2019 New York State History Day Contest
Long Island Winners List

(Highlighted winners have been promoted to compete at the National History Day Competition in College Park, MD, June 9-12, 2019)

Junior Historical Paper

2nd Place:
“Japan’s Path to Modernization: A History of Triumphs and Tragedies”
Student: Ricky Chen
Berner Middle School, Massapequa Park, NY

3rd Place:
“A Return of Nazi Looted Art: A Triumph After Tragedy”
Student: Abigail Khaytman
Woodmere Middle School, Hewlett, NY

Senior Historical Paper

2nd Place:
“Triumph in the Wake of Tragedy: The Work of the Love Canal Homeowners Association in the Face of an Environmental Disaster and Government Incompetence”
Student: Caroline Fortmeyer
Hauppauge High School, Hauppauge, NY

Junior Individual Performance

1st Place:
“The Tragedy and Triumph of ‘Typhoid Mary’: Victim or Villain? How Mary Mallon’s Plight Contributed to Medicine”
Student: Lauren Marchand
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

Senior Individual Performance

1st Place:
“A Murder to make Masses Seen: The Tragic Romanov Fall Paving the Way for Bolshevik Triumph”
Student: Emma Melnikob
The Wheatley School, Roslyn Heights, NY

3rd Place:
“Cherokee vs. Georgia”
Student: Felisha Ma
Herricks High School, New Hyde Park, NY
Junior Group Performance

1st Place:
“Without Hope Life is Not Worth Living’ The Harvey Milk Story”
Students: Harley Honig, Michael Heyman, Sydney Honig
Woodmere Middle School, Hewlett Harbor, NY

2nd Place:
“Lois Gibbs: The Triumph and Tragedy of a Mother and a Mission”
Students: Celeste Zhang, Dheyaia Simrin, Sanjana Lodha, Tiffany Leo
Herricks Middle School, New Hyde Park, NY

Senior Group Performance

1st Place:
“Scrubbing Away the Blackness: The Plight of the Stolen Aboriginal Generation”
Students: Selina Chiang, Brace Kim, Maggie Lau, Emily Wei
Herricks High School, New Hyde Park, NY

3rd Place:
“Behind the Scenes of Beauty: The Triumph of Audrey Munson”
Students: Katie Dolce, Vincent Gerardi, Peter Proscia, Rose Recce, Michael Seda
Hauppauge High School, Hauppauge, NY

Junior Individual Website

1st Place:
“The Spiritual Triumph of Wladyslaw Szpilman: Resistance in the Face of Tragedy”
Student: Kevin Zhu
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

2nd Place:
Student: Kaitlyn Choi
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

Junior Group Website

2nd Place:
“Breeding Perfection: The Tragedy of the Eugenics Movement”
Students: Andy Liu, Angela Zhou, Nancy Tao
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

3rd Place:
“A Train Ride to Hope: The Kindertransport”
Students: Abigail Lampert, Farrah Crane, Meira Weinstein, Rebecca Brown, Tamara Saffra
Hebrew Academy of Long Beach, Long Island, NY

Senior Group Website

1st Place:
“The India Partition: A Line Drawn in Blood”
Students: David Xiang, David Zhang, Gurvir Singh
Herricks High School, New Hyde Park, NY
Junior Individual Documentary

3rd Place:
“The White Rose Resistance Group: Triumph and Tragedy in Nazi Germany”
Student: Nicolas Ditieri
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

Senior Individual Documentary

1st Place:
“Triumph & Tragedy of the Life of Ryan White & AIDS”
Student: Lucas Cavanaugh
Hauppauge High School, Happauge, NY

Junior Group Documentary

2nd Place:
“The Hits Just Keep Coming: Brain Injuries in Professional Football”
Students: Aharon Cohen, Benjy Fried, Marc Matlis, Moshe Rattner, Shmuli Glick
Hebrew Academy of Long Beach, Long Island, NY

3rd Place:
“Built From the Ashes: Chicago”
Students: Daniel Grosz, Jonah Mehlman, Judah Rosenthal, Raz Amar, Zevi Friedman
Hebrew Academy of Long Beach, Long Island, NY

Senior Group Documentary

1st Place:
“The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising: Courage Knows No Number”
Students: Aarya Agarwal, Abhinav Goyal, Aditya Lodha, Prameet Shah
Herricks High School, New Hyde Park, NY

2nd Place:
“Unit 731: The Unpunished Scientists Behind the Japanese Holocaust”
Students: Andrew Knowles, Ryan Knowles, Julien Rentsch, Paul Katigbak
Huntington High School, Huntington, NY

Junior Individual Exhibit

1st Place:
“The Terrifying Story of the Spanish Influenza: A Tragedy Far Worse Than the War”
Student: Ethan Na
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

2nd Place:
“Child Labor in the Coal Mines”
Student: Sofia Pedram
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY
3rd Place:
“Betrayed by Their Own Homeland: The Tragic Internment of Japanese Americans”
Student: Natalie Socci
H.B Thompson Middle School, Woodbury, NY

Senior Individual Exhibit

1st Place:
“The Real Housewives of the Lower East Side: The 1902 Kosher Meat Boycott”
Student: Rahul Ajmera
The Wheatley School, East Williston, NY

2nd Place:
“The Iron Horse’s Stampede Through America: The Triumphs and Tragedies of the Transcontinental Railroad”
Student: Gabby Nakkab
George W. Hewlett High School, North Woodmere, NY

Junior Group Exhibit

1st Place:
“D-Day”
Students: Christian Holden, Michael Granelli, Nicholas La Rosa
North Shore Middle School, Glen Head, NY

2nd Place:
“Emmett Till: The Murder That Would Spark the Civil Rights Movement”
Student: Diya Gurnami, Krishna Chalise
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

3rd Place:
“Deeds Not Words: The Triumphs and Tragedies of the Suffragettes”
Students: Emily Kawakami, Emily Zhu
Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY

Senior Group Exhibit

2nd Place:
“Using Mathematics and Perseverance to Save Lives During World War II: Alan Turing’s Triumphal Contribution and the Tragedy of Intolerance”
Students: Ian Isseks, Julia Klayman, Kira Grossman
George W. Hewlett High School, Hewlett, NY

3rd Place:
“The Easter Rising of 1916: The Tragic Fight for an Independent Ireland”
Students: Amisha Brahmbhatt, Prableen Kaur, Roshni Patel, Sarah Ninan
Herricks High School, New Hyde Park, NY