

Nearly 100 Kennedy Junior High students qualified to participate in the Region 4 History Day competition at Youngstown State University on April 6th. The 2019 theme is *Triumph and Tragedy*. Kennedy had an exceptional showing, competing against schools from five counties. The Eagles qualified the most students to the state competition in a single year for the 3rd year in a row with 35 students advancing. Additionally, Kennedy will have more entries in the junior division at the state competition than any other school in the state of Ohio with a total of 20 projects advancing. The following students and their projects received accolades:

Mahoning Valley Historical Society- Best Local Projects (Junior Division)

Best Local Exhibit: Katie Ruggieri- "The Fight that Changed History: Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini"

Best Local Individual Exhibit: DJ Wasko- "The Rise and Fall of the Youngstown Steel Industry"

The following twenty projects have advanced to represent Kennedy, and our five-county region, at the Ohio State History Day competition to be held on April 27th at Ohio Wesleyan University:

Individual Website:

1st Place: Ella Parry- "Henrietta Lacks: The Story of Stolen Cells"

2nd Place: Isabella Shevetz- "Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Civil War: A Literary Triumph Leads to a Tragic War"

3rd Place: Patrick Valent- "Integration of Southern Schools: A Fight for the Future of Equal Education Opportunity"

Group Website:

1st Place: Jacob Conde and Matthew Powell- "Not So Slow Anymore: The Great Molasses Flood"

2nd Place: Mark Naddour, Sarosh Sheth, Ben Klaus, and Dylan Lewis- "The Great Purge: A Murder of Millions"

3rd Place: Summer Fetters and Veronica Fields- "Dorothea's Tragic Beginnings and Triumphant Ends"

Individual Historical Research Paper:

1st Place: Joey Varga- "Lepanto: One of the Greatest Naval Battles"

Individual Documentary:

2nd Place: Julia Toth- "The Buckeye Bullet: Jessie Owens"

Group Documentary:

3rd Place: Avery Petillo and Isabella Mauro- "Irena Sendler"

Individual Exhibit:

1st Place: Annalise Aulizia- "A Fleet Forged in the Wilderness: Oliver Hazard Perry, Battle of Lake Erie"

2nd Place: DJ Wasko- "The Rise and Fall of the Youngstown Steel Industry"

3rd Place: Katie Ruggieri- "The Fight that Changed History: Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini"

Honorable Mention: Isabella Soplata- "Atomic Bombs and Surrender of Japan"

Honorable Mention: David Smith- "Roaring to the Crash"

Group Exhibit:

1st Place: Ambrose Hosoi, Thomas Valent, Aidan Rossi, and Dante DiPaolo- "The Fire of Change: 1908 Lakeview Elementary"

2nd Place: Lisa Casey and Karla Constantine- "Fierce Fighting Females: Ohio Women on Civil War Battlefields"

3rd Place: Ava Schlosser and Bethany Moten- "He Saw Wrong and Tried to Right It: The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy"

Honorable Mention: Prescott Hua, Lee Birch, and Cedric Haynes- "Fighting the Odds: James J. Braddock"

Honorable Mention: Riley Curd and Jacqueline Morrison- "Deborah Sampson: A Life of Tragedies and Triumphs"

Honorable Mention: Sam Bolino, Sam Meola, Anthony Macali, and Robert Strickland- "Lucasville Prison 1993: The Riot that Changed Ohio History"

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