



2021 Award & Prize Winners

Norm Conard Award for Diversity

This \$100 award is given to the best project showing the importance of tolerance and diversity.

Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
Senior Individual Website	Opening the Line of Communication on Racial Inequality in Medicine	Alexandra Cannon	Seaman High School	Nathan McAlister Susan Sittenauer

Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize

The Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize is named in honor of Senator Bob Dole who served Kansas as both a member of the House of Representatives (1960-1969) and Senate (1969-1996). It is awarded to up to three Junior or Senior entries. To qualify, entries must focus on one of the following: the history of Congress as an institution, OR, the history of a piece of legislation, OR individual members or committees of the US House of Representatives or the US Senate, OR other branches/processes of the U.S. government, OR any topic that uses materials from the Dole Archives, which documents a diverse array of cultural, social, and political issues of the latter half of the 20th century, as well as the career of Senator Bob Dole.

Rank	Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
1	Senior Individual Exhibit	Communication Between POW's, Their Families, and Each other in Vietnam	Grace Johnson	Bishop Carroll High School	Chris Faires
2	Junior Individual Exhibit	Communication in the Women's Suffrage Movement leading up to the 19th Amendment	Riley McMillan	Topeka Collegiate School	Hayley Smith
3	Junior Group Documentary	The Evolution of the CIA: From None, to Number One	Ashley Lee Grace Everett	Mater Dei Catholic School	Andrea Hillebert

Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City Prize

This \$100 prize is sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, and is open to all entries. It is awarded to the best entry dealing with Kansas City-area history.

Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
Senior Group Documentary	Jackie Robinson: An American Hero	Ty Henry Jake Hilliard Gavin Wilhelm	Seaman High School	Nathan McAlister Susan Sittenauer

Kansas Council for History Education Award

This \$100 prize is sponsored by the Kansas Council for History Education is open to all entries. It is awarded to the best Junior and Senior entry that embodies the Kansas Council for History Education's mission of high quality, educationally rigorous historical work. Nominations must relate to local or state history and/or utilize local or state archival resources, not national, in the course of their research.

Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
Junior Individual Documentary	Lies of the Silver Screen	Ava Von Lintel	Washburn Rural Middle School	Lindsey Dowell Alice Bertels
Senior Group Documentary	The Tap Code	Braden Colley Jackson Stuewe	Seaman High School	Nathan McAlister Susan Sittenauer

Lowell Milken Center Unsung Heroes Awards

This \$100 award is award at the Kansas History Day State Contest to the best entry on an unsung hero. The Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes works with schools around the world to teach respect and understanding among all people, by developing projects about unsung heroes whose actions promote these values, regardless of race, religion and creed.

Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
Senior Group Website	K-Syndrome: The Disease That Saved	Jace Moore Taylor Tenpenny	Seaman High School	Nathan McAlister Susan Sittenauer

Tacha Freedom Award

The \$50 Tacha Freedom Award is sponsored by the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. It is open to all Senior entries, regardless of level or category. It is awarded to the entry that best exemplifies the ideals of shaping the frontier, the Missouri-Kansas Border War, or the enduring struggle for freedom within the heritage area.

Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
Junior Individual Exhibit	Communication in the Women's Suffrage Movement Leading Up to the 19 th Amendment	Riley McMillan	Topeka Collegiate School	Haley Smith

Gary Worthy Vietnam War Prize

This \$500 prize is awarded at the Kansas History Day State Contest to the best entry whose topic is related to the Vietnam War or its aftermath. It is open to all entries regardless of level or category. It is in honor of Vietnam veteran Gary Worthy from Atwood, Kansas. During the Vietnam War, Worthy was a 1st LT. Aeroscout Platoon Leader for the Air Calvary Troop of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in the U.S. Army. He was severely wounded in October of 1968 and was transported to Japan, ultimately ending up in the Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver where he recovered. This prize is provided through an anonymous donor and Sunflower Aero Inc.

Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
Senior Group Documentary	The Tap Code	Braden Colley, Jackson Stuewe	Seaman High School	Nathan McAlister Susan Sittenauer

2021 Kansas History Day Virtual State Contest Results

JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

1. Title: Feathered Friends: Birds of War
Students: Emmaly Hagemeister and Brady Inman
Teacher: Lisa Mechels
School: Dwight D Eisenhower Middle School
2. Title: Following Secret Codes to Freedom
Students: Bailey Busch and Lucy Martinie
Teacher: Kelly Carmody
School: Woodrow Wilson Elementary School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Morse Code: An Improvement
Students: Aubrey Murphy, Gabriel Wallace and Brian Weeks
Teacher: Amy Steadman
School: Derby North Middle School

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

1. Title: Braille: Communication for the Blind
Student: Delaney Davis
Teacher: Quin Showalter
School: Mill Creek Middle School
2. Title: Hello From the Children of Planet Earth: The Voyager Golden Records
Student: Carson Griffin
Teacher: Amy Steadman
School: Derby North Middle School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Big Daddy: The Art of Advocating
Student: Abby Poage
Teacher: Lindsey Dowell and Alice Bertels
School: Washburn Rural Middle School

SENIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

1. Title: The Restless First Lady: The Power of Eleanor Roosevelt's Words
Students: Ava Dugan and Hope Jackson
Teacher: Chris Faires
School: Bishop Carroll High School
2. Title: Communication and Civil Rights: How the Media Affected the Movement
Students: Emily Harter and Kendall Starcevich
Teacher: Jordan Boyd
School: Olathe West High School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Edmonia Lewis: The Groundbreaking Sculptress of the 19th Century
Students: Ellie Noble and Quinn Emert
Teacher: Seaman High School
School: Nathan McAlister and Susan Sittanauer

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

1. Title: Gojira Vs. Godzilla Lost in Translation or Censored Communication?
Student: Will Calovich
Teacher: Maureen Engen
School: Bishop Miege High School
2. Title: The Telegraph, Changing American Society
Student: Jaiden Green
Teacher: Jordan Boyd
School: Olathe West High School.
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Communication: The Track of the Underground Railroad
Student: Gianna Watts
Teacher: Chris Faires
School: Bishop Carroll High School

JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITE

1. Title: Mother of all Pandemics: Communication During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic
Students: Daniel Kasych and Nathan Poirier
Teacher: Angie Gumm
School: St Mary Parish Catholic School
2. Title: Nazi Propaganda
Students: Sonia Parmar and Claire Sullivan
Teacher: Taylor Bussinger
School: Prairie Trail Middle School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Communication in WWII
Students: Nicholas Paulus and Evan Young
Teacher: A.C. Poynter
School: Maize South Middle School

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

1. Title: Greensboro Sit-In: Communicating Racial Equality in America
Student: Michelle Pham
Teacher: Amy Steadman
School: Derby North Middle School
2. Title: Communication During the Cold War: A Look Into American Propaganda, Its Uses, and Its Effects
Student: Elizabeth Boline
Teacher: Amy Steadman
School: Derby North Middle School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Cracking the Uncrackable
Student: River McCoy
Teacher: Lindsey Dowell and Alice Bertels
School: Washburn Rural Middle School

SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: Julie Dash: Communicating Black Culture in American Film
Students: Liliana Christensen and Zora Lotton-Barker
Teacher: Valerie Schrag
School: Lawrence High School
2. Title: The Unbreakable Navajo Code Talkers: America's Unsung Heroes
Students: Emma Benefiel and Grace Rogers
Teacher: Chris Faires
School: Bishop Carroll High School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Richard Nixon's Visit to China
Students: Curtis Morrissey, Alexis Vu and Ryan Wurtz
Teacher: Ron Vinduska
School: Hayden High School

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: We Won't Move: Communicating Asian-American Resistance and the Fight for Affordable Housing
Student: Vy Nguyen
Teacher: Kendal Warkentine
School: Derby High School
2. Title: Information in Orbit: How Satellites Changed America
Student: Zeke Howey
Teacher: Chris Faires
School: Bishop Carroll High School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Love of a Movement: The Untold Story of Corita Kent
Student: Anna Brodine
Teacher: Nathan McAlister and Susan Sittenauer
School: Seaman High School

SENIOR HISTORICAL PAPER

1. Title: Subterfuge: How Juan Pujol Garcia Used Communication to Shape the Victory at D-Day
Student: Olivia Wessley
Teacher: Laurie McHenry
School: East High School
2. Title: Drawing the Point Across: Political Cartoons as Tools of Communication During the Nixon Era
Student: Emily Yan
Teacher: Jordan Boyd
School: Olathe West High School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: The Jungle: A Communication Catalyst, How a Novel Sparked a Chain of Communication That Led to a Safer Meat Supply
Student: Katrina Turner
Teacher: Kendal Warkentine
School: Derby High School

JUNIOR HISTORICAL PAPER

1. Title: Claude Shannon: The Father Digital Communication
Student: Advith Natarajan
Teacher: Lisa Bietau
School: Susan Be Anthony Middle School
2. Title: The Powerless Communicating for the Powerless: The Potential Power of Writing During Slavery
Student: Ellie McCracken
Teacher: Amy Steadman
School: Derby North Middle School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Anne Frank: Communication Through Her Diary
Student: Dharitri Betha
Teacher: Carla Johnston
School: Frank V. Bergman Elementary School

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

1. Title: Why Would They Kill Me for Something I Didn't Do?
Student: Jeremiah Moylan
Teacher: Jeffery Schuh
School: Seaman Middle School

JUNIOR GROUP PERFORMANCES

1. Title: I Shall Speak: Emma Goldman and Free Speech
Students: Audrey Appuhn and Campbell Hight
Teacher: Lindsey Dowell and Alice Bertels
School: Washburn Rural Middle School
2. Title: Hedy Lamarr: More Than Just a Pretty Face
Students: Emma Nord, Emily Payne, Miley Proplesch and Ella Shipley
Teacher: Jeffery Schuh
School: Seaman Middle School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Political Communication in Ancient Rome
Students: Sophia Byers and Jack Ludlum
Teacher: Jasmine Puderbaugh
School: Robinson Middle School, Topeka

JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: The Most Dangerous Jew in LA: Stopping Nazi Communication
Students: Anna McLaughlin and Danika Szopinski
Teacher: Jeffery Schuh
School: Seaman Middle School
2. Title: Radar and Sonar: Communicating a Change in War
Students: Tytus Beam and Kaelin Loy
Teacher: Jeffery Schuh
School: Seaman Middle School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: The Seneca Falls Impact on the Communication of Women's Rights to America
Students: Emily Bailey and Isabelle Rothen
Teacher: Taylor Bussinger
School: Prairie Trail Middle School

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: Weapons of Miscommunication: How Technology Glitches and Human Errors Brought Us to the Brink of Nuclear War
Student: Ruby Moore
Teacher: Tracy Callard
School: Robinson Middle School, Wichita

2. Title: The Berlin Conference and Its Impact on Diplomacy and Communication
Student: Grant Parcell
Teacher: Jennifer Sinsel
School: Robinson Middle School, Wichita

3. ALTERNATE
Title: Morse Code: Talking Through Telegraphs
Student: Lydia Kellogg
Teacher: Quin Showalter
School: Mill Creek Middle School

SENIOR GROUP WEBSITE

1. Title: K-Syndrome: The Disease That Saved
Students: Jace Moore and Taylor Tenpenny
Teachers: Nathan McAlister and Susan Sittenauer
School: Seaman High School

2. Title: Communications Through Carrier Pigeons in World War One
Students: Cole Peterson and Isaac Stenberg
Teacher: Don Blanchat
School: Baldwin High School

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

1. Title: Communicating the Destruction of Tulsa Race Riot of 1921
Student: Madyson Hardesty
Teachers: Nathan McAlister and Susan Sittenauer
School: Seaman High School
2. Title: Calling the Klan!
Student: Kevinh Nguyen
Teachers: Nathan McAlister and Susan Sittenauer
School: Seaman High School
3. ALTERNATE
Title: The Legendary Pony Express
Student: Ryan Addis
Teacher: Chris Faires
School: Bishop Carroll High School