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**WNY History Day Winners &
NYSHD Qualifiers**



Western New York History Day, a year-long educational program proudly sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Council of Social Studies (NFCSS), Buffalo History Museum, and Canisius College it encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history. After selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research by using libraries, archives, museums, and oral history interviews. They analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topics' significance in history, and create final projects that present their work. These projects can be entered into a series of competitions, from the local to the national level, where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators.

All First and Second Place Entries Qualify for NYS History Day

Junior Historic Papers

First Place- *RMS Titanic: Life After Loss* Josephine MacDonald (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Senior Historic Papers

First Place- *The Recreation of Israel: Retaking Middle Eastern Land* Ava Stock (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Molly Stock)

Second Place- *NASA Breaking Technological Frontiers* Croyance Nakirindo (BPS #304 Hutchinson Central Technical High School. Advisor Kevin Gibson)

Junior Group Documentary

First Place- *Civil Rights Frontiers: Brown vs. Board of Education* Nolan Anderson & Langston Bias (Westfield School District, Advisor Stephen Holberg)

Second Place- *Louise Blanchard Bethune* Mirah Norman, Zoe Hartnet & Ellie Peckham (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Senior Individual Documentary

First Place- ***Lewis and Clark Expedition*** Davion Ortiz (BPS #304 Hutchinson Central Technical High School. Advisor Kevin Gibson)

Junior Group Website

First Place- ***Latino Integration of Baseball*** Hasnat Jamil, Christopher Then, Wylie Cascarino, Jaxon Medakovich, & Ryan Antonius (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Second Place- ***The Apollo 11 Mission*** Rocco Yacobucci & Maksym Welsh (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Third Place- ***Galileo & The Telescope*** Mark Zulawski & William Bajer (West Seneca East Middle, Advisor David Papke)

Senior Group Website

First Place-***The History of Astronomy***: Lucas Soto & Michael Carroll (BPS #212 Leonardo DaVinci High School, Advisor Molly Eldridge)

Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place- ***Transcontinental Railroad: Shaping The American Frontier*** McKenna Barrett (Iroquois School District, Advisor Ryan Barrett)

Second Place- ***Seneca Falls Convention: Turning Suffering into Suffrage*** Molly Rooney (Akron Central Schools, Advisor Deric Brege)

Third Place- ***Hershey*** Nicholas Blasak (West Seneca East Middle, Advisor David Papke)

Junior Group Exhibit

First Place- ***Making Her Mark on The Map*** Natasha Shiley, Emma Joslyn & Joan Lenahan (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Second Place- ***Fierce Flying Female Frontiers*** Madigan Regan & Sofia Estevez (Akron Central Schools, Advisor Deric Brege)

Third Place- ***The Spanish Flu and Its Impact on the World*** Grace Rio, Analeise Liberto & Charlotte Leichtnam (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place- *Frontiers in Education: Journey to Integration* Fairouz Abida (BPS #304 Hutchinson Central Technical High School. Advisor Kevin Gibson)

Second Place- *Don't Ask, Don't Tell: The Cataract Hotel's Underground Role in the Abolitionist Movement* Molly Sheehan (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Junior Group Performance

First Place-*KATHERINE JOHNSON: DO WHAT YOU LOVE* Layla Diaz, Rosalie Stephens, Mya Wilder-Soules, Elena Lovett & Miranda Bryant (BPS #192 Buffalo Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts School, Advisor Kelly Beuth)

**16 PROJECTS AND 32 STUDENTS IN ALL 5 CATEGORIES HAVE
QUALIFIED FOR NYS HISTORY DAY ON APRIL 24, 2023**

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