



# 2024 NHD-CA CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

## Historical Paper

Senior

**Champion**

**How Rachel Carson's Silent Spring Represents an Environmental Turning Point**

**Katelyn Gan**

**Orange County  
Sage Hill School**

Teachers: Frank Gonzales

**Champion**

**The Golden Age of Buddhism: How Imperial Patronage in the Early Tang Dynasty Fueled Buddhism's Ascendancy in China**

**Aaron Widjaja**

**San Mateo County  
Menlo School**

Teachers: Franco Cruz-Ochoa

**Runner-up**

**Turning Point for Life on Earth: ExxonMobil's Decision to Launch a Disinformation Campaign**

**René Miramontes**

**San Bernardino County  
Upland High School**

Teachers: Chris Hauk

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Black Service During the Korean War: A Turning Point In the Civil Rights Movement**

**Ishaan Kendale**

**Santa Clara County  
Khan Lab School**

Teachers: Alexandra Adler



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### Individual Documentary

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**Turning Points in History: Frances Kelsey and the Thalidomide Scandal**

Harmony Yan-Li

Orange County  
Irvine High School

Teachers: Jennifer Harrington

**Champion**

**Christine Jorgensen: A Forgotten Turning Point in Transgender History**

Felix Potter

Riverside County  
Martin Luther King High School

Teachers: Kevin LeDuc

**Runner-up**

**Harvesting Hope: Norman Borlaug's Battle Against the Population Monster**

Julia Karsner

Santa Clara County  
Castilleja School

Teachers: Christy Story

**Honorable  
Mention**

**In A Heartbeat: The Rogue Invention of Cardiac Catheterization That Revolutionized Medicine**

Lauren Ho

Riverside County  
Centennial High School

Teachers: Michael Nugent



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### Group Documentary

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**Nourishing The Youth of America: The Black Panther Party's Free Breakfast Program**

**Will Norwood, Kayla Nguyen, Aarushi Sharma**

**Santa Clara County  
Saratoga High School**

Teachers: Faith Stackhouse Daly, Toby Remmers

**Champion**

**Forging a Superpower: How the Truman Doctrine Defined a Legacy**

**Selah El Issa, Jimena Romero**

**Fresno County  
Sanger High School**

Teachers: Austin Rurik

**Runner-up**

**Not Just an Incident: How the Lemon Grove Incident Challenged School Segregation.**

**Sarah Gao, William Gao**

**San Diego County  
Canyon Crest Academy**

Teachers: Nicole Baker

**Honorable  
Mention**

**America's Dissonant Harmonies**

**David Lara, Kaela Longboy, Andre Ruiz, Hudson Mirsky, William Schnider**

**Los Angeles County  
Van Nuys High School**

Teachers: Aditi Doshi



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### Individual Exhibit

#### Senior

##### Champion

**“The Very Bulwark of our Republic”: The Common School Movement as a Turning Point in American History**

**Felix Chen**

**Santa Clara County**  
The Harker School

Teachers: Byron Stevens

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##### Champion

**Theodore Judah and the Transcontinental Railroad: A Turning Point in Transportation**

**Jocelyn Hanson**

**Fresno County**  
Clovis West High School

Teachers: Andy McElroy, Gabe Calderon

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##### Runner-up

**From Ground Zero to Global Impact: The Unveiling of Nuclear Weapons and Their Human Toll**

**Gabe Madrigal**

**San Bernardino County**  
Summit High School

Teachers: Alexandra Becker, Leslie Madrigal

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##### Honorable Mention

**The Original 9: Taking a Shot into Gender Equality**

**Sanya Prasad**

**San Diego County**  
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Joseph Kurz

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**Nauseating a Nation: How the Jungle Turned the Stomach of America Into Legislation**

**Emily Yi, Samantha Bailey**

**Orange County**  
**Orange County School of the Arts**

Teachers: Lana Sawalha

**Champion**

**Echos of Ethics: Dorothea Dix's Journey to Revolutionize Mental Healthcare**

**Sunny Cao, Arthur Wang, Kathy Wang**

**Santa Clara County**  
**Saratoga High School**

Teachers: Faith Stackhouse Daly

**Runner-up**

**Destroyer and Teacher: Redefining Disease Control Amidst the Spanish Influenza**

**Angel Garay, Nayleen Pulver**

**San Bernardino County**  
**Summit High School**

Teachers: Alexandra Becker, Leslie Madrigal

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Deinstitutionalization: How California led a Turning Point in Mental Health History**

**Carlos Gutierrez, Priti Garcia**

**San Bernardino County**  
**Oak Hills High School**

Teachers: Jeni Boulanger



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### Individual Performance

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**Shot by the Taliban: Malala Yousafzai's Turning Point for Education Activism**

**Surabhi Khanna**

**Fresno County**  
**Clovis North High School**

Teachers: Sally Howe

##### Champion

**Satyagraha: King's Embrace of Nonviolence Becomes a Turning Point in the Civil Rights Struggle**

**Supriti Bhopale**

**San Mateo County**  
**Carlmont High School**

Teachers: Greg Schoenstein

##### Runner-up

**Atomic Anxiety and Urban Exodus: How Fear of the Atom Bomb Sparked Suburban Sprawl**

**Arya Bosworth**

**San Diego County**  
**Poway High School**

Teachers: Jessica Schemmel, Tom Bosworth

##### Honorable Mention

**Lee Han Yeol and the June Democratic Struggle: A Turning Point in South Korea's Democratization.**

**Susan Kim**

**Orange County**  
**Northwood High School**

Teachers: Deanna Myers



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### Group Performance

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**Abortion: A Turning Point Consequence Far Greater than the Slaughter of the Innocents**

**Matthew Pitcher, Cate Chielpegian, Violet Mack, Mason Pitcher, Kyle Mrkaich**

**Fresno County**  
Edison High School

Teachers: Gary Mrkaich

##### Champion

**Jacob Riis: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words**

**Dzifa Ackuayi, Saloni Bansal, Harman Chahal, Eve Youkana**

**Stanislaus County**  
Modesto High

Teachers: David Tanaka

##### Runner-up

**The Sputnik Scare: A Turning Point for American Technological Capabilities**

**Hector Vash-Muñoz, Caitlin Stoiber, Lydia Li, Neha Natu, Grace Mischou**

**Santa Clara County**  
Saratoga High School

Teachers: Faith Stackhouse Daly, Toby Remmers

##### Honorable Mention

**The Stock Market Crash: A Turning Point in Financial Oversight.**

**Vivian Freire, Chloe Sanchez-Boo, Sienna Wesolowski**

**Riverside County**  
Martin Luther King High School

Teachers: Kevin LeDuc



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### Individual Podcast

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**Champion**

**Currents of Connectivity: Transistors and the Technological Turning Tide**

Leanna Lo

Orange County  
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers

**Champion**

**Title IX: A Turning Point for Gender Equality in Education and Beyond**

Julianne Wu

Orange County  
Orange County School of the Arts

Teachers: Lana Sawalha

**Runner-up**

**Turning the Tide: The Indigenous Occupation of Alcatraz Island**

Kyle Velasco

Santa Clara County  
Saint Francis High School

Teachers: Lauren Velasco

**Honorable  
Mention**

**The 13th Amendment: The Turning Point Substitution of the African Americans' Chains for the Walls of the Penitentiary**

Amoni Allen

Fresno County  
Edison High School

Teachers: Gary Mrkaich





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### Group Podcast

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**Breaking Barriers in Athletics: The Impact of Title IX on Women's Sports**

Jennavieve Covington, Noah Holm

Riverside County  
Moreno Valley High School

Teachers: Elliot Stone

**Champion**

**Pacific Convergence: Commodore Perry's Expedition and the Unveiling of Global Dynamics**

Kaiwen Zhao, Eric Zhang

Orange County  
University High School

Teachers: Jane Koch, Connor McBride

**Runner-up**

**That's rad, yo: Guglielmo Marconi and the Rise of Mass Media**

Suzuko Ohshima, Jerry Yang, Danny Kim

Los Angeles County  
North Hollywood High School

Teachers: Catherine Underwood

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Oil, Monopoly, and the Birth of Antitrust Laws**

Joshua Wu, Ken Yu

Los Angeles County  
Diamond Bar High School

Teachers: Jared Wu



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## Individual Website

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**Champion**

**Citizenship by Birth - United States v. Wong Kim Ark**

**Ariel Liu**

**Contra Costa County  
Dougherty Valley High School**

Teachers: Andrew Wengel

**Champion**

**More Than a Mental Illness: Leo Kanner's Turning Perspective on Infantile Autism**

**Anna Cho**

**Orange County  
Northwood High School**

Teachers: Deanna Myers

**Runner-up**

**We Hold the Rock: A Turning Point for Native American Activism**

**Madeline Lee**

**San Mateo County  
Woodside High School**

Teachers: Ramie Macioce

**Honorable  
Mention**

**The Arpanet: Internet's Big Brother**

**Baron Kim**

**Los Angeles County  
Van Nuys High School**

Teachers: Aditi Doshi



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### Senior

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**The '33 Act: Revolutionizing Securities Regulation in Financial Markets**

Ishaan Gupta, Dev Raturi

**Riverside County**  
Centennial High School

Teachers: Michael Nugent, Macie Walker,  
Macie Walker

#### Champion

**The Pentagon Papers: A Turning Point in Public Perception & Press**

Adviti Aleti, Stuthi Kandula

**Contra Costa County**  
Dougherty Valley High School

Teachers: Andrew Wengel

#### Runner-up

**The Dred Scott Decision: One Man's Fate and a Nation's Future**

Lev Newhall, Oliver Teague

**Los Angeles County**  
North Hollywood High School

Teachers: John McCollaum

#### Honorable Mention

**The Influence of the Mind: How Edward Bernays Used the Inner Workings of Psychology to Shape the World of Public Relations**

Saerin Hwang, Erin Hwang

**Orange County**  
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers