Vermont History Day 2024 Winners

Category Award Winners

Junior Paper

First Place
How the Crusades Shaped History
Qualified for NHD
Main Street Middle School Piscitelli, Melissa
Fiona Murphy

Second Place
The Trials of Roe V. Wade: A Landmark in Women's History
Qualified for NHD
Green Mountain Union High School Chivers, Suzette
Harper Goddard

Third Place
Religion in the French Revolution
Main Street Middle School Piscitelli, Melissa
Ella Groff

Senior Paper

First Place
The Meiji Restoration
Qualified for NHD
Union 32 Brown, Mark
Arwa Mint Meiloud

Second Place
Aeronautics for Everyone: How NASA's Formation as a Civilian Agency Redefined Access to Scientific Knowledge
Qualified for NHD
Addison Northwest Supervisory District Coffey, Rebecca
Jing Williams

Third Place
The Sherman Act and the Birth of the Administrative State
Craftsbury Academy Dubuque, Dominique
Matthew Califano
Junior Individual Website

First Place
*Pedal Power*
*Qualified for NHD*
Homeschool Kendall, Clarissa
Casey Kendall

Second Place
*Spies in the Manhattan Project*
Main Street Middle School Maguire, Daniel
Micah Jacobson

Third Place
*The Invention and Popularization of Leaded Gasoline*
Main Street Middle School Maguire, Daniel
Simon Eikenberry

Senior Individual Website

First Place
*The Politics of Maple*
*Qualified for NHD*
Homeschool Kendall, Clarissa
Ainsley Kendall

Second Place
*The Vermont Liquor Law of 1853: The Tipping Point for Temperance*
*Qualified for NHD*
Addison Northwest Supervisory District Coffey, Rebecca
Quincy Sabick

Third Place
*Woodstock: A Turning Point for American Youth*
Union 32 Brown, Mark
Aida Coffey

Junior Group Website

First Place
*The Woman Behind HeLa: A Turning Point in Medical History*
*Qualified for NHD*
Addison Northwest Supervisory District Coffey, Rebecca
Charlotte Coffey, Georgia Kunkel

Second Place
*US Suffragettes*
*Qualified for NHD*
Main Street Middle School Piscitelli, Melissa
James Ashley Carr, Hazel Nava

Third Place
*Sacked*
Main Street Middle School Maguire, Daniel
William Curtis, Braeden Schuren Burns, Samuel Soria
Senior Group Website
First Place
Alexander Fleming’s Penicillin: An Accidental Antibiotic
South Burlington High School Gordon, Drew
Levi Duteau, Jimmy Jia, Jackson Nagle

Second Place
Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance
Union 32 Rosenberg, Kara
Drew Frostick, Oren Winters

Junior Group Performance
First Place
Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: The Tragic Ending of a Chapter but Heroic Beginning of Labor Laws
Qualified for NHD
Lyndon Town School Willis, Tyler
Ali Aubin, Natalie Mitchell, Colton Shelburne, Lylah Wells

Senior Group Performance
First Place
A Tea Bag’s Journey: from Water to War
South Burlington High School Gordon, Drew
Cedric Minier, Emmanuela Sulley, Sean Sweeny

Junior Individual Performance
First Place
Antonio Meucci: The True Inventor of the Telephone and Turning Point in Communication
Qualified for NHD
Lyndon Town School Willis, Tyler
Juliet Piluso

Second Place
Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins, the Capitol Steps Crawl: Climbing towards the Turning Point of the American Disabilities Act
Lyndon Town School Willis, Tyler
Natalie Leonard

Senior Individual Performance
First Place
Web Wave Radio: Lets Talk About the Internet
Montpelier High School Tillotson, Jerry
Graceyn Nichols

Junior Individual Documentary
First Place
The formation of NATO and the return of political stability to Europe.
Qualified for NHD
Main Street Middle School Maguire, Daniel
Preston Averbeck
Second Place

_Paging Vermont Women_
Qualified for NHD
Main Street Middle School Maguire, Daniel
Gideon Kass

Third Place

_Great Serum Race: A Turning Point in Alaskan History_
Lyndon Town School Willis, Tyler
Chloe Birchard

Senior Individual Documentary

First Place

_Leroy Carr and Scrapper Blackwell: A Turning Point in the Blues_
Qualified for NHD
Union 32 Green, Geoff
Tennessee Lamb

Second Place

_Up to Code: How Airport Security was Forever Changed After 9/11_
Qualified for NHD
Addison Northwest Supervisory District Coffey, Rebecca
Sophia Johnson

Third Place

_The Hubble Telescope_
South Burlington High School Cannaday, Joshua
Cindy Do

Junior Group Documentary

First Place

_Henrietta Lacks and her Eternal Cells_
Qualified for NHD
Main Street Middle School Maguire, Daniel
Ondina An, Charlotte Dostie

Second Place

_Brown V. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision: A Turning Point for Segregation_
Qualified for NHD
Poultney High School Harrington, Keith
Emma Boyer, Sabina Kraus, Abigail Rose

Second Place

_History of the Hitler Youth_
Qualified for NHD
Main Street Middle School Piscitelli, Melissa
Phoebe Bakeman, Lucinda Copans, Elena Guadagno, Isabel Moorman
Senior Group Documentary

First Place
Chernobyl: The 30 Year Exile
Qualified for NHD
South Burlington High School Cannaday, Joshua
Isa Harrington, Evie Lorentz, Josie Maxwell, Aidyn Peters-Smith, Lark Woodward

Second Place
The Magnificent NFL Merge of 1967: How it Changed America
South Burlington High School Gordon, Drew
Sullie Martaniuk, Gwen Soper, Tommy Sutherland

Third Place
Rise of Dictators
South Burlington High School Huling, Krista
Emilia Chittenden, Sebastian Fouche

Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place
10 Days in a Mad House: A Turning Point in Mental Asylums
Qualified for NHD
Lyndon Town School Willis, Tyler
Addison Tuohey

Second Place
The St. Petersburg Airboat Line: A Turning Point in Commercial Air Travel
Qualified for NHD
Addison Northwest Supervisory District Coffey, Rebecca
Sagan Holm

Third Place
Airpower: How the Use of Aircrafts in World War One Propelled Change
Addison Northwest Supervisory District Coffey, Rebecca
Alister Griffin

Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place
"1886: The Birth of the Automobile"
Qualified for NHD
Union 32 Brown, Mark
Brennan Swaim

Second Place
Pickett's Charge
Qualified for NHD
Union 32 Rosenberg, Kara
Colby Tuller

Third Place
The MBTA Subway: A Turning Point in Transportation
Union 32 Rosenberg, Kara
Mya Gould
Junior Group Exhibit

First Place
The Champlain Canal: When Boats Finally Rose
Qualified for NHD
Addison Northwest Supervisory District Coffey, Rebecca
Cecilia Neffinger, Eliana Venables-Vogel

Second Place
Civil War
Qualified for NHD
Homeschool Synkova, Yelena
Vasilii Synkov, Olga Synkova

Third Place
Crip Camp: Inspiration for Change
Green Mountain Union High School Jackins, Andy
Laura Bennett, Isidora Gibson

Senior Group Exhibit

First Place
Marie Curie: The Discovery of Radium
Qualified for NHD
Union 32 Rosenberg, Kara
Emma Pulsifer, Sylvia Emmons, Sophia Giammusso

Special Prizes

Architectural History Prize Sponsored by Preservation Trust Of Vermont
The Champlain Canal: When Boats Finally Rose Cecilia Neffinger, Eliana Venables-Vogel
Addison Northwest Supervisory District

Arts and Medicine Prize Sponsored by Brenda and Stephen Perkins
The Woman Behind HeLa: A Turning Point in Medical History Charlotte Coffey, Georgia Kunkel
Addison Northwest Supervisory District

Bennington Museum Southshire Award Sponsored by Bennington Museum
Titanic Leanna Russell
Mount Anthony Union Middle School

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation History Prize Sponsored by Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation
The murder of Emmett Till Jahana Armstrong, Juniper Keeton, Lyra Anne Doyle, Violet Chandler
Main Street Middle School

Deborah Pickman Clifford Vermont Women’s History Prize Sponsored by Vermont Commission On Women Education And Research Foundation
Paging Vermont Women Gideon Kass
Main Street Middle School

Freedom and Unity Civics Prize Sponsored by The Friends of the Vermont State House
- Junior: Crip Camp: Inspiration for Change Isidora Gibson, Laura Bennett
  Green Mountain Union High School
- Senior: Up to Code: How Airport Security was Forever Changed After 9/11 Sophia Johnson
  Addison Northwest Supervisory District
George F. Edmunds Memorial Prize Sponsored by Vermont Historical Society through the George F. Edmunds Fund

- **First Place:** The End of Slavery in Vermont: The Turning Point of Slavery in the World  
  Eli Morrill, Keegan Lisko  
  Addison Northwest Supervisory District
- **Second Place:** The Vermont Liquor Law of 1853: The Tipping Point for Temperance  
  Quincy Sabick  
  Addison Northwest Supervisory District

Horace Greeley Foundation American Freedom Award Sponsored by The Horace Greeley Foundation

Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: The Tragic Ending of a Chapter but Heroic Beginning of Labor Laws  
Ali Aubin, Colton Shelburne, Lylah Wells, Natalie Mitchell  
Lyndon Town School

International Studies Award Sponsored by Terry Buehner

- **Junior First Place:** The Black Plague: A Turning Point In World History  
  Colin Audy  
  Addison Northwest Supervisory District
- **Junior Second Place:** The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising  
  Atticus Kunkel, Gabe Hale, Luke Kidde, Wesley Morgan  
  Addison Northwest Supervisory District
- **Senior First Place:** "1886: The Birth of the Automobile"  
  Brennan Swaim  
  Union 32
- **Senior Second Place:** The Fall of Constantinople  
  Cavan Farrell  
  Union 32

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History Award Sponsored by Vermont LGBTQ History Project

The Stonewall Riots  
Sawyer Bernardini  
Main Street Middle School

Lost Mural and Little Jerusalem Prize Sponsored by The Lost Mural Project

- **Greco Deco: Art Deco in Vermont**  
  Alexis Clark  
  Green Mountain Union Hight School
- **The California Gold Rush of 1849**  
  Adela Johns, Astrid Kim, Greta Sargent, Lila McLernon  
  Main Street Middle School

Military History Prize Sponsored by Norwich University

The Fall of Constantinople  
Cavan Farrell  
Union 32

Mollie Beattie Memorial Environmental Prize Sponsored by In Memory Of Mollie Beattie

Predatory Impact on New Zealand’s Biosphere  
John Stafford  
Union 32

Truth and Reconciliation Award Sponsored by Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission

John Brown: An Abolitionist’s Effect on Vermont  
Adeline Cupoli  
Barstow Memorial School

Vermont History Award Sponsored by Vermont Historical Society

- **First Place:** Robotic Dairy Farming  
  Corbin Kieslich  
  Christ the King School
- **Second Place:** The Champlain Canal: When Boats Finally Rose  
  Cecilia Neffinger, Eliana Venables-Vogel  
  Addison Northwest Supervisory District
Vermont State Archives Award for Outstanding Use of Primary Sources Sponsored by Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Secretary of State

- **First Place:** Thomas Davenport: A Turning Point in Electricity Hannah Olsen
  Union 32
- **Second Place:** Leroy Carr and Scrapper Blackwell: A Turning Point in the Blues Tennessee Lamb
  Union 32

Women’s History Award Sponsored by Patricia Passmore Alley In Memory Of Helen Vrooman Passmore
A Day at the Beach: Social Norms and Societal Evolution in American Recreational Swimming Culture Ada Allen
Craftsbury Academy

**Teacher Prizes**

Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award- Junior Division
Keith Harrington, Poultney Elementary School

Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year award- Senior Division
Drew Gordon, South Burlington High School

Shelburne Museum Award
Polly Allen, Craftsbury, VT

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Teacher Award
Suzette Chivers, Green Mountain Union High School