

Junior Division

Individual Documentary

- 1st Place: *Lavendar Scare: The Start of a New Movement*
Juliet Lee
Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- 2nd Place: *Into Desert Storm the Gulf War of 1991*
Kashish Konathala
Alfred G. Waters Middle School

Group Documentary

- 1st Place: *Tony Verna and The Invention of the Instant Replay Technology*
Ankush Singh, Aryan Puri, Jaden Son
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

Individual Exhibit

- 1st Place: *The Freedmen's Bureau: A Path of Thorns and Roses*
Kishan Lokapalli
Alfred G. Waters Middle School
- 2nd Place: *The Engine of Change: Eli Whitney's Cotton Gin*
Jessica Rayban
Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- 3rd Place: *National Reaction and Reform: The U.S. Government Responds to the Panic of 1873*
Kiran Lokapalli
Alfred G. Waters Middle School

Group Exhibit

- 1st Place: *The Powder That Powered a Nation: The Rise of the DuPont Gunpowder Mills*
Abir Dorle, Saicharan Anandakumar
Alfred G. Waters Middle School
- 2nd Place: *Tinker v. Des Moines: The Case that Merged Education and Activism*
Anaghasiddha Pallem, Vidhi Thakkar
Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- 3rd Place: *The Story of Germs and the Birth of Modern Medicine*
Arjun Nalpe, Vignajith Gorola
Alfred G. Waters Middle School

Paper

1st Place: *Innocent Workers Massacred*
Andrew Jing
The Independence School

Individual Performance

1st Place: *John Paul Jones: Fighter of Freedom and Improver of The Navy*
Jaxen Hague
Fifty Foot Academy

Group Website

1st Place: *The First National Women's Rights Convention: A Step Towards Freedom*
Ankita Chakraborty, Sai Nidhi Ramineni
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

Senior Division

Individual Documentary

1st Place: *A Revolution in the Mountains: How Reaction Ignited Reform in Appalachian Kentucky*
Anna Winnington
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

2nd Place: *To Roar, Or Not to Roar the Lion King: Hamlet with Lions, and The Film of the Disney Renaissance*
Raven Herron
Newark Charter High School

3rd Place: *Cooney's Creative Idea: How a Proposal Turned Into an Influential Progression in Children's Education*
Claire Woodland
Newark Charter High School

Group Documentary

1st Place: *Revolution, Reaction, and Reform: How Patricia Bath Redefined Access to Sight*
Andrew Walden, Kayla Otto
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

**National History Day in Delaware
2026 State Contest Winners**

- 2nd Place: *Out of the Shadows: The Willowbrook State School*
Amelia Harjianto, ThaoNghi Pham
Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- 3rd Place: *Incoming Message! Morse's electric telegraph shocks the communication industry*
Austin Ambrose, Luke Bartocci, Matthew Ilyas
Newark Charter High School

Individual Exhibit

- 1st Place: *ACT UP; The AIDS story of the LGBTQ Movement*
Rose Kortas
Padua Academy
- 2nd Place: *The End of the Caboose*
Aurora Nicholson
Odyssey Charter School
- 3rd Place: *Princess Diana's Life and Death and Their Effects on Society*
Hope Olexa
Padua Academy

Group Exhibit

- 1st Place: *Cutting Edge: Mary Edwards Walker*
Skylar Brennecke, Tanvi Prasanna Sai
Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- 2nd Place: *13 Betrayals*
Arica Johnson, Autumn Piazza, Bailey Thompson
Odyssey Charter School
- 3rd Place: *Opening the Doors: Desegregating in the First State*
Anthony Morgan Jr., Bale Garrett, Brennan Macklin, Matthew Poole
Salesianum School

Paper

- 1st Place: *The Deciding Vote: The Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and the Transformation of Women's Lives*
Maci Reno
Newark Charter High School

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2nd Place: *From Public Reaction to Reform: The Revolution in Mental Health Care at Bethlem Royal Hospital*
Ella Stemerman
Archmere Academy

3rd Place: *A Small Town Revolution: Economic and Social Reaction Reforms in Berlin, Maryland*
Duncan Pyle
St. Andrews School

Individual Performance

1st Place: *Mercy Otis Warren: Writing the Revolution, Facing the Reaction*
Evangeline Norfleet
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

Group Performance

1st Place: *The First Hello Girl: Merle Egan Anderson's Revolutionary Life as a Hello Girl*
Ginny Green, Sami Martinez
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

2nd Place: *From Poverty to Bingo: The Seminole Tribe and the Start of Indian Gaming*
Cindy Wan, Sydne Scott, Vivian Wan
Tower Hill School

Individual Website

1st Place: *The Jungle: How a Novel Revolutionized U.S. Food Safety*
Annie Li
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

2nd Place: *Anarchism from Occupying Wall Street: How a simple tweet led to global protests.*
Joselyn Medellin-Vazquez
Newark Charter High School

Group Website

1st Place: *Sarah Hale and the Godney's Lady Book: How the First Successful Female Magazine Editor Challenged Societal Expectations for American Women*
Amelia Bastianelli, Giuliana Patrick
Newark Charter High School

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2026 State Contest Winners**

2nd Place: *The Salem Witch Trials: The Reform of the Legal System*
Julia Cleveland, Maria James
Padua Academy

3rd Place: *Synthetic Symbiosis: How Wallace Carothers Changed Science and Society*
Praneel Hanumapur, Sanjit Kunam, Vismay Thamidala
Newark Charter High School

Special Award Winners

Founders Award

Sami Martinez
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

American History Award

Sponsored by University of Delaware Department of History

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Delaware History Award

Sponsored by Delaware Historical Society

Opening the Doors: Desegregation in the First State
Group Exhibit
Anthony Morgan Jr., Bale Garrett, Brennan Macklin, Matthew Poole
Salesianum School

James M. Baker Award for African American History

Sponsored by Mitchell Center for African American Heritage at the Delaware Historical Society

Revolution, Reaction, and Reform: How Patricia Bath Redefined Access to Sight
Group Documentary
Andrew Walden, Kayla Otto
Cab Calloway School of the Arts

Legal Eagle Award

Sponsored by Delaware Law Related Education Center

National Reaction and Reform: The U.S. Government Responds to the Panic of 1873

Individual Exhibit

Kiran Lokapalli

Alfred G. Waters Middle School

Speak Out: Free Speech in American History

Sponsored by ACLU Delaware

Idea: Ink Against Industry: How the Jungle Sparked a Revolution in Investigative Journalism

Group Exhibit

Cameron Zwickert, Joshua Sheppard, JT Griffin, Luke Wrzesien, Seamus Walstrom

Salesianum School

World History Award

Sponsored by University of Delaware Department of History

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Group Exhibit

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Alfred G. Waters Middle School

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