

**NYSHD State Contest 2024**  
**National Qualifiers and State Finalists**  
**Monday, April 24 | SUNY Oneonta**

Congratulations to our National qualifying individuals and teams, state finalists, and all students who participated in NYSHD 2024!

Please reach out to [nyshd@nhd.org](mailto:nyshd@nhd.org) with any questions!

*Please note: categories that did not have a runoff will not list state finalists.*

**Performance Category**

**Junior Individual Performances**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Raja Ram Mohan Roy: The Sati Practice Abolishment* by Johanna Ginu | Wheatley School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Maria Stewart: Voice of Freedom, A Turning Point for African Americans' and Women's Rights* by Angel Shah | Jericho Middle School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *The Rabies Vaccine: A Turning Point in History* by Jaymes Ronalds | Chittenango Middle School

**Junior Group Performances**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Sparking A Turning Point in Worker's Rights: How the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire led to legislative changes for America's working class* by Eliana Lau, Neha Paul, Maya Purohit, Aanika St. Jean, and Zarah Zohir | Herricks Middle School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Gay Marriage Rights* by Lily Caffrey, Will Glanville, Sadie Guckenbiehl, and Smith Schaefer | Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *The Influence of Reezon: Noah Webster and the First American Dictionary* by Lucas Hayes and Una Joy Hornick | The Speyer Legacy School

**Senior Individual Performances**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Bernardo de Galvez: The Hispanic Hero Who Turned the Tide of the American Revolution* by Iago Macknik-Conde | Home School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Thomas Paine's Common Sense: A Turning Point in American Democracy* by Athul Santhosh | Herricks High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *A Bright Golden Haze on the Meadow: Oklahoma! as a Cultural Turning Point in Broadway Musical History* by Chloe Leshnower | Half Hollow Hills High School East

**Senior Group Performances**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Sesame Street: The Unprecedented Champion for Childhood Development* by Ryan Chen, Gavin Frank, and Yoonha Shim | Stuyvesant High School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *The Woman Rebel: The Turning Point in the Birth Control Conversation* by Savidya Kulawansa, Adeline Sauberli, and Andrea Wang | Stuyvesant High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *One Country Two Systems: A turning point in Hong Kong's Fight for Freedom* by Preston Chad, Kaylee Luo, and Dylan Uttamchandani | Herricks High School

### **Documentary Category**

#### **Junior Individual Documentaries**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *The Color of Blood: Dr. Charles Drew's Discovery, A Turning Point in Blood Preservation* by Jay Patel | Jericho Middle School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *"The Final Solution of the Jewish Question:" A Tragic Turning Point in Human Rights* by Zachary Toback | Jericho Middle School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Flash Freeze: The Moment the Pod Went Pop* by Neta Wiznia | Manhattan Day School

#### **Junior Group Documentaries**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *A Crisis of Conscience: the Children's Crusade of Birmingham* by Jack Basner and Jimmy Eichner | Wheatley School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *"OXI:" How One Word Changed the Course of WWII* by Chrysanthi Karka, Maria Kostopoulos, Ryan Liu, Athena Palreja, and Zosime Weiss | Hellenic Classical Charter School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *"Bad Blood": The Tuskegee Syphilis Study, a Turning Point in American Bioethics* by Ryan Hasan and Rumaisa Hasan | Jericho Middle School

**State Finalist:** *Slaughterhouse: How the Bay of Pigs Invasion Marked a Watershed Turning Point in America's Future* by Logan Cox, Benjamin Dyckman, Ryan Rahman | Felix Festa Charter Middle School

#### **Senior Individual Documentaries**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *A Woman's War: Martha Gellhorn's Path of Journalistic Transformation and Empowerment* by Madeline Rong | Wheatley School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Twinflowers: the Lives of Linnaeus and Solander as a Taxonomic Turning Point* by Emma Yeon | Bronxville High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *"The Daisy" Ad: An Explosion in Political Advertising* by Alyssa Bhagan | Wheatley School

**State Finalist:** *Under the Spotlight: Cabaret Laws as a Turning Point in NYC's Nightlife and Music Scene* by Eva Berry | Brooklyn Technical High School

#### **Senior Group Documentaries**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Protecting the Planet: How the Montreal Protocol Marked a Turning Point in International Cooperation and Environmental History* by Owen Dong and Jared Lee, | Stuyvesant High School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Fallout: Nuclear Technologies After the Collapse of the Soviet Union* by Edward Lee, Lucy Liu, David Noh, and Maximilian Peng | Herricks High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Breaking Enigma: The Untold Story of Poland's Codebreakers* by Thomas Freeman, Nicholas Gonda, Simon Leka, John Shah, and Fletcher van Thienhoven | Bronxville High School

**State Finalist:** *Ken Saro-Wiwa and the Ogoniland Oil Crisis* by Zigabor Banuna, Akeef Chowdhury, and Naing Thang | Hutchinson Central Technical School

### **Exhibit Category**

#### **Junior Individual Exhibits**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *The Great Mortality of the Middle Ages: How the Black Death Changed European Society* by Ginger DiMarco | The Speyer Legacy School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Test-Tube Babies: How In-Vitro Fertilization Changed Family and Fertility Forever* by Anne Kelly | North Shore Middle School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Looking at History through Bifocals* by Isabella Lin | Felix Festa Achievement Middle School

**State Finalist:** *1857 - The Great Indian Rebellion* by Ananya Dixit | Farnsworth Middle School

#### **Junior Group Exhibits**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *The Birmingham Children's Crusade: A Turning Point for Human Rights* by Hannah Chusid, Maria Khan, and Nishita Srirama | Jericho Middle School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *A Turn Toward Morale: the U.S.O* by Erin Falk, Tehila Frogel, Orly Leibowitz, and Daniella Oppenheimer | Hebrew Academy of Long Beach

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Newsies Strike, 1899* by Emily Chen, Caitlyn Ho, Ava Lin, Mackenzie Pan | PS 49 Dorothy Bonawit Kole

**State Finalist:** *The Bangladesh Liberation War: A Turning Point in the Freedom of Language* by Xennie Liu and Nuha Maruf | Herricks Middle School

**State Finalist:** *Little Rock Nine* by Claire Baldo and Parker McManus | Cooperstown Middle School

**State Finalist:** *Dropping the Bomb: America's Call to War* by Lucas Adamczyk-Turkovich, Aiden Meier, and Brady Roberts | City Honors School at Fosdick Masten Park

#### **Senior Individual Exhibits**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *The Fed: The Banking System that Saved the U.S.* by Harvir Singh | Herricks High School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Illuminated Manuscripts: Preserving and Transforming Literature through Illustration* by Emerson Dennis | Bronxville High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Hollywood Prefers Blondes* by Vivian Huang | Herricks High School

**State Finalist:** *The Rising Suns Defeat: How Midway turned the Tide in the Pacific Theater of WWII* by Kaitlyn Moore | Shenendehowa High School

#### **Senior Group Exhibits**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Automats and American Identity: Horn and Hardart's Impact on Culture and Social Interaction* by Caroline Hardart, Louise Jacobs, Virginia Shah | Bronxville High School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *The Fight for Reproductive Rights: Griswold v. Connecticut* by Rania Gupta and Sanika Patel | Herricks High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *The New York Public Library: Turning the Page of New York City Education and Culture* | by Yingwen Huang, Fiona Lin, Sabrina Xu, Sharon Zhou | Stuyvesant High School

**State Finalist:** *Margaret Sanger, "The Woman Rebel," A Turning Point in Women's Autonomy* by Harnoor Joneja, Summer Malik, and Faye Safir | Jericho Senior High School

### **Paper Category**

#### **Junior Papers**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Fellow Traveler: Sputnik and Its Ripple Effects* by Baxter Oates | The Speyer Legacy School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Inchon Landings: A Turning Point in American Foreign Policy* by Sam Tae | Jericho Middle School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *How X-Rays Changed Medical History* by Evan Iverson | Akron Middle School

**State Finalist:** *The Short-Lived Qin Dynasty: A Turning Point in Chinese History* by Alexander Campbell | Felix Festa Achievement Middle School

#### **Senior Papers**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *The Troy Collar Laundry Union: The Turning and Starting Point of the Female Labor Movement* by Stacy Chen | Emma Willard School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *From Conflict to Cooperation: the 1969 Sino-Soviet Border Conflict and Sino-American Rapprochement* by Sebastian Jew | Bronxville High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Rising Up Like Tigers: Unraveling Threads of Resistance in the 1982 Chinatown Garment Workers' Strike* by Clarissa Kunizaki | Brooklyn Technical High School

**State Finalist:** *Conservationist Scripture: Silent Spring and the New Environmental Consciousness* by Michael Stoica | The Masters School

### **Website Category**

#### **Junior Individual Websites**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *A Heart of Gold: The Work of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams: A Turning Point in Medical History* by Ananya Kavi | Jericho Middle School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Starving for Suffrage: A Turning Point in the Women's Suffrage Movement* by Avery Milton | Felix Festa Determination Middle School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Laika the Space Dog and the Impact of her Sacrifice* by Anita Schiavo | Felix Festa Achievement Middle School

**State Finalist:** *The 9/11 Tragedy: How America Rose from the Ashes a Changed Nation* by Darshana Saravanakumar | Farnsworth Middle School

#### **Junior Group Websites**

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Using the Racquet to Cause a Racket: Billie Jean King and a Turning Point for Women On and Off the Court* by Anika Bhat and Julia Exer | Felix Festa Determination Middle School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *Everyone Loves Lucy: Lucille Ball Changes the Channel in Television* by Gabby Cohen, Maia Kret, Yakira Sanker, Samara Schiowitz, and Illyana Spitz | Hebrew Academy of Long Beach

**Third Place, Alternate:** *Edward Oscar Heinrich: Turning the Tide of Forensics* by Ryan Chan and Yifan Gao | Jericho Middle School

**State Finalist:** *The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: Igniting a Turning Point for Workers Rights* by Kimberly Chen and Abbie Cheng | Jericho Middle School

### Senior Individual Websites

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *The Red Summer: A Turning Point in Racial Violence* by Metta Pollio | North Shore Senior High School

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *A Turning Point in the Battle against Big Tobacco: Surgeon General's Smoking Gun Fires* by Isaac Chen | Jericho Senior High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *The Russian Revolution: The Internal Struggle for Stability* by Kenny Walz | Monticello High School

**State Finalist:** *Bonus Army March: Revolutionizing Veterans Benefits* by Gary Huang | Stuyvesant High School

### Senior Group Websites

**First Place, National Qualifier:** *Pong's Genesis: The Pixel Paddle that Turned History's Scoreboard* by Raphael Croog, Gavin Finkel, and Jacob Torczyner | Davis Renov Stahler

**Second Place, National Qualifier:** *The Abduction of Etan Patz: A Turning Point for Families Nationwide* by Olivia Morris and Lucia Robinovich | Stuyvesant High School

**Third Place, Alternate:** *The Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906: The Reinvention & Enhancement Of The Food Industry* by Jessica Bree, Emely Herrera Rivas, and Heileen Torres | Huntington High School

### Special Award Recipients

#### Global Explorer's Award

2008 *Charisma as a Creative Force of Historical Disruption: A Study of Julius Caesar and his Reforms to Roman Coinage* by Persephone Reeves | Friends Academy Paper

#### Outstanding Entry Related to Voting Rights

25011 *We Did Not Consent - Emmeline Pankhurst and Her Battle For Suffrage* by Nora Craig | Cooperstown Junior/Senior High School

### Service Above Self Award

20007 *Conservationist Scripture: Silent Spring and the New Environmental Consciousness* by Michael Stoica | The Masters School  
Paper

### Best Entry in Community Social History OR Outstanding Entry in Native American/Ethnic History

20006 *The Invention of Blackface Minstrelsy: An Assertion of White Supremacy in Popular Culture* by Sarah Olson | Fayetteville-Manlius Senior High School  
Paper

### Best Use of Historical Records

10010 *The Short-Lived Qin Dynasty: A Turning Point in Chinese History* by Alexander Campbell | Felix Festa Achievement Middle School  
Paper

### Most Innovative Project

26010 *If You Can Dream It, You Can Be It: How Barbie Marked A Turning Point on the Toy Shelf* by Talia Arcasoy and Alifa Azad | Stuyvesant High School  
Group Exhibit

### Outstanding Entry in African American History

24004 *A Turning Point in Theater: Shuffle Along* by Shivani Kapoor and Arjun Sharma | Herricks High School  
Group Performance

### Outstanding Entry in Maritime History: Senior Division

22004 *Spilling the Tea: How the Boston Tea Party became a turning point in the American Revolution* by Landen Bidwell and Shayne Boespflug | Shenendehowa High School  
Group Documentary

### Outstanding Entry in Maritime History: Junior Division

17005 *Battle of Incheon - The Recapture of Seoul* by Amy Shiju | Farnsworth Middle School  
Individual Website

### Outstanding Entry Related to Issues of Social Justice

20011 *Rising Up like Tigers: Unraveling Threads of Resistance in the 1982 Chinatown Garment Workers' Strike* by Clarissa Kunizaki | Brooklyn Technical High School  
Paper

## Outstanding First Time Entry in Exhibitions

16013 *Brewing Turning Points: Coffee's Global Impact on History* by Dina Friedman and Liara Nelson | Felix Festa Achievement Middle School