



# 2024 NHD-CA CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

## Individual Documentary

### Junior

**Champion**

**Beyond the Scalpel: Laparoscopic Surgery and Its Revolutionary Impact on Modern Medicine**

**Mahima Wuppalapati**

**Orange County  
Beacon Park K-8 School**

Teachers: Christina Ralston

**Champion**

**The Game Changer: Marvin Miller | Turning Point in Labor-Management Relations**

**Vincent Tang**

**Riverside County  
El Cerrito Middle School**

Teachers: Steven Case

**Runner-up**

**Bloomers & Bicycles**

**Tallulah Turner**

**Santa Clara County  
Castilleja School**

Teachers: Heather Pang

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Dam It: A Turning Point of Destruction**

**Diego Stengl**

**Humboldt County  
Independent Study**

Teachers:



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### Group Documentary

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**Harvesting the Future: The revolution that saved millions of lives**

**Charles Xu, Grant Gillison**

**Los Angeles County  
High Point Academy**

Teachers: Gintaras Valiulis

**Champion**

**Rising from the Ashes: The Cuyahoga River, a Turning Point in American Environmental Policy**

**Poiema Bernier, Lucas Menendez**

**Orange County  
Acaciawood Preparatory Academy**

Teachers: Karen Kayekjian, Noemi Quinones

**Runner-up**

**Marshall Plan: Turning Point in the History of American Foreign Policy**

**Ronnie Bose, Ansh Patel, Sanjay Ravikumar**

**Kern County  
Earl Warren Junior High School**

Teachers: Courtney Gillson

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Turmoil to Trade: The Turning Point Between China and the U.S.**

**Lindsay Gott, Aden Zaidi**

**Los Angeles County  
High Point Academy**

Teachers: Gintaras Valiulis



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## Individual Exhibit

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**" When the Computer Wore a Skirt": Christine Darden**

**Yesha Gupta**

**Orange County  
Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

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**Champion**

**East L.A. Walkouts: Launching a Movement**

**Henry Wiechmann**

**Orange County  
Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

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**Runner-up**

**The Emancipation Proclamation: A Turning Point in America**

**Daisy Negrón**

**Los Angeles County  
Sierra Madre Middle School**

Teachers: Lisabet Nepf

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**Honorable  
Mention**

**The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: A Turning Point for Workers' Rights**

**Maya Bornstein**

**Los Angeles County  
Sierra Madre Middle School**

Teachers: Lisabet Nepf

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**“To the hip hip hop-a you don’t stop.” Turning the Tables on Music History**

**Emily Huang, Megan Phan, Hilary Hung**

**Los Angeles County**

Teachers: Chuck Diep

**Roger W. Temple Intermediate School**

##### Champion

**Newlands Resolution: The Road to American Imperialism; A Political, Economic, and Cultural Turning Point**

**Haidar Alkhafaf, Michael Wang**

**Orange County**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

**Sierra Vista Middle School**

##### Runner-up

**The Manhattan Project: The Bomb that Changed the World**

**Orion Baroi, Noah Doney, Christian Eusebio, Jayden Quintana**

**Riverside County**

Teachers: Laurel Lowell

**Vista Verde Middle School**

##### Honorable Mention

**The Social Security Act: A Turning Point in the Economy and the Government's Relationship with Individuals**

**Kaelyn Dow, Karissa Luo, Stella Popova, Elena Zhu**

**San Diego County**

Teachers: Jordan Einbinder, Diana Kwon

**Solana Ranch Elementary**



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## Historical Paper

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**The Irvine Ranch Master Plans and the Birth of a Better City**

Jay Bruce

Orange County  
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Jonathan Millers

**Champion**

**Women, Where They Belong: Title IX as a Turning Point for Girls and Women in American Sports and Society**

Augusta Chen

Santa Clara County  
The Harker School

Teachers: Ramsay Westgate

**Runner-up**

**“The iron rod that has beaten us down is broken...” The Haitian Revolution and the Struggle for Freedom**

Joaquín Joseph

Riverside County  
Riverside STEM Academy

Teachers: Amanda Zonker

**Honorable  
Mention**

**MacArthur’s Daring Gamble: How Operation Chromite Saved South Korea and Shaped the Cold War**

Kate Yi

Riverside County  
El Cerrito Middle School

Teachers: Steven Case



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## Individual Performance

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#### Champion

**Florence Nightingale: The Woman Who Turned Nursing Toward the Point of Perfection**

**Bridget Caverly**

**Riverside County**  
**El Cerrito Middle School**

Teachers: Steven Case

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#### Champion

**MacArthur's Bold Gambit: How Operation Chromite Became a Pivotal Turning Point in the Korean War and Shaped NATO's Inception**

**Audrey Kim**

**Orange County**  
**Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

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#### Runner-up

**Pesticide Free, Finally**

**Dina Bakir**

**Riverside County**  
**Garretson Elementary School**

Teachers: Amy Jensen

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#### Honorable Mention

**X-rays: X-posing the Invisible**

**Akshita Saravana**

**Riverside County**  
**Lincoln Fundamental Elementary School**

Teachers: Lynne Toyofuku-Aki

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### Group Performance

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##### Champion

**Institut National de Juenes Sourds de Paris: Giving Voice to the Voiceless**

**Gia Bui, Cristal Caro, Viv Vazquez, Giselle Padilla**

**San Bernardino County**  
**Ray Wiltsey Middle School**

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Vanessa Roman

##### Champion

**The Scopes Monkey Trial: Turning Point for Voices, Values, and Public Opinion**

**Serina Cabrera, Xavier Carrillo, Kimiko Kitayama, Julio Zelaya**

**Riverside County**  
**Vista Heights Middle School**

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez

##### Runner-up

**Hull House: A New Method of Justice**

**Michelle Chavez, Trinity Suto, Paola Guido, Kaylynn White, Marissa Soto**

**San Bernardino County**  
**Ray Wiltsey Middle School**

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Vanessa Roman

##### Honorable Mention

**The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire**

**Saina Mestry, Kashvi Vishnoi**

**Alameda County**  
**William Mendenhall Middle School**

Teachers: Robbie See, Denise Saylor



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### Individual Podcast

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### The Feudal Plague and the Free Market Cure

Adam Jaimovich

San Diego County  
The Rhoades School

Teachers: Julie Watts

##### Champion

### Conquering Polio, the Disease that Immobilized America

Prajna Valipireddy

San Diego County  
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean

##### Runner-up

### The History of Radio

Ryan Harrington

Alameda County  
William Mendenhall Middle School

Teachers: Robbie See, Denise Saylor

##### Honorable Mention

### Lincoln Steffens: The Shame of the Cities

Sarah Henderson

Alameda County  
William Mendenhall Middle School

Teachers: Robbie See, Denise Saylor





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### Group Podcast

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**A New Era of Safety: The 1938 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and Its Impact on Consumer Protection**

Lilyana Covington, Elijah Holm

**Riverside County**  
Vista Heights Middle School

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez, Lori Georg

**Champion**

**The Wound and Scar of Divide: Understanding the Partition Between India and Pakistan and its Lasting Effects on History**

Yash Santosh, Shreya Pandey

**Orange County**  
South Lake Middle School

Teachers: Tim Leavey

**Runner-up**

**From Denial to Recognition: Analyzing Multiple Perspectives on the Armenian Genocide**

Isabella Allen, Mikayla Deal

**San Diego County**  
The Rhoades School

Teachers: Julie Watts

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Furman v. Georgia: The Case that Saved Lives**

Harper Finn, Kylie Dang, Sarah Zhou

**Santa Clara County**  
Castilleja School

Teachers: Victoria Perez



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**Harvesting Change: How the Oxnard Strike of 1903 Transformed the Labor Force**

**Meghana Wuppalapati**

**Orange County  
Beacon Park K-8 School**

Teachers: Christina Ralston

#### Champion

**The First Opium War: A Turning Point in Chinese History That Opened China to Western Powers**

**Ellsa Ye**

**Orange County  
Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

#### Runner-up

**The Rise and Fall of Lobotomy: A Turning Point in Psychiatry**

**Kayla Nguyen**

**Riverside County  
Prado View Elementary School**

Teachers: Doreen Alt

#### Honorable Mention

**Second Battle of Ypres Belgium: The Point of No Return**

**Elijah Dominador**

**San Bernardino County  
Ray Wiltsey Middle School**

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Vanessa Roman



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## Group Website

### Junior

#### Champion

**A Turning Point to Co-existence: How Silent Spring Led to the Reevaluation of Humanity's Relationship with the Environment**

**Shawn Castrapel, Saanvi Chaparala, Sanay Chaparala, Daniel Cheng, Crystal Zhou**

**Orange County**  
**Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

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#### Champion

**A Turning Point in Immigration: How the Transcontinental Railroad Affected the Chinese**

**Shreya Hegde, Christine Jeon**

**Orange County**  
**Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

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#### Runner-up

**Plastics Wonder to Blunder: The Global Turning Point That Remolded Society**

**Gavin Fong, Anderson Ng**

**Los Angeles County**  
**High Point Academy**

Teachers: Gintaras Valiulis

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#### Honorable Mention

**The Beatles Impact on Technology, Pop Culture, and the World of Music**

**Madison Davis, Aileen Rutkosky**

**Fresno County**  
**Kastner Intermediate School**

Teachers: Gera Bahr, Laura Schultz

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