

2020 Virginia History Day State Contest Special Award Winners

Betsy S. Barton History Day Scholarship

- “Reconciling American History: Breaking the Barriers of Lost History” by Isabelle Jordan, Western Albemarle High

Bobby Chandler Senior Project Award

- “By Their Poverty, Denied the Right to Vote: Harper v. Virginia Board and the Poll Tax” by Thomas McKenna, McKenna Homeschool

Anne R. Worrell Junior Project Award

- “The 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In: Breaking a Barrier to Read at a Public Library” by Patrick Osterman-Healey, George Washington Middle

Encyclopedia Virginia Elementary Project Award

- “Pocahontas: The Native American Version of Her Story” by Xiana Ide, Brownsville Elementary

2020 Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commemoration Award

- Elementary Division: “Malala Yousafzai- Pledging for Woman Education by Breaking Barriers” by Reagan Napierski, Tidewater Collegiate Academy
- Junior Division: “More Than a Pretty Face: The Barrier Breaking Invention of Hedy Lamarr” by Abigail Bodvake, St. Patrick Catholic School
- Senior Division: “Breaking The Gender Barrier at the Virginia Military Institute” by Scarlett Pleasant, Shayleigh Cire, William Tabor, and Willow Lehrer, Liberty High

Virginia Museum of History & Culture Medical History Prize

- Junior Division: “Nineteenth Century London Cholera Epidemics: A Remarkable Feat in Epidemiology and Engineering” by Liah Chung, George H. Moody Middle
- Senior Division: “Vaccinating the World: The Effect of Edward Jenner's Smallpox Vaccine” by Amelia Kim, Isabel Mathew, and Lauren Sung, Langley High

MacArthur Memorial Award

- Elementary Division: “Breaking Enigma” by Shivank Murthy, Shady Grove Elementary
- Junior Division: “The Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki” by Emily Kim and Leah Kim, Wakefield School
- Senior Division: “Grace Hopper: Technologist & Barrier Breaker” by Nathan Poole, Stonewall Jackson High

National Maritime Historical Society Award

- Junior Division (2nd Place): “Foundations of Modern Technology: Grace Hopper's Computer Compiler” by Amy Genz, Rayanna Yowell, and Thomas Traber, William Monroe Middle

- Junior Division (1st Place): “How the Titanic Broke Barriers” by Annika Ryerson and Kathryn Thomas, Haycock Elementary
- Senior Division (2nd Place): “The LVT, Breaking Barriers in the Pacific with the Marines!” by Emma Young, Charles J. Colgan Sr. High
- Senior Division (1st Place): “Breaking Cryptologic Barriers at Bletchley Park: How Bletchley Park’s Code-Breaking Efforts Aided the Allied War Effort” by Wesley Tillman, Tidewater Collegiate Academy

George C. Marshall Prize in Diplomacy

- Junior Division: “From Atlantic to Pacific -Building the Panama Canal” by Akhil Marri, William Monroe Middle
- Senior Division: “International Space Station, Breaking Barriers at 17,130 Miles per Hour” by Trevyr Schutz and Zachary Craighead, Eastern Montgomery High

John Marshall Foundation Prize for Political History & Civics

- Junior Division: “It’s My Constitutional Right! Claudette Colvin’s Unorthodox Plight” by Cameron Sadr, St. Patrick Catholic School
- Senior Division: “Stonewall 1969: The End of Silence” by Meg Hogan and Trinity Green, West Springfield High

Naval Order of the United States Award in Naval History

- Junior Division (2nd Place): “Battle of Midway” by Rhylie Shifflett, William Monroe Middle
- Junior Division (1st Place): “Lighthouse Keepers to Leaders: Women Breaking Barriers in the U.S. Coast Guard” by Alyssa Kiffer, Louise A. Benton Middle
- Senior Division (2nd Place): “Breaking Code Barriers: How the Allies Used Decryption to Win the Second World War” by Donovan Bly, Westfield High
- Senior Division (1st Place): “Full Steam Ahead” by Jamie Tuck, Olivia Boisseau, and Selena Santiago, James River High

ASALH Richmond African American History Prize

- Elementary Division: “Martin Luther King Jr.” by Ethan Juran, Dranesville Elementary
- Junior Division: “Ruby Bridges” by Ariana Singleton, George Washington Middle
- Senior Division: “Norfolk 17” by Joslyn Haeselin, Tallwood High

George Washington Leadership Award

- Junior Division: “The Culper Spy Ring and the Foundations of Spy Agencies during the Revolutionary War: A Musical Performance” by Jack Emmet and Sepehr Agah, Blacksburg New School
- Senior Division: “Şule Yüksel Şenler: A writer’s fight for religious freedom” by Sumaya Zahid, West Springfield High

Mary Bicouvaris Award in Virginia History

- Junior Division: “Christiansburg Institute: Breaking Educational Barriers” by Gideon Colliver, Sam Nolen, and Thomas Pettinger, Blacksburg New School
- Senior Division: “Defending Love” by Claire Barber and Mary Doherty, Fredericksburg Academy