

2022 Minnesota Virtual State Contest RESULTS

The Minnesota Virtual State Contest took place the week of April 18, with awards on Sunday, May 1, 2022. 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>	Fighting For the Right to Vote: Debate and Diplomacy of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association	Natalie Hoekman	Avail Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Crisis Calls for Diplomacy: The Debate Between Kennedy and Khrushchev That Brought Diplomacy To The Cuban Missile Crisis	Elsa Lindfors	Murray Middle School
3rd Place	The Armenian Genocide: A Failure of Diplomacy	Hannah Grosser	Avail Academy
4th Place	The Operation on Ozone: Debate, Diplomacy, and the Montreal Protocol	Lukas Ahlberg	Murray Middle School
5th Place	Diplomat for the Neglected: Dorothea Dix and Her Legacy	Mary Malone	Chaska Middle School West
Honorable Mention	Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War Two	Lily Stel	Avail Academy
Honorable Mention	All-American Girls Professional Baseball League - A League That Changed History	Keira Abeln	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	George Bonga: Expert Diplomat Negotiator in the Treaties that Shaped the Midwest	Oscar Mons	Open World Learning Community

Honorable Mention	The Debate of Title IX	William Sperling	Shattuck-St. Mary's School
Honorable Mention	The Bill of Rights	Caiden Gatto	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	When Diplomacy Failed Us; The Causes and Effects of Pearl Harbor	Theodore Orsted	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act of 1978	Anno Will-Anders	Twin Cities German Immersion School

Senior Paper

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Women Strike for Peace: How 1960s American Mothers Used Diplomacy to End Atmospheric Nuclear Testing	Natalie Miller	Duluth East High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	(Re)Defining Objectivity: Debate Over the Role of Scientists as Climate Activists and Diplomats in the Late 20th Century	Miranda Kubek	Mankato West High School
3rd Place	A Contentious Collection: The Debate and Diplomacy Surrounding Russia's German WWII Trophy Artwork	Grace Bettenburg	Visitation School
4th Place	The Debated Legacy of Dr. J. Marion Sims: Exploitation of Enslaved Women in the Development of Gynecology	Bernadette Latham	DeLaSalle High School
5th Place	The Congo Crisis of 1960-1961: Destructive Diplomacy in post-Independence Congo	Sam Leslie	Blake School
Honorable Mention	How a Single Conference Decided Africa's Fate	Sundus Ali	Como Park High School
Honorable Mention	A Brave New World of the Mind: Dr. Ewen Cameron and MK-ULTRA Subproject 68	Sonia Narvaez Quick	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Anti-Japanese: How Anti-Japanese Sentiment Led to the Mass Internment of Japanese Americans	Jordan Kuhlmann	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Cancer Alley, Louisiana	Truman Atkinson	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable	Iranian Hostage Crisis - Diverse Methods of	Claire Atella	Duluth East High School

Mention	Diplomacy		
Honorable Mention	The Duluth Lynchings: A Spark in the Diplomacy for Black Minnesotans	Stefan Monteagudo	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	Electric Elections: The 1960 Televised Presidential Debates Change Debate and Diplomacy In The Electoral Process	Stephanie Sander	North Lakes Academy

Junior Individual Performance

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Falkland Islands War: Failure of Diplomacy, Success of Debate	Iona Heddle	Avail Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Duluth Model: Using Diplomacy to Change How We Address Intimate Partner Abuse	Aeдея Winter	Winter Academy
3rd Place	From Shame to Pride: The Debate of the Pink Triangle	Harriet Spencer	Murray Middle School
4th Place	Virginia Hall: Ending the Debate of Women in Espionage	Ayla Bornsztein	Murray Middle School
5th Place	Sister Kenny: The Bush Nurse who Debated with Doctors	Norah Oakes	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	Hanoi Jane	Lola Ronning	Friends School of MN
Honorable Mention	Lois Jenson v. Eveleth Taconite Co.	Vivian Hustvedt	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Hawaiian Annexation	Carlee Shenkle	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Brown v. Board of Education Topeka, Kansas	Thilde Hogen	Sunrise Park Middle School

Junior Group Performance

Rank	Title	Students	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Kate Warne and the Baltimore Plot	Allison Parker, Amelia Larsen, Lucy Peltier	Murray Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Diplomacy Of The 19th Amendment: Debates Within The Women's Suffrage Movement	Junia James, Lillian James	Cyber Village Academy

3rd Place	Elizabeth Blackwell: A Pioneer for Progress	Elizabeth Teskey, Ishani Shah	South View Middle School
4th Place	Battle of the Sexes	Amelia Leither, Caroline Leither	Salk Middle School
5th Place	The Save Our Children Campaign and the Success the Orange Juice Homophobes	Lauren Frank, Tess Bakken-Ziring, Zoe Whittlef	Anthony Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Debate of The Era: The Scopes Monkey Trial	Elizabeth Bryson, Isadora Blons, Leah Odegaard Dunning	Capitol Hill Magnet School

Senior Individual Performance

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Kent State Shooting Interview	Joy Shadrack	Mahtomedi High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Constrictive Freedom; Corsets in the Victorian Era	Kassidy Engst	Forest Lake Area High School

Senior Group Performance

Rank	Title	Students	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Measure of Devotion: The Bonus Army and The Debate Over Government Welfare	Brad Klemz, Daniel Creamer, Hunter Mawn, Leo Ogle, Nathan Albert	Saint Thomas Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Japanese Internment Camps of the 1940's	Andrew Leach, Blake Fritz, Collin Dalseth, Jonathan Miller	Saint Thomas Academy
3rd Place	The Lost Year: Failed Diplomacy in Arkansas	Shannon McAuley, Sophia Phillips	North Lakes Academy
4th Place	Terrors of Tiananmen Square	Esther Anderson, Jade Gaw	Highland Park Senior High School

Junior Individual Documentary

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Diplomacy Saves the Day: Walter Mondale and the Futenma Military Base	Ingrid Bollman	Murray Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Hormel Strike 1985-1986	Allison Knoebel	Sunrise Park Middle School

3rd Place	The Korean War: A Failure in US-USSR Diplomacy	Mercy March	Avail Academy
4th Place	The Great Lakes Fishery Treaty of 1954	Ronny Hustvedt	Salk Middle School
5th Place	The Heart of Environmentalism: Earth Day	Anya Scandrett	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	The Immense Endeavor	Charlie Taylor	Avail Academy
Honorable Mention	The Minuteman in the American Heartland	Matthew Gerdes	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Keating-Owen Act of 1916: The Legal Struggle to Protect Children in America	Nathan Gerdes	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Bad Blood: Tuskegee, Trepidation and Today	Cece Erickson	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Is Death a Fact?	Kaylee Perla	Friends School of MN
Honorable Mention	Excomm The Debates of the Cuban Missile Crisis that Almost Ended the World	Abraham Benson	Homeschool - Benson
Honorable Mention	The Dred Scott Case: Standing Up for Black Rights	Aidan Kelleher	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	Sports: An Effective Tool For Strengthening Diplomatic Relations	Liam Kirchner	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	Destruction or Diplomacy: Debating the Fate of the World with the SALT treaties	Leo Ritzenthaler	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	1967 Dow Chemical Protest: The Public Debate Over the Use of Weapons Against Civilian Targets	Natalie Glew	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Mwafrika Apate Uhuru; The Debate for Kenyan Independence	Hannah Arika	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Pentagon Papers: The Debate Between Right of the Press and National security.	Emily Baker	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	The "Co-op Wars": Debate Over Modern Cooperatives	Cecily Jones	Twin Cities German Immersion School

Junior Group Documentary

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Moon Dust and Black Disgust: The Forgotten Opposition to the Apollo Space Program	Devanshu Shah, Mukund Sidharth Shiva, Shaurya Gumma	Central Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Diplomacy's Worst Failure: Kashmir	Paras Nemani, Spandan Datta	Central Middle School
3rd Place	Marathon Woman	Allison Moen, Eleanor Hajas, Kaia Georges	Delano Public Schools
4th Place	Furman v. Georgia: and the Debate Over Capital Punishment in America	Eva Eakin, Evelyn Price	Twin Cities German Immersion School
5th Place	The Cuban Missile Crisis	Jack Firkus, Toby Hagen	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	AC vs DC - The Electrifying Debate Between Tesla and Edison	Simone Kaura, Timothy Moore	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	Tylenol Crisis: The Ballad of Tamper Evident Packaging	Max Schmit, Nathan Mullen, Whitaker Pieper	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	The Little Rock Nine: The Road to Integration	Estella Tordeur, Mia Dongoske, Sienna Clare	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	Pete Rose Gambling Scandal: Gambling His Career Away	Andrew Bruett, Ben Tellers, Carter Van Beusekom	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	13 Days to Diplomacy	Alex King, Nolan Thwaites	Esko Public Schools
Honorable Mention	Compton's Cafeteria Riot: The Start of A Debate Between the Police and the Trans Community	Anya Robertson, Claire Ales	Open World Learning Community
Honorable Mention	The Willmar 8: Minnesota's Equal Pay Pioneers	Abby Horton, Louisa McAlpine	Open World Learning Community
Honorable Mention	Munich Massacre	Mackenzie Dolata, Samantha Hofstede	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Peaceful Revolution	Ben Rogers, Sean Grenier	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Bay of Pigs Invasion	Alexander Radecki, Magnus Halverson, Maximilian Johnson	Twin Cities German Immersion School

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Fight for Our Wilderness: The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act	Abigail Peters	Roseville Area High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Days of Tranquility: How UNICEF Stopped a War to Start a Revolution	Sasha Allen	Eden Prairie High School
3rd Place	Only One Earth: The 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment	Hazel Thrasher	Highland Park Senior High School
4th Place	Big Boom at Bikini: How the Castle Bravo Test led to International Regulations on Nuclear Testing	Rebecca Kranz	Rosemount High School
5th Place	Korematsu vs The United States	Elsa Houge	Highland Park Senior High School
Honorable Mention	The Atomic Age: A Diplomatic Battle	Sreya Subramanian	Mounds View High School

Senior Group Documentary

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	1882 Chinese Exclusion Act: National Debate on the Chinese Question	Anthony Lalta, Charlie Youtt, Vincent Mueller	Saint Thomas Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Kyoto Protocol	Tess Champion, Willa Champion	Open World Learning Community
3rd Place	The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act	Mark Rogalski, Samuel Fulton	Saint Thomas Academy
4th Place	The DPT Vaccine Controversy: The Revival of a 200 Year Old Deadly Debate	Anton Pfarr, Keokolo Sena, Riley Blaylark, Sam Sullivan	DeLaSalle High School
5th Place	The Start of U.S. - Japanese Relations	Emmett Wolf, Ty Thunstrom	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	Bathhouses and Bookstores: The AIDS Crisis of Minnesota	Mimi Krocheski-Meyer, Sophie Orfield Johnston	DeLaSalle High School

Junior Individual Website

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Under Compulsion: Did Denmark's Post-WWII Demining Violate the Geneva Convention?	Nico Allen	Central Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Operation Babylift: The Debate and Diplomacy at a Chance for New Life	Honora Mundy	Nativity of Our Lord
3rd Place	Diplomacy in Space: The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project	Aleia Lueck	Murray Middle School
4th Place	The Soweto Student Uprising: How the Youth of South Africa Took Initiative Within a National Debate	Allison Schuessler	Central Middle School
5th Place	International Diplomacy: Eleanor Roosevelt and The Declaration of Human Rights	Cecilia Junker	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	The Port Chicago 50	Kian Beeck	Anthony Middle School
Honorable Mention	Panda Diplomacy and its Effect On China's Global and Public Relations	Henry Holdsworth	Friends School of MN
Honorable Mention	"The Great Imperial Lifeline": Gunboat Diplomacy and the Suez Crisis	Charlie Ernst	Friends School of MN
Honorable Mention	The Berlin Airlift: Debate and Diplomacy after WWII	Aden Miletto	Kennedy Secondary School
Honorable Mention	The Cuban Missile Crisis: Debate and Diplomacy	Charlie Loth	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project: Diplomacy In Outer Space	Tate Prinsen	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Kent State Massacre Debate/Diplomacy Over Guardsmen Use Of Force	Olivia Senger	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and Its Effects on the National Labor Industry	Clementine Haney	Oak Grove Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Beginning of a Rivalry, Cuba in the Early Castro Years	Sam Kaufman	Oak Grove Middle School
Honorable	8888 Uprising: The Power of the People	Lynn-Clara Tun	South View Middle School

Mention			
Honorable Mention	Unjust Debate - The Rodney King Case	Brody Morton	South View Middle School
Honorable Mention	James Hansen, a Warming Globe, and the Fossil Fuel Industry	Owen Baumgartner	St. Mary's School
Honorable Mention	Debate and Diplomacy: The Panama Canal Treaties	Etienne Reyes	Twin Cities German Immersion School

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Uncle Tom's Cabin: A Subject of Debate	Kenna Huot, Margaret Johnson	Ordean East Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Brown v. Board of Education: Landmark in the Debate Over Segregation and Racial Discrimination	Oliver Soliman, Thien Pham	Kenwood Trail Middle School
3rd Place	Columbine School Shooting: The Failed National Gun Debate	Luke Johnson, Zane Bacon	Chaska Middle School West
4th Place	The Freedom Riders	Isabelle Wegener, Soraya Hodzic	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
5th Place	Declaration of Independence: The Beginning of Freedom	Ainsley Hannemann, Anushka Narielwala	South View Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Stonewall Uprising of 1969: Launching the LGBTQ+ Rights Debate	Lucinda Stringer, NaKiyah Pigrum, Serena Blaschka, Zoe Rulf	Anthony Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Cuban Missile Crisis: The Debate Between the Democratic U.S and the Communist Soviet Union about Nuclear Weapons	Mason Brommer, Mateusz Kawczynski	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Alice Paul: Her Successes, Failures and Consequences Debating for Women's Rights	Lilah Kurke, Payton Schnell, Taylor Hewitt	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Debate and Diplomacy in the Iran Hostage Crisis	Nalini Carter, Ruby Nagel	Capitol Hill Magnet School
Honorable Mention	The Women Behind the Space Race	Evie Paschall, Teagan Walton, Vivian Carter	Carondelet Catholic School
Honorable	The Creation of the Church of England	Anna Samuel, Bryn Burbach	Carondelet Catholic School

Mention			
Honorable Mention	The Washington Summit of 1987	Grayson Poppler, Rhett Bahe	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	Thalidomide - A Debated Drug	Ella Jepma, Stella Kaldenberg	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	The Black Power Salute	Eddie Stangler, Maggie Drahn	Nativity of Our Lord
Honorable Mention	The Many Debates on the Keating-Owen Act	Fatuma Mohamud, Omera Syed Asif	Oak Grove Middle School
Honorable Mention	Brown vs. Board of Education	Emma Power, Vanessa Monyenye, Zeina Al-Ramahi	South View Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Seneca Falls Convention	Elizabeth Seelig, Lux Lessman, Siri Strom	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	Debate and Diplomacy: The Treaty of Mendota	Luke Forster, Trey Theis	Twin Oaks Middle School

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Diplomatic Cooperation Formed Through Debates: The Bretton Woods Conference	Tavin Roth	Duluth East High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	United States of America v. Reserve Mining Company: The Environmental Legacy of a Debate Over Taconite Tailings	Emma Ambrosi	Duluth East High School
3rd Place	The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution: A Lack of Diplomacy Overseas, Debate at Home	Sydney McGrath	Roosevelt High School
4th Place	The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act: Clashing Concerns	Benji Brunner	Highland Park Senior High School
5th Place	Japan and the Treaty of Versailles: From Allies to Axis	Aida Thiam	Mahtomedi High School
Honorable Mention	The Mysterious Project MK-Ultra: Debatable Governmental Secrecy	Hadley Wartner	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	Consumption vs Conservation; The Debate Between Industry and the Environment	AnnaSophia Schwebel	DeLaSalle High School

Honorable Mention	1980 Olympic Boycott	Michael King	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	American Diplomacy in the Philippines after the Spanish-American War	Maclean Lauber	Saint Thomas Academy

Senior Group Website

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Debate over "The Disgraceful Treaty:" Failed Diplomacy in Versailles	Elijah Anderson, Gabriel Cortes	North Lakes Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Waco Standoff	Jack Gorman, Mitchell McGraw, Nolin Simmons, Toby Essay	Mankato West High School
3rd Place	Debate and Diplomacy: Music Censorship	Ada Anderson, Holden Perron, Lydia Ambrose, Nora Crockett	Mankato West High School
4th Place	The Acceptance of Christianity in Iceland and the Effects on Iceland's Culture	Hazel Wright, Violet Wright	Open World Learning Community
5th Place	An Undecided Nation	Jeep Murphy, Tyler Magozzi	Saint Thomas Academy
Honorable Mention	The Lavender Scare: How America's External Debates Lead to Internal Diplomacy	Pierce Moberg, Thomas Lund	Saint Thomas Academy

Junior Individual Exhibit

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project: Ending Debates With Diplomacy in Orbit	Ava Kallunki	Salk Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Capturing Kings Canyon: Ansel Adams and the Debate Over Conservation	Levi Abbring	Avail Academy
3rd Place	"Arsenal of Democracy": The Debate and Diplomacy of the Lend-Lease Act	Kairav Santan	Andersen Community School
4th Place	The Exploitation of Children	Sydney Bethune	South View Middle School
5th Place	Rising from Ashes	Eliza Tippetts	Central Middle School
Honorable	The Greensboro National Sit-in: A Sit-in Debate for Equal Rights	Rowan Krueger	Anthony Middle School

Mention			
Honorable Mention	Diplomacy of the White Rose: A Peaceful Stand in Nazi Germany	Lauren Paradise	Avail Academy
Honorable Mention	Revolution to Reformation	Ella Gnagey	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	A Strike For Women	Cecilia Downey	Carondelet Catholic School
Honorable Mention	British Appeasement; Diplomacy That Started Wars.	Emily Gahlon	Central Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Buddhist Crisis: The Debate and Diplomacy on Religious Freedom in Vietnam	Truong Kim	Chaska Middle School West
Honorable Mention	The Chinese Exclusion Act: Debate Over a Discriminatory Law	Rosa Menning	Edgewood Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Radium Girls	Madison Arroyo- Constantino	Fridley Middle School
Honorable Mention	Radium Girls: Deadly Debate on Workplace Safety	Aalexis Gunther	Kennedy Secondary School
Honorable Mention	Columbus Day vs Indigenous People's Day	Maddie Flink	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Radium Girls	Benjamin Yehl-Kennard	Oak Grove Middle School
Honorable Mention	How Stonewall Opened A Debate That Spanned Decades	Audrey Keirstead	Oak Grove Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Nuclear War settled through diplomacy	Michael Meany	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	Allan Spear and the 1993 Minnesota Human Rights Act	Leah Benoit	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Jane Addams Child Labor	Lillian Leistico	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	D-Day	Macy Shearer	Salk Middle School
Honorable Mention	Hammer v. Dagenhart	Ava Schlomann	St. Mary's School

Honorable Mention	The Dakota 38 Execution	Bryce Henslin	St. Mary's School
Honorable Mention	The Challenger Disaster	Avery Beranek	Stella Maris Academy - St. John's Campus
Honorable Mention	The Olive Branch Petition: The Start of America's Fight for Independence	Hannabella Li	Stella Maris Academy - St. John's Campus
Honorable Mention	The Satanic Verses	Sophia Soria	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	Consequences Of A Quill	Anna Gillespie	Twin Oaks Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Agent Orange Act of 1991: Diplomatic Successes and Lasting Debates	Elizabeth McCroskey	Twin Oaks Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Boston Massacre Debate That Sparked A Revolution	Ananya Kartha	Woodbury Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Controversy Surrounding The Minnesota Semi-Starvation Study	Marrin Sutton	Woodbury Middle School

Junior Group Exhibit

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	The Cuban Missile Crisis: Untying the Knot of War	Soren Mechelke, William Martin	Highland Park Middle School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Japanese-American Internment Camps	Benna Sowles, Eleanor Piri, Emma Nomura, Lilian Anderson	Sunrise Park Middle School
3rd Place	The Ping Pong Diplomacy	Ephrem Sundal, Ryan Boehme	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
4th Place	The 19th Amendment	Cecile Smith-Mckeever, Lydia Johnson	New City Charter School
5th Place	Lavender Scare Fear of the Queer	Harper Bukowski, Lydia Holman	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	Nellie Bly's Insane Adventure: How Her Diplomacy Saved Thousands	Ava Murphy, Eva Walter, Sabrina LaForest	Anthony Middle School
Honorable Mention	Stonewall Riots Spark Debate All Over the Nation	Eleanor Walker , Nao Sabelko-Watson	Anthony Middle School

Honorable Mention	Galileo Galilei: Science V.S Faith	Kiera Myers, Olivia Kramer, Quinn Kadue	Breck School
Honorable Mention	The Burr-Hamilton Duel: A Failure of Diplomacy	DeLana Taylor, Sydney Hoffman, Violet Ditlevson	Buffalo Community Middle
Honorable Mention	Racial Covenants: Racism in Minneapolis Housing	Cambria Daley, Kayla Stork	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Civil Rights Act of 1964: The Successful Debate over Legal Segregation and Equality	Caylee Boynton, Leah Ellavsky	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Radium Girls: The Debate on Workplace Safety	Brooklyn Kipp, Natalie Gibbs	Byron Middle School
Honorable Mention	Love Canal: One Of The Largest Environmental Disasters In U.S History	Fred Ochs, Kavanaugh Kim, Siyaam Abdulla	Capitol Hill Magnet School
Honorable Mention	The Occupation of Alcatraz	Alex Weinstein, Mimi Rouillard, Niah Weber, Violet Dady	Capitol Hill Magnet School
Honorable Mention	Welcome To The Jungle, Death And Disease Await	Ava Stahl, Keira Schumacher	Dakota Hills Middle School
Honorable Mention	Flappers	Kelsey Palzer, McKenna Grabowski, Peyton McCormick	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
Honorable Mention	Radium Girls	Amanda Kehoe, Gracia Forbis	DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
Honorable Mention	The White Rose Resistance: Debating The Third Reich	Emma Ristau, Maria Droogsma, Nathan Heckman	Delano Public Schools
Honorable Mention	The Women's Suffrage Parade of 1913	Hazel Dressler, Sophia Elmstrom, Violet Scalise	Highland Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	Tiananmen Square Protests: The Right for Democratic Debate	Adayla Morant, Eleanor Kerr	Murray Middle School
Honorable Mention	Yellow Journalism: How Sensationalism Shifted the Debate Over the Diplomacy Between Spain and America	Alina Pham, Mia Nguyen	Olson Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Debate and Diplomacy Behind the Use of Atomic Bombs on Japan	Georgio Brodin, Parker Tandberg	Ordean East Middle School
Honorable Mention	Wannsee Conference: Debating Evil	Luke Mechtel, Quang Nguyen	Saint Thomas Academy

Honorable Mention	Seduction Of The Innocent: The Debate About Comic Book Censorship	Austin Moon, Noah Kloehn	Sanford Middle School
Honorable Mention	Brown vs. Board of Education	Maddie Hall, Sophie Nascene	South View Middle School
Honorable Mention	Black Panther Party	Ella Duplessis, Fiona Palestrini, Holiday Fischer	South View Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Chinese Exclusion Act	Ella Fitzgerald, Leigha Wong	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	Rosie The Riveter	Evelina Sankey, Iris Bloomquist	Sunrise Park Middle School
Honorable Mention	The Missouri Compromise: The Calm Before the Storm	Hadden Podlucky, Luke Eenigenburg	Twin Cities German Immersion School
Honorable Mention	The Australian Emu War A Different Way To Handle Pests	Mckenzie Richardson, Mikhaila Krafcheck	Twin Oaks Middle School

Senior Individual Exhibit

Rank	Title	Student	School
1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	"Stonewall Means Fight Back!" : How Early Queer Diplomacy Sparked Change	Kayden Harrison	North Lakes Academy
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Native Power in the Debate at Wounded Knee	Isabella Schmitt	Highland Park Senior High School
3rd Place	Margaret Sanger and The Brownsville Clinic	Aaron Armstrong	Highland Park Senior High School
4th Place	When Diplomacy Fails, Look to the Sky; The Berlin Airlift	Esther Smith	North Lakes Academy
5th Place	Produce for Victory: Debate About Women in the World War II Workforce	Zoe Castillo	North Lakes Academy
Honorable Mention	Racial Covenants and the Dividing of Minneapolis	Lucy Goetsch	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The Little Rock Nine	Joaquin Loftin	Edina High School
Honorable	Breaking Point of Suppression: Stonewall Riots	Molly McCormick	Highland Park Senior High School

Mention			
Honorable Mention	Necessity or Travesty? Debate on the Bombs; Hiroshima and Nagasaki	James Bolin	North Lakes Academy

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1st Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	Using Diplomacy to Save Lives Worldwide: The Duluth Model	Grace Beaster, Martyn Dahl	Duluth East High School
2nd Place <i>National Qualifier</i>	"They Promised to Take Our Land, and They Took It.": Debate for the Black Hills, Diplomacy Violated	Hope Rubitschung, Juleah Brinks, Taryn Lessman	Jackson County Central High School
3rd Place	Irish Civil War	Cormac Flynn, Josie Black, Ryan Mitchell	Highland Park Senior High School
4th Place	Henrietta Lacks	Adriana Cano, Jasmine Jara Lazo, Kathleen Runion	DeLaSalle High School
5th Place	The Iranian Hostage Crisis: Debate and Diplomacy Across Countries.	Garin Hackbarth, Samuel Phillips	Duluth East High School
Honorable Mention	Cheongsam: The Debate Over Shifting Gender Roles in Chinese Clothing	Jinyan Xie, Yanwen Wang	Cretin-Derham Hall
Honorable Mention	China's One-Child Policy: The Cost of a One-Child Nation	Elizabeth Leitner, Elizabeth Nordin	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The Path to the Pill	Anna Wegner, Fiona Burns	DeLaSalle High School
Honorable Mention	The Most Controversial U.S. Supreme Court Decision: Roe v. Wade	Alex Pundsack, Sonja Mink	Highland Park Senior 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 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 2 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.