

MICHIGAN HISTORY DAY STATE CHAMPIONS 2021

Name	City	School	Title	Category	Award	Special Award		
Abraham Zhang	Ann Arbor	Emerson School	Ping Pong Diplomacy: The Broken Rule that Changed US-China Relations	Junior Paper	National Finalist			
William Zhou	Birmingham	Cranbrook Schools Upper	Elegance and Grace: Examining Soong May Ling's Tour of America and the Artistry of Her Communication	Senior Paper	National Alternate			
Michelle Hickey	Bloomfield Hills	Marian High School	The 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade: Marching to Build Momentum for the Movement	Senior Group Documentary	National Alternate			
Abigail Gusway	Canton	Plymouth High School	Singing Their Way to Freedom: How Hidden Messages in Songs Helped Guide Slaves to Freedom	Senior Individual Website	National Alternate			
Keon Celestine	Clinton Township	Richards Middle School	Jimi Hendrix: Racial Journey Through Music	Junior Individual Exhibit	National Alternate			
Alisha Gentz	Clinton Township	Fraser High School	Soldiers, Censorship, and the Second World War	Senior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Tamberlyn Masinick	Clinton Township	Richards Middle School	How Helen Keller Changed the World One Sign at a Time	Junior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Francesca Palazzolo	Clinton Township	Fraser High School	Soldiers, Censorship, and the Second World War	Senior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Olivia Palazzolo	Clinton Township	Richards Middle School	How Helen Keller Changed the World One Sign at a Time	Junior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Gabriella Tonn	Clinton Township	Fraser High School	Maligned Stars: The Abuse of the Golden Age of Hollywood and the Effect It Had on America's Culture	Senior Group Performance	National Finalist	The Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History		
Natalie Watson	Clinton Township	Fraser High School	Maligned Stars: The Abuse of the Golden Age of Hollywood and the Effect It Had on America's Culture	Senior Group Performance	National Finalist	The Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History		

Mercedes Cross	Fraser	Fraser High School	Seeing the Election in Real Time: How Social Media Has Revolutionized the Way Politics are Communicated	Senior Group Website	National Alternate			
Keiry Lawandy	Fraser	Richards Middle School	Rosa Parks: Communication Through Action	Junior Group Documentary		Best Entry in African-American History		
Shannon McMenamin	Fraser	Fraser High School	Seeing the Election in Real Time: How Social Media Has Revolutionized the Way Politics are Communicated	Senior Group Website	National Alternate			
Luciana Rodriguez	Fraser	Richards Middle School	Rosa Parks: Communication Through Action	Junior Group Documentary		Best Entry in African-American History		
Brent Wohlfield	Fraser	Edison Elementary School	The Flying Messengers of WWI - How Using Carrier Pigeons to Communicate in Battle Saved Countless Lives	Junior Individual Website	National Finalist	Best Entry in Naval or Maritime History		
Nic Sheppard	Gobles	South Haven High School	Lincoln on the Front-Line	Senior Group Exhibit	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Newspapers		
Zoe Kukla	Grand Rapids	Forest Hills Eastern High School	The Story of the Crafts: Communicating Despite Adversity	Senior Individual Performance	National Alternate			
Malek Elshaarawy	Hickory Corners	The Gagie School	Cracking the Code: The Battle of Midway	Youth Group Exhibit	Second Place	Best Entry in Naval or Maritime History		
Emma Margaron	Holland	Holland Middle School	Lack of Communication: How the Media's Underrepresentation Impacts a Fight for Equality in Women's Sports	Junior Paper		The Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History		
Alexandra Stern	Holly	Cedar Crest Academy	60 Years of COBOL and the Woman Who Invented It: How Grace Hopper Changed Communication in History and Its Key to Understanding	Junior Paper		Best Use of Economic History or Impact		
Lilianna DesJardin	Howell	Three Fires Elementary	Pearl Harbor's Great Loss	Youth Group Exhibit	Third Place			
Khloe King	Howell	Three Fires Elementary	Communicating Our Way to Freedom	Youth Group Exhibit	First Place			

Olivia Lynn	Howell	Three Fires Elementary	Pearl Harbor's Great Loss	Youth Group Exhibit	Third Place			
Daniela Silva Korte	Howell	Three Fires Elementary	Communicating Our Way to Freedom	Youth Group Exhibit	First Place			
Caitlin Watripont	Howell	Three Fires Elementary	Communicating Our Way to Freedom	Youth Group Exhibit	First Place			
Elliott Anderson	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	The Fireside Chats of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt: Communicating to a Nation in Crisis	Junior Individual Exhibit	National Finalist			
Oliver Anderson	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	Shostakovich's 7th Symphony: Communicating Hope to Leningrad and the World	Junior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
James Balkema	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	WWII Propaganda Posters: Communication at a Glance	Junior Group Website	National Alternate			
Ishwari Bhatt	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	Kalpana Chawla: Communication in Space	Junior Individual Performance	National Finalist			
Navya Bobba	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	The Women's Suffrage Movement: How Communication Was Key to Win the Vote	Youth Group Documentary	First Place	The Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History		
Mina Boekestein	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	Fireside Chats: Communication in the Great Depression	Junior Group Website	National Finalist			
Roan Borton	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	The Great Debates: Lincoln and Douglas	Junior Group Performance	National Finalist			
Andrew Curvelo	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	The Great Debates: Lincoln and Douglas	Junior Group Performance	National Finalist			
Connor DeVries	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	Jacob Riis: A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words	Junior Group Website	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources		
Hailey DeVries	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	Jacob Riis: A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words	Junior Group Website	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources		
Marianne DeVries	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	Fireside Chats: Communication in the Great Depression	Junior Group Website	National Finalist			
Troy Dingemans	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	Fireside Chats: Communication in the Great Depression	Junior Group Website	National Finalist			

Georgia Edmonds	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	The "Book Women": Communicating Literacy and the Love for Books to those Isolated by Poverty and the Appalachian Mountains	Junior Individual Exhibit	National Finalist			
Samuel Edmonds	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	Shostakovich's 7th Symphony: Communicating Hope to Leningrad and the World	Junior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
Weston Ekema	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	WWII Propaganda Posters: Communication at a Glance	Junior Group Website	National Alternate			
Gabriel Feffer	Kalamazoo	The Kazoo School	"Ill Communication": Shame and Suffering in the 1918 Pandemic"	Junior Individual Website	National Finalist			
Maddie Houtman	Kalamazoo	Heritage Christian Academy	S.O.E.	Senior Group Exhibit	National Alternate			
Kate Kwekel	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	WWII Propaganda Posters: Communication at a Glance	Junior Group Website	National Alternate			
Koben Panse	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	John Campbell and the Birth of American Journalism	Youth Individual Performance	First Place	Best Entry in Use of Newspapers		
Mya Panse	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	Barry Gordy: Communicating Through Motown Music	Junior Group Documentary	National Alternate			
Elizabeth Rzepka	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	Barry Gordy: Communicating Through Motown Music	Junior Group Documentary	National Alternate			
Paul Rzepka	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	Communication and its Effects on the Cuban Missile Crisis	Junior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
Ethan Schipper	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	Jacob Riis: A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words	Junior Group Website	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources		
Miriam VanBrugge	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	WWII Propaganda Posters: Communication at a Glance	Junior Group Website	National Alternate			
Cali VanDyke	Kalamazoo	Providence Christian School	Jacob Riis: A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words	Junior Group Website	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources		
Ian Wesselhoff	Kalamazoo	The Gagie School	Shostakovich's 7th Symphony: Communicating Hope to Leningrad and the World	Junior Group Documentary	National Finalist			

WZoe Wogoman	Kalamazoo	Heritage Christian Academy	S.O.E.	Senior Group Exhibit	National Alternate			
Emma Bakker	Mattawan	Providence Christian School	Jacob Riis: A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words	Junior Group Website	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources		
Lucila Drelles	Mattawan	The Gagie School	Video Killed the Radio Star?	Youth Individual Website	First Place			
Peter Drelles	Mattawan	The Gagie School	The Great Debates: Lincoln and Douglas	Junior Group Performance	National Finalist			
Anja Yoshikawa	Mattawan	Heritage Christian Academy	S.O.E.	Senior Group Exhibit	National Alternate			
Andy Yao	Midland	H.H. Dow High School	Speak No Evil: Communication in the Holodomor	Senior Paper	National Finalist	Best Use of Economic History or Impact		
Andreanna Ulery	Milan	Saline High School	Frequency Hopping: The Birth of a Revolutionary Communication System	Senior Paper	National Finalist			
Emily Olsson	Montague	Montague High School	Reading Between the Lines: Hidden Communications Reveal the Horrors of Ravensbrück	Senior Individual Exhibit	National Finalist			
Allison Tate	Montague	Whitehall High School	got fear? Missing Children Milk Carton Program Raises Awareness and Anxiety in America	Senior Individual Exhibit	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources		
Isabella Pongracz	Northville	Marian High School	The 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade: Marching to Build Momentum for the Movement	Senior Group Documentary	National Alternate			
Lydia Nieuwenhuis	Plainwell	Providence Christian School	Fireside Chats: Communication in the Great Depression	Junior Group Website	National Finalist			
Austin Christian	Portage	Providence Christian School	Fireside Chats: Communication in the Great Depression	Junior Group Website	National Finalist			
Molly Kramer	Portage	Heritage Christian Academy	S.O.E.	Senior Group Exhibit	National Alternate			
Zach Schipper	Portage	Providence Christian School	WWII Propaganda Posters: Communication at a Glance	Junior Group Website	National Alternate			

Ava Storteboom	Portage	The Gagie School	Barry Gordy: Communicating Through Motown Music	Junior Group Documentary	National Alternate			
Olivia Storteboom	Portage	The Gagie School	Communication and its Effects on the Cuban Missile Crisis	Junior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
Reese Storteboom	Portage	The Gagie School	Communication and its Effects on the Cuban Missile Crisis	Junior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
Caitlin Vandermolen	Portage	The Gagie School	The Women's Suffrage Movement: How Communication Was Key to Win the Vote	Youth Group Documentary	First Place	The Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History		
Gabby Sanders	Redford	Marian High School	How Communication Impacted the Women's Rights Movement in the 1800s and 1900s	Senior Group Website	National Finalist			
Bodie Bencik	Richland	The Gagie School	Cracking the Code: The Battle of Midway	Youth Group Exhibit	Second Place	Best Entry in Naval or Maritime History		
Jordynn Dolbee	Richland	The Gagie School	Communication and its Effects on the Cuban Missile Crisis	Junior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
Taylor Dolbee	Richland	The Gagie School	The Women's Suffrage Movement: How Communication Was Key to Win the Vote	Youth Group Documentary	First Place	The Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History		
Rosa Loeschner	Rochester	Marian High School	How Communication Impacted the Women's Rights Movement in the 1800s and 1900s	Senior Group Website	National Finalist			
Sajal Pearson	Rochester Hills	Marian High School	How Communication Impacted the Women's Rights Movement in the 1800s and 1900s	Senior Group Website	National Finalist			
Vanessa Ellis	Roseville	Fraser High School	Soldiers, Censorship, and the Second World War	Senior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Molly Vander Hagen	Roseville	Fraser High School	Maligned Stars: The Abuse of the Golden Age of Hollywood and the Effect It Had on America's Culture	Senior Group Performance	National Finalist	The Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History		

Lila Baliunas	Saint Joseph	Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School	Arts as Propaganda: Communism Meeting Democracy Through the 20th Century	Junior Group Performance	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Newspapers		
Josephine Marsh	Saint Joseph	Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School	Arts as Propaganda: Communism Meeting Democracy Through the 20th Century	Junior Group Performance	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Newspapers		
Evelyn Whitworth	Sault Ste. Marie	Lincoln Elementary School	Martin Luther King Jr.	Youth Individual Exhibit	Second Place			
Isabella Dacoba	Scotts	Portage Northern High School	The Key to Understanding Dr. Seuss: Communicating Through Stories and Illustrations	Senior Individual Exhibit	National Alternate			
Gwenyth Charlebois	Skandia	Superior Central	Anasazi Paintings	Junior Group Exhibit	National Alternate			
Adrianna Frusti	Skandia	Superior Central Schools	Anasazi Paintings	Junior Group Exhibit	National Alternate			
Kiersten Chalupa	South Haven	North Shore Elementary School	The Story of Ella Baker: Activist and Human Rights Defender	Youth Group Documentary	Third Place	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources, Best Entry in African-American History		
Aaron Crider	South Haven	North Shore Elementary School	Sightless Reading: A Brief History of Louis Braille and the Braille Reading System	Youth Paper	First Place			
Avery Daugherty	South Haven	South Haven High School	Track to Trenches - Communicating at the Speed of an Olympic Medalist	Senior Group Documentary	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Family History		
Myles Daugherty	South Haven	South Haven High School	Lincoln on the Front-Line	Senior Group Exhibit	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Newspapers		
Jocelyn Dubbink	South Haven	North Shore Elementary School	The Story of Ella Baker: Activist and Human Rights Defender	Youth Group Documentary	Third Place	Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources, Best Entry in African-American History		
Jessee Ford	South Haven	South Haven High School	Track to Trenches - Communicating at the Speed of an Olympic Medalist	Senior Group Documentary	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Family History		
Carson Meachum	South Haven	North Shore Elementary School	Winged Soldiers	Youth Group Documentary	Second Place			

Victoria Moody	South Haven	North Shore Elementary School	The Life of Susan B. Anthony	Youth Individual Performance	Second Place			
Tabitha Newberry	South haven	South Haven High School	Eunice Carter; Communication Through the Courtroom	Senior Individual Documentary		Best Entry in African-American History		
Ruby Peterson	South Haven	Baseline Middle School	The Riveters: Communicating Equality and Perseverance Through Rosie the Riveter	Junior Individual Performance	National Alternate	Best Entry in Use of Family History		
Brayden Williams	South Haven	North Shore Elementary School	Winged Soldiers	Youth Group Documentary	Second Place			
Maren Barfuss	St. Joseph	St. Joseph High School	Reign of the Pirate Queen	Senior Group Exhibit		Best Entry in Naval or Maritime History		
Hannah Hysell	St. Joseph	Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School	Arts as Propaganda: Communism Meeting Democracy Through the 20th Century	Junior Group Performance	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Newspapers		
Mary Riley	St. Joseph	Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School	Arts as Propaganda: Communism Meeting Democracy Through the 20th Century	Junior Group Performance	National Finalist	Best Entry in Use of Newspapers		
Virginia Weykamp	St. Joseph	St. Joseph High School	Reign of the Pirate Queen	Senior Group Exhibit		Best Entry in Naval or Maritime History		
McKeiley Buron	Traverse City	Traverse City East Middle School	Victoria Woodhull: The Women Who Set Back The Suffrage Movement	Junior Individual Documentary	National Alternate			
Veronika Caughran	Traverse City	Traverse City East Middle School	Washington's Farewell Address	Junior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Kathryn Clark	Traverse City	Traverse City West Middle School	Traverse City's Not So Haunted Past	Junior Individual Documentary	National Finalist	Best Entry in Michigan History		
Elyse Heffner	Traverse City	Traverse City East Middle School	Washington's Farewell Address	Junior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Sofia Anger	Troy	Marian High School	The 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade: Marching to Build Momentum for the Movement	Senior Group Documentary	National Alternate			
Ryeo-Won Kim	Troy	Boulan Park Middle School	The Downfall of Rabies	Junior Individual Documentary	National Finalist			

Sar bani Sengupta	Troy	Boulan Park Middle School	Nikola Tesla: A Forgotten Pioneer of Wireless Telegraphy	Junior Paper	National Finalist			
Miyabi Shinki	Troy	Troy High School	Radio Free Europe and the Hungarian Revolution	Senior Individual Documentary	National Finalist			
JoAnn Tu	Troy	Boulan Park Middle School	Normal Minds in Abnormal Times: Communication in United States Military Psychiatry During World War II	Junior Paper	National Alternate			
Emma Wilson	Troy	Troy High School	Rachel Carson: "A Not So Silent Spring."	Senior Individual Performance	National Finalist			
Ryann Jibson	Twin Lake	Whitehall High School	ENACT: Planting the Seed of Environmental Consciousness	Senior Individual Website	National Finalist	Best Entry in Michigan History		
Faith Aloia	Warren	Fraser High School	Soldiers, Censorship, and the Second World War	Senior Group Exhibit	National Finalist			
Zackary Howey	Warren	Fraser High School	Tootsie Rolls and Ditty Bop: The Failures and Successes of Military Communications	Senior Individual Documentary		James Campbell Award for Best Use of Oral History		
Savannah Brinkmeier	Westland	John Glenn High School	The Unperceived Communication of Morse Code	Senior Group Website	National Finalist			
Princess Ikenyi	Westland	Adams Middle School	TV and the Vietnam War: Bringing War to Your Living Room	Junior Individual Website	National Alternate			
Katrina Luzadas	Westland	John Glenn High School	The Unperceived Communication of Morse Code	Senior Group Website	National Finalist			
Isabella Causie	Whitehall	Ealy Elementary School	The Word Travels Fast: The Road to Written Language	Youth Individual Exhibit	First Place	Best Use of Economic History or Impact		
Alison Chen	Whitehall	Whitehall High School	Red Scare Sabotages American Supremacy: Miscommunication Evicts Qian Xuesen from United States Rocket Facilities and Leads to Acceleration of China's Missile Program	Senior Individual Performance	National Finalist			

Amelia Chen	Whitehall	Whitehall High School	Communicating Capabilities: Project Corona Launches Weaponized Satellite Photoreconnaissance	Senior Individual Website	National Finalist			
Ella Johnson	Whitehall	Whitehall High School	Mass Media and Martin Luther: Making Christianity Accessible to All	Senior Individual Documentary	National Finalist			
Megan LeaTrea	Whitehall	Whitehall Middle School	The Key to Understanding Coded Communications: Elizebeth Smith Friedman Unlocks Enemy Secrets, Paving the Way for a Secure Nation	Junior Individual Performance	National Finalist			
Griffin Lownds	Whitehall	Whitehall High School	Targeting Hollywood: HUAC Attempts to Censor Free Speech in the Film Industry	Senior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
William Szegda	Whitehall	Whitehall High School	Targeting Hollywood: HUAC Attempts to Censor Free Speech in the Film Industry	Senior Group Documentary	National Finalist			
Laura Thielman	Whitehall	Whitehall High School	Three Days of Peace and Music: Woodstock Communicates Counter- cultural Ideals in a Divided America	Senior Individual Documentary	National Alternate			