

**NHD UTAH**  
**STATE & NATIONAL CONTEST RESULTS**

**2023**



# NHD Utah National Contest Results

Twelve NHD Utah students placed among the top entries at the annual National History Day (NHD) National Contest, held June 11-15 at the University of Maryland, College Park. These exceptional young historians received high honors from among over 2,500 competitors at the international meet, the first in-person national contest since 2019.

Sixty-two Utah students competed at nationals, having been selected from more than 4,000 who participated in Utah's National History Day contests this year. The national team includes students from Smithfield, River Heights, Centerville, Salt Lake, West Valley, Midvale, Herriman, Highland, Orem, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, Helper, Price, and St. George.

During the rigorous week of competition, the students toured the U.S. Capitol and met with Senator Mitt Romney. They visited historic sites, monuments, and museums around Washington, D.C., including Ford's Theatre and the Library of Congress.

## Utah's National Finalists

### **Seventh Place, Junior Division Individual Website**

**Christian Clarke**, "Mr. Rogers: A Pioneer in Emotional Education Through Children's Television," Lakeridge Junior High (Orem) - *Junior Outstanding State Entry*

### **Eighth Place, Junior Division Individual Exhibit**

**Thomas Fowler**, "The Final Frontier: How Abraham Lincoln, Elmer Ellsworth, and the Innovation of Embalming Transformed Body Preservation," Lakeridge Junior High (Orem)

### **Ninth Place, Senior Individual Performance**

**Noah Millington**, "From How-To To U2: The Synthesized Music Frontier," Lake Mountain Middle School (Saratoga Springs) - *Senior Outstanding State Entry*

## Utah Special Award Winner

### **Labor History Prize**

**Cora Price, Julianna Snow, Sariah Ashton**, "Fair Labor Standards Act: Paving the Way to a Strong Economy," Lakeridge Junior High (Orem)

## Utah Honorable Mention Entries

**Marina Peng**, "A Frontier for Workers' Rights: The Delano Grape Strike and Boycott," Senior Individual Website, Rowland Hall (Highland)

**Natalie Edie, Ethan Van Komen, Cade Van Komen, Elise Willard**, "Braille: Bringing the Blind into the Light," Dixie High School (St. George)

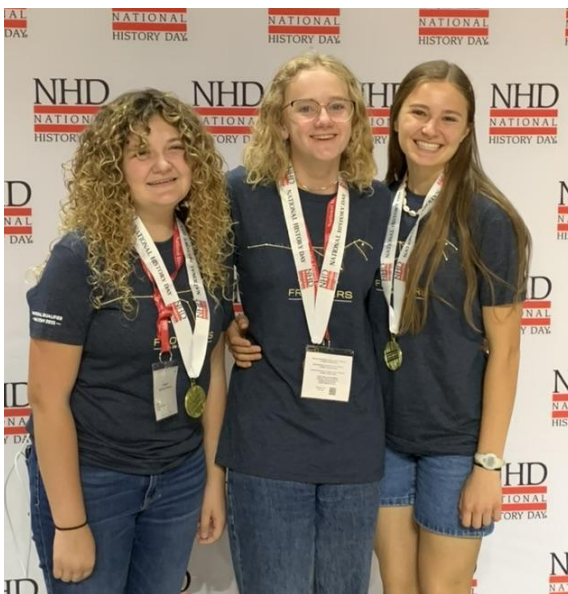
**Lily King**, "On the Frontier of Particle Physics: Lise Meitner," Thomas Edison Charter School North (Smithfield)

## Smithsonian Showcase

Sibling team **Marianne and Ammon Bradshaw**, who attend Thomas Edison Charter School South in Logan, had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to display their exhibit on the Haitian Revolution at the National Museum of American History NHD Exhibit Showcase on June 14.

## NEH Congressional Breakfast

The group performance team from Dixie High School, **Natalie Edie, Ethan Van Komen, Cade Van Komen, and Elise Willard**, represented southern Utah at the annual National Endowment for the Humanities Breakfast on the Hill event on June 14. They discussed their performance project on the history and development of Braille with Utah congressional leaders.



Julianna, Cora, Sariah: Labor History Prize



Christian (left): Outstanding Junior State Entry Award

Noah (right): Outstanding Senior State Entry Award

# **NHD Utah State Contest Results**

**April 27-28, 2023**

## **YOUTH DIVISION (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> GRADE)**

### **YOUTH HISTORICAL PAPER**

#### **State Champion**

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, by Clark Brunner, Copper Canyon Elementary

#### **Honorable Mention**

Down in the Deep, by Alyssa Balsam, Copper Canyon Elementary

World War II, by Aylin Christi, Burton Elementary

### **YOUTH GROUP DOCUMENTARY**

#### **State Champion**

Women's Work: How Things Have Changed over the Last 100 Years, by Clara Berger, Kathryn Kunz, Fox Hills Elementary

Who Owns Antarctica? by Blake Olson, George Clausen, Diamond Valley Elementary

#### **Honorable Mention**

The Space Race, by Charlotte Sierer, Rain Wang, Morningside Elementary

Nave WAVES: Pushing Women Against the Limits of Society, by Brylee Mower, Leah Pace, Lucie Ferguson, Morgan Owen, Copper Canyon Elementary

### **YOUTH INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY**

#### **State Champion**

Walt Disney: The Man Behind the Legend, Daniel Hernandez, Copper Canyon Elementary

Paralympics: Return of Hope, by Anagha Karhik, Morningside Elementary

#### **Honorable Mention**

The History of the String Bass, by Simon Engh, Jordan Hills Elementary

### **YOUTH GROUP EXHIBIT**

#### **State Champion**

Switching Gears, Drake Thueson, by Garrett Bouck, Morningside Elementary

Elizabeth Blackwell: Opening a Frontier for Women in Medicine, by Kaydee Ure, Oakley Gates, Tayla Tucker, Belknap Elementary

#### **Honorable Mention**

Pushing Against the Grind: Martha Hughes Cannon, by Ember Fardella, Farore Mattson, Geneve Neth, Lillee Pendleton, Copper Canyon Elementary

Rosa Parks: Courageous Activist who Helped Pave the Way to a New Civil Rights Frontier, by Katelin Williams, Lizzie Davis, Shadow Valley Elementary

#### YOUTH INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

##### State Champion

Sit Down to Stand Up: How Six Women led by Katherine Switzer Opened a New Frontier for Women in Sports, by Eloise Braeden, Polk Elementary

Titanic: Sinking the Barriers to Deep Sea Archaeology, by Moroni d'Hulst, Fox Hills Elementary

Amelia Earhart, by Natalie Litz, Shadow Valley Elementary

##### Honorable Mention

National Parks, by Hadley Graham, Belknap Elementary

Frontiering Prosthetics, by Reddik Oswald, Belknap Elementary

#### YOUTH GROUP PERFORMANCE

##### State Champion

The Ghost Army, by Aurora Fulger, Brynnlee Gammell, Emma Madsen, Evelyn Beasley, Paizley Barendregt, Copper Canyon Elementary

Women's Suffrage, by Emilee Frey, McKenna Garlick, Shadow Valley Elementary

##### Honorable Mention

The First Automatic Dishwasher, by Callie Lasson, Elisabeth Davis, Sarah Widdison, Burton Elementary

#### YOUTH INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

##### State Champion

The Mother of Modern Dance: Martha Graham, by Brynli Mattingly, Copper Canyon Elementary

For the Love of Math: Katherine Johnson, by Lydia Hooper, Copper Canyon Elementary

##### Honorable Mention

Elvis Presley: The Man, the Moves, the Music, by Nicolette Moesinger, Shadow Valley Elementary

#### YOUTH GROUP WEBSITE

##### State Champion

Apollo 11, by Isaac Bailey, Luke Austad, Shadow Valley Elementary

The Brains Behind "Backrub": Larry Page and Sergey Brin, by Joshua Page, Melanie Hope, Quinnley Schlag, Copper Canyon Elementary

## Honorable Mention

Tinker v Des Moines Independent School District, by Ammon Congrove, Connor Derbidge, Jacob Hansen, Lily Tateishi, Taha Bounahdate, Copper Canyon Elementary

## YOUTH INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

### State Champion

John Wesley Powell: His Expedition and Mapping Out the Colorado River, by John Dewey, West Valley STEM Elementary

Video Communication, by Lincoln Jones, Fox Hills Elementary

### Honorable Mention

The Impact of Mary Edwards Walker, by Elin Carver, Morningside Elementary

Pressing a Path for Future Generations, by Spencer Moss, Fox Hills Elementary

## **JUNIOR DIVISION (6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

## JUNIOR PAPER

### State Champion

John Snow: Father of Field Epidemiology, by Neusha Nourmohammadi, Midvale Middle School

On the Frontier of Particle Physics: Lise Maitner, by Lily King, Thomas Edison Charter School North

### Honorable Mention

The Soviet Night Witches, by Meg Simpson, Thomas Edison Charter School North

## JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

### State Champion

Man to Machine: The Story of the World's First Digital Computer, by Damon Westover, Frontier Middle School

Snow White: The Princess That Changed the World, by Ruby Woodbury, Lakeridge Junior High

### Honorable Mention

Modern Anesthesia: The Discovery That Made Modern Medicine Possible, by Kellyn Madeo, Providence Hall Junior High

## JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

### State Champion

Henrietta Swan Leavitt: Crossing the Frontier into the Unknown Universe, by Eden Jones, Hazel Wheeler, Lakeridge Junior High

Frontiers in Aviation: Understanding Achievements in Fueling Powered Flight and Its Impact on Global Communities, Cecily Riley, Lea Sweeney, Sabrina Sharp, Helper Middle School

Honorable Mention

Immobilization to Movement: How Elizabeth Kenny Crossed a Frontier in History, by Brielle Miller, Daisy Thayne, Lake Mountain Middle School

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

State Champion

The Final Frontier: How Abraham Lincoln, Elmer Ellsworth, and the Innovation of Embalming Transformed Body Preservation, by Thomas Fowler, Lakeridge Junior High

Forever Hold Your Peace: How Loving v. Virginia Shaped Marriage in the United States, by Vivi Dowler, Lakeridge Junior High

Honorable Mention

Aqua-Lung: First Breath in a New Frontier, by Malea Treppett, Thomas Edison Charter School North

JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

State Champion

Igniting New Frontiers: The Haitian Revolution, by Ammon Bradshar, Marianne Bradshaw, Thomas Edison Charter School South

Antibiotics: A New Frontier in Medicine, by Ella Baer, Zoey Hendrickson, Union Middle School

Honorable Mention

Gustave Courbet: The Dawn of Realism, by Kimber Honji, Lilian Larsen, Timberline Middle School

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

State Champion

Lucille's Legacy, by Aubrey Enger, Providence Hall Junior High

How RuPaul Dragged Drag Into the Limelight, by Luke Giacoletto, Union Middle School

Honorable Mention

Jacques Cousteau- Exploring the Underwater Frontier, by Carly Huish, Thomas Edison Charter School North

JUNIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

State Champion

Operation Little Vittles, by Cooper Maughan, Jared Killpack, Thomas Edison Charter School South

Red Tails: Frontiers in Flight, by Asher VanKomen, Fischer Leonard, Gracie Leonard, Scott Edie, Tonaquint Intermediate School



## Honorable Mention

Marie Curie: Research and Inspiration, by Aevri Taylor, Kelsey Prince, Leah Parker, Zixuan Yang, Highland Elementary

## JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

### State Champion

Mr. Rogers: A Pioneer in Emotional Education Through Children's Television, by Christian Clarke, Lakeridge Junior High

The Stonewall Riots: Pride in History, by Kate Berger, Timberline Middle School

### Honorable Mention

The Great Saltair: Utah's New Frontier, by Lance Larsen, Thomas Edison Charter School North

## JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITE

### State Champion

Susan B. Anthony's Fight for Women's Rights, by Anna Tuft, Grace Kingsford, Clayton Middle School

Yellowstone: A Frontier in National Parks, by Jack Hale, Luke Murdoch, Timberline Middle School

### Honorable Mention

Rescuing Soldiers, by Benjamin Parker, Jaxson Ochs, Frontier Middle School

## **SENIOR DIVISION (9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

## SENIOR PAPER

### State Champion

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: How the Tragic Event Fueled a New Frontier of Equality and Freedom, by Narayani Shankar, Hillcrest High School

Here to Stay: How World War II's Working Frontierswomen Paved the Way for Their Permanent Place in the Greater American Workforce, by Eliza Neal, Timberline Middle School

### Honorable Mention

John Moses Browning: Firearm Redesigning in World War I, by Jorgen Dove, Ogden High School

## SENIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

### State Champion

Marie Curie: Pioneering Radioactivity, by Brooke Wayman, Mountain Heights Academy

Wat Misaka: Frontiering Racial Diversity in the NBA, by Kimari Perng, Mountain Heights Academy

## Honorable Mention

Radar: A New Frontier in Military Tech, by Sophia Shapiro, Skyline High School

## SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

### State Champion

The Discovery and Development of Penicillin, by Emilee Mattingly, Kristeen Chase, Mary Gustafson, Vanguard Academy

Before Rosa, by Ava Jensen, Kate Topham, Libby Topham, Paige Topham, Timberline Middle School

### Honorable Mention

Space Race: The Catalyst of Technological Innovation, by Addison deBoer, Aiden deBoer, Skyline Middle School

## SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

### State Champion

Setting Europe Ablaze: The Fearless Female Spies of the SOE, by Rebekah Allison, Granger High School

"If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It:" Disney's Frontiers in Animation Entertainment, by Rachel Parke, Mountain Heights Academy

### Honorable Mention

From Fear to Pride: ONE, Inc. v. Olsen, by Hallie Strand, Logan High School

## SENIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

### State Champion

The Atomic Bomb: Frontier in Human Destruction, by Paige Meaders, Rachel McAllister, Granger High School

Delancey Street Foundation: "Where Hitting the Bottom Begins the Climb to New Heights", by Maggie Stay, Sophie Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High

### Honorable Mention

Selena Quintanilla, by Briana Juarez Garcia, Denae Gallegos, Ogden High School

## SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

### State Champion

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Yvonne Brill and Her Role in the Fight for Gender Equality in STEM, by Jocelyn Millington, Westlake High School

From How-To to U2: The Synthesized Music Frontier, by Noah Millington, Lake Mountain Middle School

### Honorable Mention

Nellie Bly: Into the Asylum, by Lydia Cheshire, Ogden high School

## SENIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

### State Champion

Fair Labor Standards Act, by Cora Price, Julianna Snow, Sariah Ashton, Lakeridge Junior High

Braille: Bringing the Blind into the Light, by Cade VanKomen, Elise Willard, Ethan VanKomen, Natalie Edie, Dixie High

### Honorable Mention

Jacqueline Cochran: A Pioneer in Aviation, by Angela Whitmill, Ella Wellington, LaDonna Jacobs, Vanguard Academy

## SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

### State Champion

Asylum Reform and Mental Health in the United States, by Abby Mageras, Centerville Junior High

A Frontier for Workers' Rights: The Delano Grape Strike and Boycott, by Marine Pengt, Rowland Hall

### Honorable Mention

Catharine Beecher: Pioneering Women's Education in the United States, Kaylin Lloyd, Mountain heights Academy

## SENIOR GROUP WEBSITE

### State Champion

Frontiers in History: The Highway Act of 1956, by Sang Hyun Chun, Vishwa Murugappan, Hillcrest High School

United States v. Wong Kim Ark: Establishing U.S. Minority Birthrights, by Jenna Tran, Kyle Linnhan, Maylan Jessop, Skyline High School

### Honorable Mention

The Forgotten Frontier: Native American Boarding Schools, by Auburn Kieffer, Charlotte Peterson, Maya Parsons, Skyline High School