



# 2023 Sacramento History Day SPECIAL AWARDS REPORT



**Black History Award**  
Sojourner Truth Museum  
Project best incorporating the history of Black Americans especially in our region.

**23004** When the Negro Was in Vogue: The Frontier of the Harlem Renaissance

**Folsom Middle School**  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

**Students:**  
• [Arnav Penmetcha](#)

**Teachers:**  
[Tristine Lorains](#)

**31002** Katherine Dunham: Expanding the Frontiers of Dance

**Sacramento Country Day School**  
Private

**Students:**  
• [Ava Levermore](#)

**Teachers:**  
[Christopher Arns](#)



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## Chinese History Award

CHINESE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO

Project best incorporating the history of the Chinese, especially in our region

### 33005 Vincent Chin: How A Hate Crime Unified Asian American Activists Across the Nation

**Mira Loma High School**  
San Juan Unified School District

**Students:**  
• Emily Phan

**Teachers:**  
Audrey Cornelison

### 31102 The Moving Pictures of Us: Asian American Representation in Film

**Cosumnes Oaks High School**  
EGUSD

**Students:**  
• Valerie Ha  
• Jason Li  
• Andy Ng  
• Kaitlyn Muring

**Teachers:**  
Jordan Dietrich

### 23002 God-Worshipping Communists: The Frontier Against the Last Chinese Dynasty

**Winston Churchill Middle School**  
San Juan Unified School District

**Students:**  
• Noah Tsai

**Teachers:**  
Lyndsay Lewis, Joshua Buhs



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## East Lawn Memorial Park Award

### EAST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK

Based on a burial at East Lawn, History of Burial Practices, Cemetery Based

#### 16101 Levi Strauss: The Man, The Idea and The Company

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Teachers:  
Jennifer Foster

Students:  
• Edward Sharp  
• Vedansh Shetty  
• Samay Patel

#### 31001 The Autopsy That Changed The World

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Christopher Arns

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• Ashly Omalu



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## SACRAMENTO PIONEER ASSOCIATION AWARD SACRAMENTO PIONEER ASSOCIATION Highlights the early history of the Sacramento Region

### 10011 Angel Island Immigration Station: Immigrant Gateway to America

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova USD

**Students:**  
• Chloe Chen

**Teachers:**  
Maggie Itkoff

### 10118 The Transcontinental Railroad

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

**Students:**  
• Sahana Rao  
• Nashmia Niosha Rahman  
• Aarnika Rajesh

**Teachers:**  
Jennifer Foster

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Folsom Cordova Unified School District

**Students:**  
• Edward Sharp  
• Vedansh Shetty  
• Samay Patel

**Teachers:**  
Jennifer Foster

### 22002 The Rise of Sacramento

Sutter Middle School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

**Students:**  
• Claire Hermione Castro

**Teachers:**  
Carrie Jackson



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## **Sacramento History Alliance Award** SACRAMENTO HISTORY ALLIANCE

Subject of Sacramento History, special attention given to projects using primary sources from the Center for Sacramento History.

16101

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Jennifer Foster

Students:  
• Edward Sharp  
• Vedansh Shetty  
• Samay Patel



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**Sheffield Lawson Award**  
**MELISSA AND MICHAEL LAWSON**  
Highlights engineering, geology or environmental science

**22002**

## The Rise of Sacramento

**Sutter Middle School**  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

**Teachers:**  
Carrie Jackson

**Students:**  
• Claire Hermione Castro



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## **Women's History Award** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY Incorporates the history of a woman or women

**33001**

**Madame Chien-Shiung Wu: The “First Lady of Physics” Who Revolutionized Modern Science**

**Vista del Lago High School**  
**Folsom Cordova Unified School District**

**Students:**  
• [Jovia Low](#)

**Teachers:**  
[Kelly Baquero](#)



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## SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AWARD

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Outstanding effort, special attention given to projects related to government

#### 21001 Automobiles: The Devices that Changed History

Winston Churchill Middle School  
San Juan Unified School District

Students:  
• Medha Kotti

Teachers:  
Lyndsay Lewis, Joshua Buhs

#### 16001 Frontiers in History: The Wright Brothers - Pioneers in Aviation

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Students:  
• Arjun Anantaraman

Teachers:  
Jennifer Foster

#### 33001 Madame Chien-Shiung Wu: The “First Lady of Physics” Who Revolutionized Modern Science

Vista del Lago High School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Students:  
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Teachers:  
Kelly Baquero





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## CIVIL WAR HISTORY AWARD

DICK SPRAGUE

A project involving the Civil War or American History

33002

### Frontiers in History: The Indian War of Independence, 1857

Vista del Lago High School

Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Teachers:

Kelly Baquero

Students:

• Alekhya Nallagangu



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## AMERICAN 250 SAR AWARD SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, NATNL. SOCIETY History centered around the American Revolution

### 16102 The Battles of Lexington and Concord

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Teachers:  
Jennifer Foster

Students:  
• Varun Kasturi  
• Siddanth Saigiya



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## SSVMS MEDICAL HISTORY AWARD SSVMS MEDICAL HISTORY MUSEUM History of Medicine

### 31103 Vivien Thomas : How Black, White, and Blue initiated a New Era of Cardiac Surgery and Established African Americans in Medicine

Rio Americano High School  
San Juan Unified School District

Teachers:  
Kaser Winn

Students:  
• Kaser Winn  
• Naya Winn

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Christopher Arns

Students:  
• Ashly Omalu



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## Lest We Forget Award Imelda Russell

### 22005 The Russian Revolutions of 1917: The Socialist Frontier

**Folsom Middle School**  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

**Students:**  
• Jun Den Seng

**Teachers:**  
Tristine Lorains

### 21102 The Navajo Code Talkers: Frontier in Communication

**Winston Churchill Middle School**  
San Juan Unified School District

**Students:**  
• Colin Khasigian  
• Declan McGrath

**Teachers:**  
Lyndsay Lewis, Joshua Buhs

### 32103 The Threat of Alien and Sedition Acts on Society

**Monterey Trail High School**  
Elk Grove Unified

**Students:**  
• Anatolia Battiste  
• Fatima Siddique

**Teachers:**  
Mary Poe

### 23004 When the Negro Was in Vogue: The Frontier of the Harlem Renaissance

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## Local History Award Bill George Best Project Highlighting Local History

### 10113 The Lewis and Clark Expedition

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Teachers:  
Jennifer Foster

Students:  
• Atharva Purohit  
• Akshay Rajesh

### 10012 The Pony Express

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova USD

Teachers:  
Maggie Itkoff

Students:  
• Ashmi Gupta

### 22002 The Rise of Sacramento

Sutter Middle School  
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

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Carrie Jackson

Students:  
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## Medical History Award

Dr. Bob

### 10129 Marie Curie

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova USD

Teachers:  
Maggie Itkoff

Students:  
• Aradhya Shukla  
• Ananya Singh

### 35003 The Development of Stem Cells: From Then to Now and Later

Sacramento Country Day School  
Private

Teachers:  
Christopher Arns

Students:  
• Rebecca Lin

### 10125 Dr. Nettie Maria Stevens - The Discoverer of Sex Chromosomes

Theodore Judah Elementary School  
Folsom Cordova USD

Teachers:  
Maggie Itkoff

Students:  
• Aiendri Guha  
• Aanya Padmanabhuni