

2021 Minnesota Virtual State Contest RESULTS

The Minnesota Virtual State Contest took place the week of April 26, with awards on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Entries were submitted digitally and judged remotely by judges through First- and Final-Rounds of competition. Judges identified the top five entries in each category/division as well as Honorable Mention.

- **National Qualifiers:** Entries ranking 1st and 2nd in each category/division are National Qualifiers and eligible to compete in the Virtual National Contest.
- **3rd-5th Place:** Entries in 3rd, 4th, and 5th place are recognized as Medalists. If a National Qualifier entry is unable to participate in the National Contest, the opportunity will be offered to the medalist entries, in rank order.
- **Honorable Mentions:** All entries that advanced to the Final-Round of competition but did not rank 1st-5th are recognized as Honorable Mention. Honorable Mention entries are not ranked and are alphabetical by school name.

Junior Paper

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Communication in WWI: Cher Ami Saves the Lost Battalion	Isaiah Miles	Avail Academy, Edina
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Operation Anthropoid: The Cost of Communication	Luke Marsalek	Carondelet Catholic School
3rd Place	Katherine Johnson's Contributions to the Space Program	Lauren Havemeier	Salk Middle School
4th Place	The Code Girls of WWII: The American Women Who Secretly Broke the Axis Communication Codes	Maely Hall	Avail Academy, Blaine
5th Place	1946 St Paul Teachers' Strike: How Teachers Communicated the Need For Better Schools	Mara Booth	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Carrier Pigeons in WWI	Carrick Mick	Avail Academy, Blaine
Honorable Mention	Dmitri Polyakov: The Double Agent	Brayden Beckering	Avail Academy, Edina
Honorable Mention	Telegraph During the American Civil War: How the Application of the Device in this War was Revolutionary	Grace Hendrickson	Carondelet Catholic School

Honorable Mention	Sputnik: Paving the Way for the Space Race	Andrew Gravink	Kenwood Trail Middle School
Honorable Mention	Fake News How Upton Sinclair Used Fiction and Fact to Create Reform	Madeline Fields	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	Operation Little Vittles: One Pilot's Efforts to Bring Hope to the Children During the Berlin Blockade	Anno Will-Anders	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	The Navajo Code Talkers; How Their Story Affected One of The Bloodiest Wars in History	Lene Jones	Twin Cities German Immersion School

Senior Paper

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Our Bodies, Ourselves: How The Boston Women's Health Book Collective Communicated Women's Health in a Time of Little Understanding	Natalie Miller	Duluth East High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Public Spaces as Borders: How city parks have created a racial divide in Minneapolis	Caroline Hedlund	Breck School
3rd Place	Silent No More: Communication and Protest in the Time of AIDS	Miranda Kubek	Mankato West High School
4th Place	Grimké Sisters: Communicating Abolition Through a White Feminist Lens	Frances Martin	Mounds Park Academy
5th Place	Walter Duranty and the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933	Will Pinto	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	A Fractured System: The Underlying Factors Contributing to Police Brutality in Minneapolis, Minnesota	Gigi Adiyia	Breck School
Honorable Mention	Prince's Message to Minneapolis	Ben Drysdale	Breck School
Honorable Mention	Koko: The Gorilla Who Talked With Her Hands	Maya Pribbenow	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Hutu vs. Tutsi: Rise of the Rwandan Genocide	Daniella Oduro	Eastview High School
Honorable Mention	Communication Throughout History: How the Parental Advisory Sticker Came to Be	Zora Vorhes	Highland Park Senior High School

Honorable Mention	Weaving Apollo: the Untold Story of the Textile Workers Who Shaped the History of Communications Technology and Saved the Apollo 11 Mission	Mitali Mangal	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	The Spirit of Government: Baron de Montesquieu's Communication of a Better Way	Andrew Bacigalupi	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	Times Beach: The Little Known Story of a Town Devastated by Dioxin	Taiyae Graffunder	Roosevelt High School

Junior Individual Performance

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Wartime Communication in the Military: Mail = Morale	Aeдея Winter	Winter Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Scarlett Ellison	Sunrise Park Middle School
3rd Place	Radar Technology: The Worldwide Improvement System	Sedona MacFarlane	Central Middle School
4th Place	Silence No More - The Creation of American Sign Language	Sophie Ouellet	Olson Middle School
5th Place	Die Weiße Rose: Communicating Resistance During A Dictatorship	Greta Kittok	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Key to Understanding the Communication Behind the Gettysburg Address	Kaiden High	Esko Public Schools
Honorable Mention	White Rose	Carter Klein	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Reclaim the Night Protest of 1977	Abby Huselid	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Nature Is Cruel But We Don't Have To Be: How Temple Grandin Communicated for Animals	Audrey Tuite	Twin Cities German Immersion School

Junior Group Performance

Rank	Title	Students	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Communication Misinterpreted	Alice Long, Gc Thomas, Maeve Zilka, Maggie Bergeron, Mary Jensen	Nativity of Our Lord
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Arrest and Trial of Angela Davis	Erin Strege, Neave Hennessy	Twin Cities German Immersion School
3rd Place	Compton's Cafeteria Riot: Communicating Change to an Abusive System	Gabriella Holmes, Olivia Richardson, Sophia Richardson	Byron Middle School
4th Place	Navajo Code Talkers: How Their Communication Helped Win World War II	Maddy Grove, Matilda Stremcha, Scarlett Schneider	Capitol Hill Magnet School
5th Place	Women in the French Resistance: The Codes, the Coded, and the Unknown	Beatrice Lundquist, Laura Lundquist, Zoe Wagner	Barton Open School
Honorable Mention	The Kent State Massacre	Adayla Morant, Harriet Miller	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Assassination of President Lincoln	Eleanor Poppenhagen, Harper Imholte Korte, Sylvia Unverzagt	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	Malala Yousafszai	Lexi Cook, Lux Lessman	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	The Stonewall Riots	Ariana Forsland, Emma Mercer, Gwen Forsland	Twin Cities German Immersion School

Senior Individual Performance

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Miscommunication to Mistrust: The War of the Worlds	Anwen Winter	Winter Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	"That Problem in Jordan": The Story of a Modern Day Salem	Caleb Craig	Park High School
3rd Place	The Lavender Scare- Redbait and Switch	Frances Ronning	DeLaSalle High School
4th Place	The World She Coded: Jean Jennings Bartik and the	Sophia Noonan	DeLaSalle High School

	Invisible ENIAC Computer Programmers		
5th Place	Minnie Vautrin: The Power of an American Flag	Lily Burrows	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The True Story of Dracula	Eva Allinder	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The Hidden History	Emma Todd	Harding High School
Honorable Mention	Communicating The Boston Massacre	Thaddeus Kuehn	North Lakes Academy

Senior Group Performance

Rank	Title	Students	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Fireside Chats: An Unprecedented Approach to Communication	Cai Hallstrom, Sydney McGrath	Roosevelt High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Reagan's Martin Luther King Day: Miscommunicating a Legacy	Helena Squires Mosher, Mae Wrigley, Samuel Kellar-Long	Open World Learning Community
3rd Place	America's Party Line: Communication Made Easy!	Finn Chalmers, Matthew Nelson, Will Norris	Saint Thomas Academy
4th Place	And the Crowd Goes Wild	James Walsh, Matthew Korf	Saint Thomas Academy
5th Place	The Champion of Breakfast	Brooks Bond, Gabe Schreier, Joe Sabre, Keegan Cashill, Thomas Stattine	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	The Chicago Tylenol Murders: Crisis Communication	Lela Thompson, Madeline Klang Wiley, Sara Connors	Roosevelt High School
Honorable Mention	The White Rose: Defying Oppressors Through Communication	Isabel Sillers, Regan Wight	Roosevelt High School
Honorable Mention	Rosenburg Trial	Andrew Nelson, Colton Zwiefel, Jack Dzubnar	Saint Thomas Academy

Junior Individual Documentary

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	38 Questions: How One Survey Ignited a Voice, Sparked a Movement and Changed Our World	Cecelia Erickson	Central Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Duck Stamp Story	Ronny Hustvedt	Salk Middle School
3rd Place	ARPANET: The Birth of the Internet	Wesley Friberg	Olson Middle School
4th Place	Hedy Lamarr and George Antheil Communicating a Better Understanding of Wireless Communication	Isabel O'Neill	St. Mary's School
5th Place	The Evolution of Sports Broadcasting	Owen Svien	Sacred Heart Catholic School
Honorable Mention	The Cuban Missile Crisis and Improved International Communication	Caedmon Mick	Avail Academy, Blaine
Honorable Mention	The Key to Persuasion: US Propaganda in WWII	Logan Kimmel	Avail Academy, Edina
Honorable Mention	Stonewall Rebellions: How LGBTQ+ People Communicated to the World that they are Human	Abby Kleinwort	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Caged Bird and Still I Rise: Understanding Maya Angelou's Communication of Racial Injustice	Makenna Nigon	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Woodstock: Communication Through Peace, Love, and Music	Zach Nelson	Capitol Hill Magnet School
Honorable Mention	Mary Tyler Moore: The Woman Who Made It After All	Britta Andersen	Capitol Hill Magnet School
Honorable Mention	Nazi Propaganda: The Deadliest Weapon	Henry Riehle	Carondelet Catholic School
Honorable Mention	Virginia Hall and Noor Inayat Kahn: Telling the Stories of Those Who Communicated Critical Information.	Grace Mason	Carondelet Catholic School
Honorable Mention	I Have a Dream: MLK's Dream and the FBI's Mission to Discredit and Destroy it	Adonai Yidnekachew	Chaska Middle School West
Honorable Mention	The Enigma War	Rane Roste	Murray Middle School

Honorable Mention	The Great Debates: Television's Political Impact	Samuel Oakes	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	Navajo Language Wins a War	Rocky Forsberg	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	Some Day; The Children's March Communicating the Need For Change	Hannah Arika	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	The First Modernized Olympics: Athens 1896	Anna Voigt	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Influential: The Story of the 1968 Mexico City Black Power Protest	Oliver Stricherz	Seward Montessori School
Honorable Mention	War of the Worlds: The Power of Communication and Misunderstanding	Lindsey Madsen	Twin Oaks Middle School

Junior Group Documentary

Rank	Title	Students	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Fred Rogers Story	Elsa Wogen, Isabella Wittwer, Van Nguyen	Princeton Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Silent Spring and Rachel Carson: The Power of the Pen	Claire Lee, Saanvi Kaki, Shaunya Kumar	Central Middle School
3rd Place	Mary Wollstonecraft	Allison Parker, Amelia Larsen, Lucy Peltier	Murray Middle School
4th Place	How Daisy Bates Used Communication to Fight Racism in Schools	Ciara Lynham, Jaya Zeitler	Twin Cities German Immersion School
5th Place	The Harlem Renaissance: Communication Through Culture	Eli Moseman, Nathan Whitney	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Journals of The Holocaust: Looking Back in Time Through a Child's Perspective	Lillian Guidry, Maia Bideau	Barton Open School
Honorable Mention	Lights, Camera, Action!: Hedy Lamarr's Efforts for Communication	Madilyn Ross, Rory Burke	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	American Sign Language Through The Ages	Ella Nelson, Madilyn Davidson	Byron Middle School
Honorable	Rosie the Riveter: Communicating Women's Rights	Addison Harvey, Lindsey Frein	Byron Middle School

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Honorable Mention	From the 1700s to Today: The History and Impacts of the Electric Telegraph	Analiese Schneider, Audrey King	Capitol Hill Magnet School
Honorable Mention	Dolled Up Duplicity: Velvalee Dickinson	Annika Rice, Kotonno Kazama, Lilia Roberts	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Lewis Hine on Child Labor	Dakshesh Cheepuru, Shaurya Gumma, Spandan Datta	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Adolf Eichmann: The First Nazi Trial Televised Worldwide	Anna Lamecker, Sofia Blomquist	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	Title IX: 37 Words That Communicated Change in History	Caroline Bretl, Kiley Schramm	Field Middle School
Honorable Mention	Whose Radio Is It Anyway?: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Its Effect on the Radio Industry (Podcast)	Alice Verbrugge, Ellie Milburn	Highland Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	Kristallnacht: The Night of Broken Glass	Addison Schons, Julia Ruegg	Kenwood Trail Middle School
Honorable Mention	Pony Express	Erica Matros, Nora Dalen	Mary of Lourdes Elem/Middle School
Honorable Mention	Rosie the Riveter and The Roles of Women During WWII	Elise Ballou, Natalie Graeve	Mary of Lourdes Elem/Middle School
Honorable Mention	The First Women Soldiers in the Army: The Hello Girls	Althea Forstner, Seneva Leveille	Oak Grove Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Code that Saved Democracy	Becket Swanson, Ben Macedo, Liam Edel	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	The March on Washington	Bennett Legg, Miles Olson	Twin Oaks Middle School

Senior Individual Documentary

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Don't Believe Your Eyes: How Falsified Visual Media Built the Cult of Stalin	Sasha Allen	Eden Prairie High School
2nd Place	Mni Sota: the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862	Ava Krocheski-Meyer	DeLaSalle High School

<i>National Qualifier</i>			
3rd Place	"What We Want, What We Believe": Conveying the Message of The Hungry	Senyo Kwadzo	Eastview High School
4th Place	The Journey Of The First Transatlantic Cable, Bridging The Communicative Gap Between Continents	Matthew Sherrard	North Lakes Academy
5th Place	Marconi, the Titanic, and Early Radio	Peter Fisher	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The Miscommunication of Camp	Mira Ho-Chen	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Federal Communication, Extremist Understanding, Deadly Communications: The Radical Right of the 90's	Frederick Grass	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The Scottsboro Boys: From Death Row to the National Civil Rights Trail- How Persistent Communication Changed Their Fate	Fiona Mundy	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Charles Hamilton Houston and His Social Engineers	Eric Mans	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	What's Going On?: Protest Songs Of The Vietnam War	Grace Jasinski	Forest Lake Area High School
Honorable Mention	Understanding African American History Through the Eyes of Dolls: A Communicator for the Past and Present	Sneha Sureshkumar	Mahtomedi High School
Honorable Mention	Blasting Off to Better Communications	Hannah Johnson	Mahtomedi High School
Honorable Mention	Communication in History: The Truth of the Balfour Declaration	Saarah Hassan	Mankato West High School
Honorable Mention	Reagan and Gorbachev: The Hidden Successful Communication	Christine Song	Mayo High School
Honorable Mention	Riveting History	Libby Bures	Roosevelt High School
Honorable Mention	Evolution of Diplomacy: The Creation of the United Nations	Abigail Peters	Roseville Area High School
Honorable	The War of Codes	Brennan Crow	Saint Thomas Academy

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Honorable Mention	The Espionage Act of 1917: The Key to Understanding the Government's Role in Restricting Wartime Dissent	Rebecca Kranz	Scott Highlands Middle School

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Patient Comes First: The Mayo Clinic And Its Unified Medical Record	Augustine Langford, Liam Neary	DeLaSalle High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The First Lady of the Black Press: Ethel Payne and Communication in Journalism	Elsa Carlson, Zoe Champion	Open World Learning Community
3rd Place	The Media, Politics, and the Power of a Spectacle: How Joseph McCarthy and the Second Red Scare Changed America's Political Landscape	Audrey Snowbeck, Quinn Harvey	Highland Park Senior High School
4th Place	What Are You Fighting For?	Joe Kolar, Padon Kinzley, Sam Trammell	Saint Thomas Academy
5th Place	HeLa Cells: The Ethics of Communication in Medicine	Sreya Subramanian, Sruthi Subramanian	Mounds View High School
Honorable Mention	The Stonewall Riot	Gay Nee Thaw, Kabao Xiong, Paw Wah	Como Park High School
Honorable Mention	The Great Migration and its Effects on Jazz	Jacques LeMay, Nolan McCullough	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Elizabeth Zimmerman, Jia Griffiths, Ysabel Jelinek	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	"Music on Television": The Effects of MTV on American Pop Culture	Dillon Lynch, Drew Wilhoit, Michael Gross	Saint Thomas Academy

Junior Individual Website

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	"The Greatest Adventure in Advertising": How the Committee on Public Information Sold War to the American People and the World	Nico Allen	Central Middle School

2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Rosie the Riveter	Ayla Bornsztein	Murray Middle School
3rd Place	The Federalist Papers: A Plea for the U.S. Constitution	Mazzi Moore	Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School
4th Place	Music of The Civil Rights Movement	Gigi Alexander	Nativity of Our Lord
5th Place	Hmong Story Cloth and Oral Traditions	Selah Highland	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Struggle to be Heard: American Sign Language (ASL)	Zahra Akram	Al-Amal School
Honorable Mention	Dr. Seuss' Political Cartoons	Mark Loeffler	Carondelet Catholic School
Honorable Mention	Communication: The Ammunition of the Cold War	Max Wozniak	Carondelet Catholic School
Honorable Mention	Small Feet, Large Footprints: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March	Sadie Nistler	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Rebellion of A Century: The Sepoy Revolt	Amuktha Pothamsetti	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Soweto Uprising: Showing the power of youth protest	Banji Olofinboba	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Female Code Breakers of WWII	Abigail Main	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	The Montgomery Bus Boycott: They Imagined a World Where Justice is for Everyone	Libby Krocak	Field Middle School
Honorable Mention	Josefina Guererro: The Leper Spy of the Philippines	Olive Grabe	Keewaydin Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Seneca Falls Convention: A Groundbreaking Women's Rights Movement	Taylor Johnson	Kenwood Trail Middle School
Honorable Mention	The White Rose: Proving That No Matter What, You Can't Suppress Communication	Annabel Schendel	Lake Harriet School - Upper Campus
Honorable Mention	Sesame Street's Communication of Education Through Television	Kathleen Dobie	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	Dens of Death	Gigi Sylvester	Nativity of Our Lord

Honorable Mention	Cracking Covert Communications: The Elizebeth Friedman Contribution	Ellen Kovats	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	Fannie Lou Hamer's Famous Speech	Mallorie Taft	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	Operation Pied Piper: Plan For Evacuation	Amelia Seuntjens	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	Victory Mail: Written Communication During WWII	Tetsu Matsumoto	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	The Issue Communicated Through The "bait, hook, sinker, line and all:" A Parade to Bring Women's Opinion into the Vote	Cece Hennis	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	Letters Communicated to Families in World War II	Megan Buri	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	Margaret Hamilton's Code: Communication from Earth to Space	Margaret Johnson	Ordean East Middle School
Honorable Mention	American Code Girls of World War II	Alecia Jendro	Parkview Center School
Honorable Mention	FDR's Fireside Chats	William Simmons	Salk Middle School

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Navajo Code Talkers: The Unbreakable Code	Danchau Le, Daphne Kleinschmit	Columbia Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Zeebrugge Ferry Incident of 1987	Melody Li, Rouda Hassan	Central Middle School
3rd Place	Brown v. Board of Education	Grace Horeis, Lauren Froehle	Delano Public Schools
4th Place	The Navajo Code Talkers: Using Communication as a Weapon	Benjamin Berentson, Cole Casa De Calvo	Sunrise Park Middle School
5th Place	Brown and Blue Eyed Project	Isabelle Bushey, Layla Noll, Mary Leyda	Delano Public Schools
Honorable	Rosie The Riveter: A Feminist Icon, Or Just An	Adelle Stodolka, Kate Stenzel	Barton Open School

Mention	Excuse To Get Women Working?		
Honorable Mention	Sister Kenny: Her Fight through Communication to Help Save Lives	Julia Kelley, Sappho Bodkin	Barton Open School
Honorable Mention	The Battle of Midway: How American Codebreakers Helped Change the Course of World War II	Genevieve Paschall, Megan Stenzel	Barton Open School
Honorable Mention	Maya Angelou	Allison Schuessler, Jaya Agrawal	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Communication in Relation to the Revolutionary War	Rithikaa Vigneshwaran, Samhitha Aravalli	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Live Aid: A Concert that Communicated a Crisis with Music	Loulou Sadrant, Olivia Dela Cruz	Columbia Academy
Honorable Mention	Coco Chanel: Communication through Clothing	Reeha Ibrahim, Ruchira Prasad	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
Honorable Mention	Aaron Douglas' Effect During the Harlem Renaissance	Isabelle Wegener, Josie Kurasz	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
Honorable Mention	The Monday Demonstrations: The Key to Unlocking Borders, Elections, and Freedoms.	Reese Black, Sophia Grant	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	The White Rose Resistance Group: Fighting Until the End	Abby Wadholm, Anneka Zaun, Kayleigh Olson	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	1913 Suffrage Parade	Dahlia Karch, Karena Gallagher	Lake Harriet School - Upper Campus
Honorable Mention	Dorothea Lange's Five Most Impactful Photos	Hannah Willemsen, Kirsten Stasney	Many Rivers Montessori School
Honorable Mention	White Rose Resistance Movement	Clara Crosby, Clara Crow	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	The Magic of Disney	Grace Rolek, Sophia McPherson	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	Louis Braille: Communication Through Literacy	Clara Nerbonne, Iris Noren	Seward Montessori School
Honorable Mention	The Invention of the Telephone	Dylan Bump, Marshall Wright, Zane Sheire	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	The First American School For The Deaf	Hannah Johnson, Lula Eian	Twin Cities German Immersion School

Honorable Mention	The Stonewall Uprising	Annika Johnson, Lauren (Ren) Hanson	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	The Cuban Missile Crisis	Aiden Tourtillott, Jayden Tran, Sam Berg	Twin Oaks Middle School

Senior Individual Website

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Photography of Ansel Adams: The Key to Understanding the Importance of the American Wilderness	Emma Ambrosi	Duluth East High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Printing Pamphlets: John Dickinson and the Origins of American Political Ideology	Ronan Corley	Mankato West High School
3rd Place	The Children's March of 1963: The Eye Opening March That Desegregated "The Most Segregated Place in America"	Maria Lee	Roosevelt High School
4th Place	Doolittle's Raid: Communicating Strength	Jacob Gurin	Saint Thomas Academy
5th Place	Lost in Translation: The 1964 New York City School Boycott	Analigia Batres	Open World Learning Community
Honorable Mention	Sesame Street: Muppets in Education	Luke Goeddeke	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Fair Lovely: Colorism and Skin Whitening in India	Sofia Maruggi	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Dawson's Field Hijackings: Increased Freedom or Terror?	Thomas Rudolph	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Salvador Dali	Madeline Bollig	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Japanese Cars in 1970s America	David Clancy	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The Undercover Activities of The Black Panther Party	Patience Akok	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Communication Through Conflict: Women of the IRA Challenging Gender Roles	Kate Harris	DeLaSalle High School

Honorable Mention	The Communication of Propaganda	Natillie Xiong	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	The Navajo Code: Secret Communication Weapon	Claire Faulkner	Mahtomedi High School
Honorable Mention	Communication Through Fairy Tales: Oral-Written-Film	Renn Corley	Mankato West High School

Senior Group Website

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Navajo Code Talkers During World War II	Aleila Pierre-Louis, Nikki Wuori	Mahtomedi High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	“For the Love of Learning”: MECC and Communication Through Educational Technology	Alice Wagner-Hemstad, Kai Sackreiter, Soren Sackreiter, Zach Bollman	Como Park High School
3rd Place	Looking For The Signs	Maggie Roberto, Norah Malloy	Cretin-Derham Hall
4th Place	Newsboys' Strike: Actions Speak Louder Than Words	Akshay Nambudiripad, Kalid Ali, Mani Chadaga, Simon Mulrooney	Central High School
5th Place	United We Bargain, Divided We Beg	Jack Strobel, Maximillian Feist	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	Lewis Hine: Exposing the Truth on Child Labor	Intisar Omar, Nasaal Farah, Salma Ahmed	Al-Amal School
Honorable Mention	Alan Turing and the Enigma Machine	Brandon Hoban, Jacob Pirozzolo	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Bloody Sunday the Marches: How the Media Communicated the Fight for Voting Rights	Aggy Osoro, Sebastián Trujillo	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	Communication in The Holocaust: The Oneg Shabbat Archives	Ava James, Brooklyn Geerdes	Mankato West High School
Honorable Mention	Communism, Chile, and The CIA: Taking a Look at the Declassified Communications That Led to the 1973 Chilean Coup	Tess Champion, Willa Champion	Open World Learning Community
Honorable Mention	ASL: Progressive and Controversial	Carson Convery, Joshua Rushing, Mattias Gebresilassie	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable	Hine Unveiling the Truth Behind Child Labor	Ariel Fang, Htoo Kbri	Washington Technology Magnet School

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Junior Individual Exhibit

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Averting Disasters At Sea: the Wireless Ship Act of 1910	Hannah Mason	Ordean East Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Miscommunication in 1918	Kayden Greeley	Nativity of Our Lord
3rd Place	The Creation of The March of Dimes	Jane Laurey	Nativity of Our Lord
4th Place	The My Day Article: Paving the Way for First Ladies to Use Their Voice	Miraya Ryberg	St. Mary's School
5th Place	Ryan White: A Voice for Communicating and Understanding HIV/AIDS	Maddie Price	Kennedy Secondary School
Honorable Mention	The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962	William Kepford	Anthony Middle School
Honorable Mention	Big Voices Behind Little Rock	Chloe Yost	Anthony Middle School
Honorable Mention	Louis Braille: Allowing the Blind to Communicate with Others	Averie Rolland	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	JFK's speech at Rice University: Communicating the Dream to Reach the Moon	Shambhavi Thakur	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Hedy Lamarr: Beauty and the Brains	Sylvie Taylor	Carondelet Catholic School
Honorable Mention	The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire: Transforming Labor Laws	Gwen Glasrud	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	The History and Changes of the Pledge of Allegiance	Brynn Liberda	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
Honorable Mention	~Martin Luther King Jr: Communicating Racial Justice~	Valerie Pederson	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
Honorable Mention	Navajo Code Talkers	Kamlyn Arboe	Edgewood Middle School

Honorable Mention	A Cry for Freedom	Madalyn Blaylark	Field Middle School
Honorable Mention	Morse Code: The Key to Understanding Long Range Communication	Aidan Godwin	Kennedy Secondary School
Honorable Mention	The Minnesota Semi-Starvation Study	Angela Proper	Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew Catholic School
Honorable Mention	Positively Gay Cuban Refugee Task Force	Amelia Kansy	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Petite Curies: The Power of Scientific Discovery	Halina Tompkins	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Hedy Lamarr: The Mother of WiFi	Clarise Freberg	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Communication in History: The 26th Amendment	Alejandra Cruz	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Telstar 1: The Small Satellite That Changed the World	Carl Steinhoff	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	The Milan Conference of 1880	Ellen Antoine	Sacred Heart Catholic School
Honorable Mention	The Proof Is In The Shot	Mac Murphy	Sacred Heart Catholic School
Honorable Mention	Samuel Morse VS. The Atlantic	Andrew Bliss	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Navajo Code Talkers	Jackson Boll	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Braille: The Key to Understanding in Communication for the Visually Impaired	Himani Mondal	Scott Highlands Middle School
Honorable Mention	An Equine Escape	Ava Schlomann	St. Mary's School
Honorable Mention	The Night Witches; A Silent Rebellion	Cora Nelson	St. Wenceslaus School
Honorable Mention	The Dakota Conflict of 1862	Avery Beranek	Stella Maris Academy - St. John's Campus
Honorable	They Listened - The Silent Warriors of the Cold War	Charles Hayden	Stella Maris Academy - St. John's Campus

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Honorable Mention	Elisa Lushine Fireside Chat Exhibit	Elisa Lushine	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	Morse Code	Sophia Yemaneab	Twin Cities German Immersion School

Junior Group Exhibit

Rank	Title	Students	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The USS Indianapolis: A Catastrophe of Miscommunication	Gavin Ziemer, Lou Swenson	Avail Academy, Edina
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Jane and the Chimps	Ava Kallunki, Elsie Ostmoe	Salk Middle School
3rd Place	The Villach Conference: Understanding Climate Change	Eleanor Nervig, Lucy Le, Ruby Janzen	Keewaydin Middle School
4th Place	Americans With Disabilities Act	Andrea Smith, Jordan Hillestad, Libby Horowicki	Sunrise Park Middle School
5th Place	Qiu Jin: How Communication Through Poetry, Speeches and a Magazine Sparked the Rise of Feminism in the Qing Dynasty	Amaya Colby-Clay, Kaya Kotze	Capitol Hill Magnet School
Honorable Mention	The Fall of a Dictator, The Rise of a Nation	Kyla Fish, Lauren Brockmeier	Avail Academy, Blaine
Honorable Mention	The Happily Ever After of Communication: How the Brothers Grimm Preserved and Popularized Fairy Tales	Alisha Shah, Emily Oberleitner, Isha Shah	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Navajo Code Talkers	Allison Dickson, Elizabeth Schoenbauer, Lillian Skaja	Columbia Academy
Honorable Mention	Miracle on Ice: A Message to the Nations	Adam Droogsma, Owen Shelley	Community Christian School
Honorable Mention	The Christmas Truce of 1914	Nico Bayless, Ryan Boehme	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
Honorable Mention	The Jungle: Changing America's Industries Forever	Clara Lawrence, Evalyn Green, Mallory Musta	Delano Public Schools

Honorable Mention	American Propaganda In WWII	Evalyn King, Greta Lins	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	Anne Frank's Diary	Elizabeth Lockwood, Madison Kmiecik	Edgewood Middle School
Honorable Mention	Communication Through Codebreaking: Battle of Midway	Cole Nawrocki, Sawyer Laven	Fairmont Jr/Sr High School
Honorable Mention	Helen Keller: Her Communication	Brody Drew, Sophie Lightfoot	Keewaydin Middle School
Honorable Mention	On the Origin of Species	Charles Anderson, Vincent Anderson	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	"I Have a Dream"	Ajay Nicholas, Mackenzie Nicholas, Maitreya Reeder	New City Charter School
Honorable Mention	The Miss America Protest of 1968	Amelia Nelson, Cecile Smith-McKeever	New City Charter School
Honorable Mention	Ryan White: The Key To Understanding AIDS	Chloe Achtelik, Emily Schwerzler	Princeton Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Deaf President Now Movement	Lilian Filand, Sada Harmes	St. Peter Middle School
Honorable Mention	Lewis Hine	Bella Redlund Spieker, Georgia Wickland, Rylan Perron	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	Harry Hay and the Gay Liberation Movement	Cecily Jones, Evelyn Haeg	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	Helen Keller	Anders Hauer, Arlo Swann, Sylvia Van Hofwegen	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	His Choice Of Weapon: How Gordon Parks Combatted Segregation with a Camera	Madilyn Duch, Talia Bushman	Twin Oaks Middle School

Senior Individual Exhibit

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	"Sunday Bloody Sunday": Communicating Through Reports, Retaliations, and Justice	Ruby Clementson	Roosevelt High School

2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	A Fight for the People's Land	Taylor Fairbanks	Como Park High School
3rd Place	Marching to Justice Birmingham Campaign	Kate Reubish	Highland Park Senior High School
4th Place	Carl Sagan, Cosmos, and the Communication of Scientific Knowledge	Andrew Valentini	Forest Lake Area High School
5th Place	Feeding Folks the Facts: The Nutrition Facts Label and its Daily Value for American Consumers	Elle Wiederholt	Providence Academy
Honorable Mention	"Destroy Every Closet Door" - Harvey Milk	Laila Hewitt	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Dorothea Lange: Communicator of the Human Condition During the Great Depression	Anna Jones	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	Elizabeth Catlett - Communicating Black and Mexican Activism Through Art; the Key to Understanding Cultural Heritage	Solvie Smestad	Kennedy Secondary School
Honorable Mention	Muhammad Ali: Activism in Athletics	Paris Edwards	Cretin-Derham Hall
Honorable Mention	Navajo Code Talkers	Patrick Anderson	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Dr Lillehei Open Heart Surgery	Lucia Minnehan	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Ten Days In A Madhouse	Kate Ericksen	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Margaret Sanger and Her Work Towards Freedom for Women	Sophia Nemo	Cretin-Derham Hall
Honorable Mention	Gordon Parks Making History Through Photography	Brouke Brookins	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	Striking a Chord: Live Aid	Maria Hamlin	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	The Seneca Falls Convention	Evadne Pond	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	Prisoners Of War and Communication	Isaac Yuhanna	North Lakes Academy

Honorable Mention	Communication from the Trenches: Horace Pippin and the Black Soldier Perspective from World War I	Miranda Lindaman	Winona Senior High School
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Senior Group Exhibit

Rank	Title	Students	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	"A Code Within a Code": The Code Talkers	Hope Rubitschung, Taryn Lessman	Jackson County Central High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Crashing The Way To Safety	Drew Christian, Shannon McAuley	North Lakes Academy
3rd Place	Operation Gunnerside	John Stuart, Wyatt Gese	DeLaSalle High School
4th Place	The Exposure That Destroyed Byberry	Lauren Daher, Reese Hennen	DeLaSalle High School
5th Place	Why Verbal Communication Matters: The History of Speech-Language Pathology in Schools	Catrielle Barnett, Maddie Thelen	Minnesota Connection Academy
Honorable Mention	Brown v. Board of Education	Catherine Gaertner, Meredith Anfang	Cretin-Derham Hall
Honorable Mention	The Night Witches: How Sexism Prevented a Legacy	Evelyn Anderson, Lucy Johnson	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Maya Angelou: Speaking the Truth	Kathryn Hagen, Sonja Holtey	Edina High School
Honorable Mention	The Pony Express	Alexander Winnett, Michael Danganan-Giesbrecht	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	The Enigma Machine	Louis Sloom, Willa Berg	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	Working Rosies	Haley Shegstad, Nova Brown	North Lakes Academy
Honorable Mention	English Women's Suffrage	Emily Wilson, Lola Hurckman	Roosevelt High School

Frequently Asked Questions about State History Day Results

What if a National Qualifier cannot participate in the Virtual National Contest?

If you are a National Qualifier, ranked 1st or 2nd, and cannot participate in the Virtual National Contest, please let Minnesota History Day know right away. The National Qualifier spot will be offered to the entry ranked 3rd, then 4th and 5th as necessary.

I'm a National Qualifier. When will I get more information on the Virtual National Contest?

National Qualifiers will be contacted via email by Minnesota History Day staff on Monday, May 3 with more information about registering and participating in the National Contest. This information will be sent to the student and parent email address you used in the online registration system.

When will I get my comment forms from judges?

Comment forms will be available through the ZFairs portal within two weeks after the awards ceremony. Please download and save these materials before June 1 if you would like to keep them.

Are Honorable Mentions ranked?

No. All entries who participated in the Final-Round of State but were not ranked 1-5 are awarded Honorable Mention. These entries were not ranked in the Final-Round.

How were the entries judged?

Entries are judged based on the *National History Day Contest Rule Book*, which is [available online](#). The same criteria are used at all levels of competition. In general, the weight of the criteria is as follows:

- 80% Historical Quality
- 20% Clarity of Presentation
- Rules Compliance

Who were the judges?

Judges are volunteers with an interest in history, education, and working with young people. They come from libraries, historical societies, colleges/universities, and other cultural and business organizations in Minnesota. Many of our judges have participated for multiple years and each judge receives training in advance of the event.

What if I have a concern about judging?

"Judges must evaluate certain aspects of your entry that are objective (e.g., whether primary sources are used or whether the written material is grammatically correct and accurately spelled). Judges also must evaluate aspects of your entry that are subjective (e.g., analysis and conclusions about the historical data). Historians often reach different opinions about the significance of the same data. It is therefore crucial for you to base your interpretations and conclusions on solid research and to present your work well in your project and written materials."

-NHD Contest Rule Book

Please contact the [Minnesota History Day State Coordinator](#) if you have a concern about judging.