

NHD UTAH
STATE & NATIONAL
CONTEST RESULTS

2021



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June 19, 2021

National Finalists - Top Ten

Fourth Place, Junior Individual Documentary

Carly Andrews, "[Homing Pigeons in WWI and WWII](#)," Frontier Middle School, teacher Leah Davis.

Eighth Place, Junior Individual Website

Oliver Downen, "[The Navajo Code Talkers: How Oral Traditions and Culture Influenced the Construction of an Unbreakable Code and Helped the United States Win WWII](#)," Salt Lake Arts Academy, teacher Ben Slivnik.

Tenth Place, Junior Individual Performance

Isabella Toledo, "[Quipus](#)," Union Middle School, teacher Melissa Crandall.

Outstanding State Entry

Awarded to Utah's highest ranked Junior/Senior division entries!

Carly Andrews, Junior Individual Documentary: "[Homing Pigeons in WWI and WWII](#)," Frontier Middle School, teacher Leah Davis.

Jocelyn Millington, Senior Individual Performance: "[Grace Hopper: The Admiral Who First Sailed the Cyber Sea](#)," Westlake High School.

Smithsonian Showcase Honorees

National Museum of American History Exhibit Showcase

Bradley Sweeney, Leah Sweeney, "[A Battle Turned Massacre: Communication the Key in Determining the Legacy Left at Bear River](#)," Helper Middle School, teacher Heather Arrieta.

National Museum of African American History and Culture Documentary Showcase

Kate Topham, Kate Willis, Paige Topham, "[Absence of Understanding: Consequences of Miscommunicating the Native American Experience](#)," Timberline Middle School, teacher Cali Dansie.

STATE CONTEST RESULTS

April 28, 2021

YOUTH DIVISION

Youth Group Documentary

State Champion: Charlotte Christiansen, Emma Stauffer, “The Pony Express,” Diamond Valley Elementary School.

State Champion: Eli Ridges, “John Smith,” Kays Creek Elementary.

Youth Individual Documentary

Honorable Mention: Sophie Pears, “The Beatles,” Kays Creek Elementary.

State Champion: Enoch Grow, “Secrets of Hangar 7,” Park Lane Elementary.

State Champion: Drew Wilson, “The Miracle Worker,” Kays Creek Elementary.

Youth Group Exhibit

State Champion: Cruz Krebs, Cy Stapley, “It's Greek To Me!,” Diamond Valley Elementary School.

State Champion: Lincoln Nelson, Sione Thornton, “The Navajo Code,” Kays Creek Elementary.

Youth Individual Exhibit

Honorable Mention: Benjamin Snapp, “Wanted: “Limping Lady”,” Kays Creek Elementary.

State Champion: Ada Hansen, “Communication on the Underground Railroad,” Diamond Valley Elementary School.

State Champion: Alexa Anderson, “Petroglyphs,” Kays Creek Elementary.

Youth Group Performance

State Champion: Emma Pratt, Lila Call, ““Like A Good Neighbor... Commercials Are There”:
Communicating Through Commercials: Key to Understanding Our Culture,” Home
School.

State Champion: Asher VanKomen, Fischer Leonard, Gracie Leonard, Ruby Harris, Scott Edie,
“Communication from East to West, Ridin' The Pony Express,” Diamond Valley
Elementary School.

Youth Individual Performance

State Champion: Link Wilson, “The Evolution of the Radio,” Castle Heights Elementary.

State Champion: Reed McKinley, “George Washington's Farewell Address for Us,” Burton
Elementary.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Junior Paper

Honorable Mention: Zachary Christensen, “Communication on Horseback: How Paul
Revere’s Ride Affected the American Revolution,” Lakeridge Junior High.

State Champion: William Harrison, “The Power of Television: How Televised Presidential
Appearances have Shaped American History,” Draper Park Middle School.

State Champion: Halle Cowan, “Communication by Action: The Montgomery Bus Boycott:
How Protesting Gave African Americans a Voice,” Lake Mountain Middle School.

Junior Group Documentary

Honorable Mention: Jacob Kessel, Kynlee McClellan, “Codes to Freedom,” Lake Mountain
Middle School.

State Champion: Anna Jackman, Cairo Evans, “Painting a Voice: Norman Rockwell and the
Civil Rights Movement,” Lakeridge Junior High.

State Champion: Gideon Anderson, Jaxon Fellows, “Signs and Sign Stealing: Communication
In Baseball,” Thomas Edison Charter School North.

Junior Individual Documentary

Honorable Mention: John Taylor, “The Road that United the World,” Timberline Middle School.

State Champion: Carly Andrews, “Homing Pigeons in WWI and WWII,” Frontier Middle School.

State Champion: Luke Latvakoski, “Navajo Code Talkers: The Key to Winning World War II,” Thomas Edison Charter School North.

Junior Group Exhibit

Honorable Mention: Cole Sudduth, Ethan Stauffer, Ian Schade, “Unlocking the Written Word: The Power of the Printing Press,” Central Davis Junior High.

State Champion: Allie Murray, Ellie Glover, Sara Russell, “Women's Suffrage,” Union Middle School.

State Champion: Bradley Sweeney, Leah Sweeney, “A Battle Turned Massacre: Communication the Key in Determining the Legacy Left at Bear River,” Helper Middle School.

Junior Individual Exhibit

Honorable Mention: Hannah Harrild, “Geneva Conventions: Blood and Broken Promises,” Thomas Edison Charter School North.

State Champion: Lydia Garza, ““Ask Not” Communicating Through Speeches,” Central Davis Junior High.

State Champion: Keanan Bartlett, “Carrier Pigeons: Heroes of World War I,” Thomas Edison Charter School South.

Junior Group Performance

Honorable Mention: Ericsson Ansah-Antwi, Jonah Isaacson, “Code Talkers: Forgotten Heroes,” Vista Heights Middle School.

State Champion: Ava Murset, Cade VanKomen, Ethan VanKomen, Gabriella Bowler, Natalie Edie, “Communication Gets Wet,” Dixie Middle.

State Champion: Elsie O’Barr, Taya Waite, “The Culper Spy Ring: Undetectable Communication in the Revolutionary War,” Lakeridge Junior High.

Junior Individual Performance

Honorable Mention: Noah Millington, “Telstar: The Satellite That Changed The World,” Lake Mountain Middle School.

State Champion: Isabella Toledo, “Quipus,” Union Middle School.

State Champion: Cora Price, “Suffrajitsu: How the Suffragettes Communicated the Absolute Necessity for the Vote Using Jiu-Jitsu,” Lakeridge Junior High.

Junior Group Website

Honorable Mention: Jack Piercy, Nathan Crossley, “The Enigma Code,” Vista Heights Middle School.

State Champion: Braden Perry, Nathan Kelley, Seth Asiedu, “The Communication Satellites of the Space Race,” Lake Mountain Middle School.

State Champion: Ava Kishpaugh, Ellen Walsh, Nina Au, “The Female Codebreakers: Behind the Scenes of WWII,” Lake Mountain Middle School.

Junior Individual Website

Honorable Mention: Edith Royer, “How the Other Half Changed: Communicating Poverty Through Photography,” Thomas Edison Charter School South.

State Champion: Owen Clarke, “The Transatlantic Telegraph Cable,” Lakeridge Junior High.

State Champion: Oliver Downen, “The Navajo Code Talkers: How Oral Traditions and Culture Influenced the Construction of an Unbreakable Code and Helped the United States Win WWII,” Salt Lake Arts Academy.

SENIOR DIVISION

Senior Paper

Honorable Mention: Austenne Van Valkenburgh, “How England Suppressed Scotland,” Mountain Heights Academy.

State Champion: Elsie Grow, ““For the Advancement and Betterment of Humanity”: The Fight for Women’s Suffrage at Utah’s Constitutional Convention,” Jordan High School.

State Champion: Makenna Sheppard, “Elizebeth Smith Friedman: Breaking Codes and Creating U.S. Cryptology,” Skyline High School.

Senior Group Documentary

Honorable Mention: Bryce Spencer, Ellery Kingston, “Apollo 11,” Vanguard Academy.

State Champion: Kate Topham, Kate Willis, Paige Topham, “Absence of Understanding: Consequences of Miscommunicating the Native American Experience,” Timberline Middle School.

State Champion: George Blue, Henry Scheuller, “Operation Castle: The Untold Tragedy of Bikini Atoll,” Davis High School.

Senior Individual Documentary

Honorable Mention: Kallie Bitton, “Virginia Hall: The Enemies' Worst Nightmare,” Syracuse Arts Academy.

State Champion: Liesel Sappington, “Koko's Story - The Importance of Communication With Animals,” Mountain Heights Academy.

State Champion: Nathan Flores, “The Politics Within: A Comparison of 20th Century Immigration Policy,” Salt Lake Center For Science Education.

Senior Group Exhibit

Honorable Mention: Dana Cheon, Hansheng Zhang, “Where Western Cultures Meet Traditional Japan:Ukiyo-e,” Layton Christian Academy.

State Champion: Brenda Jimenez, Jorge Renteria, “The Navajo Code,” Granger High School.

State Champion: Eliza Hunter, Fa Gorham, “Communication through the Declaration of Independence,” Skyline High School.

Senior Individual Exhibit

Honorable Mention: Olivia Houghtalen, “Great Exhibition of 1851,” Mountain Heights Academy.

State Champion: Tilly Wenk, “We Shall Overcome,” Mountain Heights Academy.

State Champion: Madeline Christianson, “Fake News,” Orem High School.

Senior Group Performance

Honorable Mention: Alexandre Andtbacka, Ashley Peterson, Gwen McConkie, “How Advancements in Communication Changed the American Beauty Standard,” Skyline High School.

State Champion: Cannon Morris, Kimball Morris, “The Sideshow Attraction that Changed the Medical World.,” Home School.

State Champion: Jordyn Robinson, Shailynn Spangler, “Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose: The Decrescendo of Propaganda,” Syracuse Arts Academy.

Senior Individual Performance

Honorable Mention: Maddie Morris, “Listening to Everyone: Hindhede and Denmark and the Starvation of World War I,” Home School.

State Champion: Jocelyn Millington, “Grace Hopper: The Admiral Who First Sailed the Cyber Sea,” Westlake High School.

State Champion: Elizabeth McClellan, “West Side Story: Communication in Musical Theater,” Lakeridge Junior High.

Senior Group Website

Honorable Mention: Gage Hall, Trevin Shaw, “The Importance of the Telephone,” Syracuse Arts Academy.

State Champion: Ellis Chalker, Lukas Mesicek, “Catholicism in the Middle Ages,” Salt Lake Center For Science Education.

State Champion: Lucas Blauser, Samuel Pehrson, “The Telegraph in the Civil War,” Syracuse Arts Academy.

Senior Individual Website

Honorable Mention: Abigail Atkinson, “Art as Propaganda in the French Revolution,” Mountain Heights Academy.

State Champion: Collin Thompson, “Drummer Boys' Importance in the Civil War,” Syracuse Arts Academy.

State Champion: Victor Perez Bautista, “The Delano Grape Strike,” Granger High School.

STATE SPECIAL AWARDS

AMERICAN WEST PRIZE

Sponsor: Charles Redd Center for Western History, BYU

Elsie Grow, ““For the Advancement and Betterment of Humanity”: The Fight for Women’s Suffrage at Utah’s Constitutional Convention,” Senior Paper, Jordan High School.

Daniella Lopez, “Stereotypes The Key to Understanding The Mexican American Experience,” Junior Individual Documentary, Thomas Edison Charter School North.

McKayla Paulino, McKenzie Paulino, Natalie Rampton, “The Black Hawk War of 1865-1872,” Junior Group Website, Alice C Harris Intermediate School.

Victor Perez Bautista, “The Delano Grape Strike,” Senior Individual Website, Granger High School.

GLEN & CAROLINE MINER PRIZE IN UTAH HISTORY

Sponsor: Smith-Pettit Foundation

Elsie Grow, ““For the Advancement and Betterment of Humanity”: The Fight for Women’s Suffrage at Utah’s Constitutional Convention,” Senior Paper, Jordan High School.

Acacia Yuan, Camie Yuan, “Helen Foster Snow: The bridge connecting the US and China,” Senior Group Documentary, Thomas Edison Charter School South, Logan High School.

HISTORY IN GOVERNMENT PRIZE

Sponsor: Utah State Archives and Records Service

Cambria Merrill, “Leading the Way to Women's Suffrage,” Junior Individual Documentary, Central Davis Junior High.

Kate Topham, Kate Willis, Paige Topham, “Absence of Understanding: Consequences of Miscommunicating the Native American Experience,” Senior Group Documentary, Timberline Middle School.

MILITARY HISTORY PRIZE

Sponsor: Fort Douglas Military Museum

Luke Latvakoski, “Navajo Code Talkers: The Key to Winning World War II,” Junior Individual Documentary, Thomas Edison Charter School North.

Michael Hancock, “Alan Turing and the Enigma Code,” Junior Individual Documentary, Thomas Edison Charter School South.

Kate Topham, Kate Willis, Paige Topham, “Absence of Understanding: Consequences of Miscommunicating the Native American Experience,” Senior Group Documentary, Timberline Middle School.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MEDICINE PRIZE

Sponsor: Utah STEM Action Center

Noah Millington, “Telstar: The Satellite That Changed The World,” Junior Individual Performance, Lake Mountain Middle School.

Liesel Sappington, “Koko's Story - The Importance of Communication With Animals,” Senior Individual Documentary, Mountain Heights Academy.

SOCIAL & CIVIL RIGHTS PRIZE

Sponsor: University of Utah Department of History

Anna Jackman, Cairo Evans, “Painting a Voice: Norman Rockwell and the Civil Rights Movement,” Junior Group Documentary, Lakeridge Junior High.

Jocelyn Hadley, “Karl Heinrich Ulrichs and Gay Activism,” Senior Paper, Clearfield High School.

TRAILS PRIZE

Sponsor: Oregon California Trails Association Utah Crossroads Chapter

Aeris Lau, Cody Su, Jacob Nelson, Kimiya Mavaddat, Max McFarland, “The Pony Express: The Most “Note”able Men,” Junior Group Documentary, Midvale Middle School.

Hannah Cecil, Maile Gonzalez, “Pony Express,” Junior Group Documentary, Union Middle School.

Bradley Sweeney, Leah Sweeney, “A Battle Turned Massacre: Communication the Key in Determining the Legacy Left at Bear River,” Junior Group Exhibit, Helper Middle School.

Amy Reyes Renova, “The Pony Express and the evolution of Communication,” Senior Individual Exhibit, Salt Lake Center For Science Education.

WOMEN'S HISTORY PRIZE

Sponsor: Better Days

Ava Murset, Cade VanKomen, Ethan VanKomen, Gabriella Bowler, Natalie Edie, “Communication Gets Wet,” Junior Group Performance, Dixie Middle.

Jocelyn Millington, “Grace Hopper: The Admiral Who First Sailed the Cyber Sea,” Senior Individual Performance, Westlake High School.

WORLD HISTORY PRIZE

Sponsor: University of Utah Department of History

Malia Chaya, “The Camera Throughout History: Vietnam War - Media Communication,” Junior Individual Documentary, Mountain Heights Academy.

Jordyn Robinson, Shailynn Spangler, “Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose: The Decrescendo of Propaganda,” Senior Group Performance, Syracuse Arts Academy.