Katherine Johnson: Breaking Barriers on the Frontiers of Science” by Allison Candelario, Angelina Nair, and Miriam Ahmad, Grafton High

DIVERSITY RICHMOND AND VIRGINIA PRIDE LGBTQ+ HISTORY AWARD

- “Frontiers in LGBTQ+ Rights: The Removal of Homosexuality from the DSM and the Pioneering Researchers that Made it Possible” by Audrey Johnson, Jefferson Forest High

MCV FOUNDATION MEDICAL HISTORY PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “Penicillin: The "Miracle Drug" That Changed Medicine Forever” by Luke Drumbl and Edison Rahl, Lylburn Downing Middle
- **Senior Division:** “The Wiley Act FDCA: Frontiers in Federal Consumer Protection” by Seyeon (Gloria) Park, Virginia Episcopal School

VMHC ARTS & LITERATURE AWARD

- **Junior Division:** “Guernica: Crossing the Frontier Between Art and the Horrors of Modernity & War” by Dahlia Obiedat, Lylburn Downing Middle
- **Senior Division:** “The Oxford English Dictionary: A Landmark in the Language” by Anna Bronwyn Turney, Alexandria City High School

VIRGINIA IS FOR SPORTS LOVERS SPORTS HISTORY AWARD

- “Make The Climb: How Humanity Conquered the Tallest Mountain on our Planet” by Dylan McQuain, Blacksburg New School
- “From Stickball to Lacrosse: A First in America” by Eleanor Chin, James Blair Middle

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL PRIZE

- **Elementary Division:** “World War 2” by Nicholas Cregger, Critzer Elementary
- **Junior Division:** “Discovery of Penicillin: One of The Greatest New Frontiers In Medical History” by Alicia Fu, Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle
- **Senior Division:** “The Holland Submarine: A Frontier” by Noah Lehrer, Liberty High

NATIONAL MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRIZE

- **Junior Division (2nd Place):** “United Paradise: How Kamehameha I Conquered the Hawaiian Islands” by Annemarie Beal and Katie Thomas, Blacksburg New School

- **Junior Division (1st Place):** “The Trieste and Early Underwater Exploration” by Henry Daggett, Blacksburg New School
- **Senior Division (2nd Place):** “The Frontiers of Oceanography: The Influence of Charles W. Thomson and John Murrar” by Destiny Starks and Helen Thompson, Jefferson Forest High
- **Senior Division (1st Place):** “The Titanic and the Dawn of New Frontiers” by Jason Shin, Oakton High

WHITE HOUSE HISTORY PRIZE

- **Elementary Division:** “McKinley's assassination” by Jacob Baron, Lucas McNelley, and Sydney Rice, Robious Elementary
- **Senior Division:** “The Interstate Highway System: From Wagon Trails to Superhighways” by Caroline Bruton, William Monroe High
- **Senior Division:** “Forced Cultural Assimilation: A New Frontier” by Makayla Branham, Liberty High

GEORGE C. MARSHALL AWARD IN DIPLOMACY

- **Junior Division:** “The League of Nations: What Went Wrong?” by Neil Khot, Haycock Elementary
- **Senior Division:** “The Czechoslovakian Velvet Revolution” by Katherine Sestak, West Springfield High

JOHN MARSHALL CENTER PRIZE FOR POLITICAL HISTORY AND CIVICS

- **Junior Division:** “Frontiers in Environmental Justice: Love Canal” by Glenda Lu and Julianna Sun, Haycock Elementary
- **Senior Division:** “Victoria Woodhull: Pushing Boundaries as an Unconventional Woman” by Charlie McClurken-Orr, West Springfield High

MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM AWARD IN AVIATION HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “Tuskegee Airmen” by Hector Cortez, Quincy Hogge, and Andrew Morris, William Monroe Middle
- **Senior Division:** “The Legacy of the NASA Full-Scale Wind Tunnel” by Samantha McCall, Grafton High

NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES AWARD IN NAVAL HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “The Frozen Frontier: Robert Peary’s Arctic Expedition and the Discovery of the North Pole” by Alexandra Kosgei and Samuel Wiersema, St. John Neumann Academy

- **Senior Division:** “Braving Surf, Storm, and Howling Gale: LCDR Elmer Stone” by Madelyn Brendel, Grafton High

AAHGS RICHMOND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PRIZE

- **Elementary Division:** “Civil Rights Movement-Integration of Lynchburg” by Amir Anderson and Zymeer Vassel, Dearington Elementary School for Innovation
- **Junior Division:** “It's all in the MATH” by Olive Handy and Alex Lavoie, William Monroe Middle
- **Senior Division:** “The Impact of HeLa Cells: Remembering Henrietta Lacks” by Hannah Chen and Jay Ni, Grafton High

ALSA ASIAN HISTORY AWARD

- “The Tomb of Uncovered Secrets: The Terracotta Army” by Campbell Jebo and Smriti Murali, Glen Allen High

ALSA LATINO HISTORY AWARD

- “American Imperialism in the Caribbean: The Negative Impact of US Law from 1900-1920 on Puerto Rico” by Lucian Pozzi, Sabot at Stony Point

GEORGE WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP PRIZE

- **Junior Division:** “John Muir: A New Frontier in Conservation Efforts” by Owen Deutsch and Colin Li, Haycock Elementary
- **Senior Division:** “The Life and Legacy of Harvey Milk: A True Frontier” by Charlotte Fletcher, H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program

MARY BICOUVARIS AWARD IN VIRGINIA HISTORY

- **Junior Division:** “Mary Jackson: Ground Breaking Engineer, “Gentlelady, Wife and Mother, Humanitarian and Scientist” by Eleanor Baird, Blacksburg New School
- **Senior Division:** “The Equal Suffrage League of Virginia: A Frontier in Ideas in the American South” by Alexa Koeckritz, Grafton High