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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, Erie County Historical Commissions and NYS 140th Assemblymember Bill Conrad. 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

Senior Historic Papers

First Place- *Sing About Them: The Panther-Prisoner Journey to Intersectionality* Hawa Mohammed (BPS #304 Hutch Tech High School Advisor Elizabeth Brandjes)

Second Place *Intersection of Contemporary Philosophy and Modern Rights in the United States* Miguel Acevedo (BPS #304 Hutch Tech High School Advisor Elizabeth Brandjes)

Third Place *Wu Zetian and Catherine the Great Defied Gender Roles* Tha'lise (BPS #304 Hutch Tech High School Advisor Elizabeth Brandjes)

Junior Group Documentary

First Place- *Governments Educating Their People* Addison Klopp, Naulmerys Osorio-Rivera & Hayden Rainey. (BPS #79 Grabiarz School, Advisor Matthew Boyle)

Second Place- *Through The Wall* Drake Walter, Ethan Meling, Landon Fullone & Lucas Devine (West Seneca East Middle School, Advisor David Papke)

Third Place- *What Rights Softball Has Compared to Baseball* Brooke Jada & Kaylee Dusza (West Seneca East Middle School, Advisor David Papke)

Senior Individual Documentary

First Place- ***The Tune of Equality: Women's Suffrage Explored*** Hope Hearn (West Seneca West Senior High School. Advisor Kara Welgoss)

Senior Group Documentary

First Place- ***Where Rights and Responsibilities Collide*** Htoo Moo & Tony Figueroa (BPS #304 Hutchinson Central Technical High School. Advisor Kevin Gibson)

Second Place- ***Let's Start a Riot Grrrr!*** Diamond Bunch, Ezra Marquis & Linda Le (BPS #304 Hutchinson Central Technical High School. Advisor Elizabeth Brandjes)

Third Place- ***No Freedom No Voice: The North Korean Struggle*** Lance Franklin, Langston Bias, Logan Baum, Nolan Anderson, Seth Zielinski (Westfield High School. Advisor Steven Holmberg)

Junior Group Website

First Place- ***Rosie The Riveter: The Movement That Saved the War*** Mishel Zakaria, Peyton Warford & Rhys Carloni (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Second Place- ***Abraham Lincoln Civil War Hero*** Arham Akhyar, Hasnat Jamil & Ryan Antonius (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Third Place- ***Young Lords: Impacting Healthcare Rights*** Ivannaliz Rosario Hernandez, Niangieliz Ortiz Martinez, Xavrielys Garcia, Yareiyanis Rodriguez Delgado (BPS #33 Bilingual Center, Advisor Dr. Tim Monreal)

Senior Individual Website

First Place- ***The Labor Movement:*** Hannah Hollans (BPS #212 Leonardo DaVinci High School, Advisor Julia Tomaka)

Second Place- ***Can Girls Live Like Men?*** Myth Paw (BPS #212 Leonardo DaVinci High School, Advisor Julia Tomaka)

Third Place- ***Feminist Rights*** Soloman Melang (BPS #212 Leonardo DaVinci High School, Advisor Julia Tomaka)

Senior Group Website

First Place- ***Women's Rights in Sharia Law*** Samiya Akther, Annika Sharmela, Mariamo Mganga & Meherin Faiza, (BPS #304 Hutch Tech High School Advisor Kevin Gibson & Elizabeth Brandjes)

Second Place- ***Rainbow of Change*** Wan'ye Rhodes-Carter & Aiyalees Padilla (BPS #212 Leonardo DaVinci High School, Advisor Julia Tomaka)

Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place- ***The Grimke Sisters: Warriors for the Battle of Equality*** McKenna Barrett (Iroquois School District, Advisor Ryan Barrett)

Second Place- - ***Bob Dylan: A Voice for Change*** Zoey Mann (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Third Place- ***Mary Talbert: The Niagara Movement*** Charlotte Meeder (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Junior Group Exhibit

First Place- ***The U.S. Military Draft: Civic Responsibility or Violation of our Rights?*** Daniel Gonzalez-Pollutro, Leonaldo Rodriguez, Luis Ortiz Rodriguez & Yadiel Rojas Ramos (BPS #33 Bilingual Center, Advisor John Simpson)

Second Place- ***Secrets and Lies: Love Canal*** Audrey Hughes, Marnie Kemble, Zoey Joslyn (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Third Place- ***Revolutionary War: The War That Changed America*** Bibi Wokas, Emily White, Josephine Hassinger (BPS #195 City Honors School, Advisor Jennifer Reiss)

Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place- ***Civil Liberties are Our Responsibility.*** Myseon Scott (BPS #208 Riverside High School. Advisor Jeremy Lyman)

Senior Group Exhibit

First Place- ***Fighting for Freedom*** Halima Noor, Kristine Harris, Adia Prince (BPS #304 Hutch Tech High School Advisor Kevin Gibson & Elizabeth Brandjes)

Second Place - ***Born in The USA: Birthright Citizenship and the Fight for Inclusion*** Aisho Mohamed, Nga Meh, Razia Chakladar (BPS #304 Hutch Tech High School Advisor Elizabeth Brandjes)

Junior Group Performance

First Place- *Mary Ware Dennett: Maintaining Social Responsibility Through The Fight for Reproductive Rights* Abygail Bishop, Melany Boczarski, Mya Wilder-Soules, Elena Lovett & Miranda Bryant (BPS #192 B.A.V.P.A, Advisor Kelly Beuth)

Senior Group Performance

First Place- *Fearless Women on the Frontier* Ella Chagnon, Liberty Maring, Mary Quagliana, Sage Zachmann (Westfield High School. Advisor Steven Holmberg)

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22 PROJECTS AND 56 STUDENTS IN ALL 5 CATEGORIES HAVE QUALIFIED FOR NYS HISTORY DAY ON SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

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2025 WNY History Day Event Special Awards

Best Overall Entry: Sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Council of Social Studies.

Mary Ware Dennett: Maintaining Social Responsibility Through Reproductive Rights

Best Local History Entry: Sponsored by the Buffalo History Museum.

Mary Talbert: The Niagara Movement

Best Community Themed Entry: Sponsored by the Erie County Historical Commission

Civil Rights Are Our Responsibility

Best Researched Entry: Sponsored by the City of Buffalo Historian

Where Rights and Responsibilities Collide

Best Sports Themed Entry: Sponsored by the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame.

What Rights Softball Has Compared to Baseball

Best Political Themed Entry: Sponsored by the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site.

Born in the USA: Birthright Citizenship

Best Military Themed Entry: Sponsored by the Buffalo/Erie County Naval & Military Park

Fighting For Freedom

Best Presidential Themed Entry: Sponsored by the Buffalo Presidential Center

Abraham Lincoln Civil War Hero

Best Science Themed Entry: Sponsored by the Niagara Aerospace Museum

Secrets and Lies: Love Canal

Best Education Themed Entry: Sponsored by Canisius University

Revolutionary War: The War That Changed America

Best African American History Entry: Sponsored by the Afro-American Historical Assoc. of the Niagara Frontier

Sing About Them: The Black Panther Prisoner Journey to Intersectionality

WNY History Day Teacher of the Year: Sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Council of Social Studies.

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