



## **SPECIAL AWARDS 2025**

### **California Foundation for History Education AAPI History Prize**

California Experience Documentary Prize Prize recognizes a junior and senior division documentary for excellence in documentary filmmaking related to California history. Documentaries that illustrate California's rich history through a variety of source materials, interviews, and film footage will receive special consideration.

**22140 Manting Wang, Christy Lieu, Katharine Wu, Vivi Zhong**

**Denied Rights, Embraced Responsibility: The  
Displacement and Rebuilding of LA's Chinatown**

**Los Angeles**

**Temple (Roger W.) Intermediate**



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**22037 Alekha Goldberg**

**Returning Blue Lake: The Confluence of Rights,  
Responsibilities & Social Justice**

**Kern**

**Peak to Peak Mountain Charter**



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Friends of NHD-CA

## Bessie Reed McDonald Award for Women's History

26014 **Prajna Valipreddy**

Ruby Bridges' Courageous Walk to School: A Child's Right and a Nation's Responsibility

**San Diego**

**Francis Parker**



## SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

### California Foundation for History Education **BIPOC Women in History Prize**

The Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Women in History Prize will be awarded to an outstanding entry on a woman of color in history. Topics may range from advocacy to political action for women's rights and representation, health care, education, voting reform and more. The sponsor encourages students to examine the role of women of color as leaders, organizers, community members and more through the juxtaposition of traditional and non-traditional historical narratives, such as an absent narrative.

**21116 Jahaan Jivani, Aaditya Shah, Kabir Ranavat**

**Mendez v. Westminster: A Fight for All**

**Alameda**

**Thornton Middle**



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## Bushong Family **Bushong Award for Social Justice Legacy**

The Bushong Award for Social Justice Legacy honors a junior and senior documentary that effectively uses primary sources to highlight people and events that have led to societal changes or social justice in American history within the time period of 1940-1980.

**21131 Seojun Baek, Anish Pashikanti, William Lin**

**How Cartoons Shaped the Narrative: Thomas Nast's Fight for Rights and Responsibilities**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle**

**21107 Pax Hamilton-Dodson, Lucas Unger-Ramirez**

**Yuri Kochiyama: Champion of Justice for Interned Japanese Americans**

**Merced**

**Herbert Hoover Middle**



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**The Right to Stay: Doss v Bernal Dismantling Housing Segregation**

**Orange**

**Acaciawood Preparatory Academy**



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**31024 Gregory Rubio**

**California Proposition 6; The Right to Love, and the Responsibility to Vote**

**Sacramento**

**Cordova High**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

## California Office of Historic Preservation and California Historical Society **California Historic Places**

The California Historic Places Award honors two projects that focus on a specific site.

**25109 Shawn Castrapel, Max Castrapel**

**Rights and Responsibilities: The Hetch Hetchy Dam and Its Environmental Impact**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle**





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**31039 Ashley Wang**

**Separate and Unequal: How African Americans Were Chased Out of the Neighborhood and the Classroom**

**Marin**

**The Branson School**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

## Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group **California History Prize**

Awarded to an outstanding elementary entry that illuminates the history of California.

10006 **Andrew Collier**

**The Antiquities Act**

**San Bernardino**

**Magnolia Elementary**



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**Los Angeles**

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## Special Friends of NHD Performance **Catalina Pacheco Memorial Award**

The Catalina Pacheco Memorial Award is awarded to a winning junior division group performance that demonstrates strong historical inquiry and analysis.

**24114 Julie Montiel, Viviann Rodriguez, Isaac Enriquez Cervantes,  
Allison Gonzalez, Vanessa Beltran**

**Tinker vs Des Moines: How the Ants Marched Towards  
Freedom of Speech**

**San Bernardino**

**Ray Wiltsey Middle**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

Whitney Olson Educational Consulting  
**David Lee Memorial Historian Award**

The David Lee Memorial Historian Award is awarded to an entry that has special emphasis on historical memory and historiography.

**32137 Augusta Chen, Felix Chen**

**“Should I Sacrifice to Live Half American?”: The Double V Campaign and the African-American Struggle for Rights through Responsibility during World War II**

**Santa Clara**

**Harker School, The**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

Lawson Family

## Dr. Larry W. Sheffield Young Historian's Award

The Dr. Larry W. Sheffield Young Historian's Award honors an entry on a local or California individual who impact was historically compelling with special consideration given to a project's use of primary sources.

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Friends of NHD-CA

## Elizabeth Avery Waring Award for Social Justice

The Elizabeth Avery Waring Award for Social Justice honors a junior division entry that focuses on social justice topics.

26002 **Helen Lu**

**The Silent Scream: Emmett Till's Death and the  
Awakening of Civil Rights Responsibilities**

**Orange**

**Orange County School of the Arts**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

## Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group **Environmental History Prize**

The Environmental History Award honors an outstanding junior or senior division entry that demonstrates outstanding study and discussion of the history of destruction or conservation of the natural environment. The historic events may be biological, geological, archeological or others that may be shown to be important. Events may be long-term or catastrophic.

**10005 Anoushka Mukherjee**

**Hugging Trees, Saving Lives: How the Chipko Movement Redefined Rights and Responsibilities**

**Santa Clara**

**Khan Lab School**





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## Friend of California History Day **Environmental Justice in History**

The European History Prize honors an outstanding entry that focuses on a European topic with an excellent connection to the annual theme.

**25014 Penelope Pan**

**The Right to the Coast: The California Coastal Commission and the State's Environmental Responsibilities**

**Orange**

**Rancho San Joaquin Middle**



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## California Foundation for History Education **Equality in History Prize**

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**Santa Clara**

**Harker School, The**



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## Friend of California History Day **European History**

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**25019 Milani Doshi**

**One Flame Can Spark a Fire: The Match Girls' Strike of 1888**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle**



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## California Foundation for History Education **Global Studies Prize**

Global Studies Student entries should examine how the year's theme relates to the history of an area outside the United States.

**33011 Ryka Chopra**

**Daughters of the Pyre: Sati Abolition – Rights, Responsibilities, and a Reluctant Reform in Colonial India**

**Alameda**

**Mission San Jose High**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

## California Foundation for History Education Immigration in History Prize

The Immigration in History Prize recognizes projects that focus on the history of immigration. Students are encouraged to consider topics that are focused on the labor migrants who came to the U.S. between 1880 and 1930s, on the displaced persons who arrived in the U.S. after World War II, and on the refugees resettled in the U.S. after 1975.

**35133 Rachel Kwak, Ikksha Das, Matthew Hyun**

**Shadows of Belonging: Chinese Immigrants and the Struggle for Inclusion**

**Los Angeles**

**Van Nuys Senior High**



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## Friend of California History Day **Individual in History**

The Individual in History Prize honors an entry that gives special analysis to the contribution of one individual to a topic. Special consideration given to entries that focus on the significance of the leadership of an individual.

**21131 Seojun Baek, Anish Pashikanti, William Lin**

**How Cartoons Shaped the Narrative: Thomas Nast's Fight for Rights and Responsibilities**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle**



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## Japanese American National Museum Japanese American National Museum Award

31008 **Kayla Ling**

The Most Loyal "Traitors:" How the Nisei Soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion & 442nd RCT Fought to Protect America and to Free Their Families at Home

**San Mateo**

**The Nueva School**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

## California Foundation for History Education **Labor History Prize**

The Labor History Prizes recognize projects that focus on the history of organized labor, including advocacy for change in working conditions or the rights of workers. The sponsor of this prize encourages students to examine labor history through a local lens and to research and explore topics in California Labor History.

**26103 Elijah Holm, Lilyana Covington**

**From Silence to Solidarity: The Rights and Responsibilities That Shaped Teachers' Unions**

**Riverside**

**Vista Heights Middle**





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**31117 Jongmin Chae, Luna Moon**

**Black and White and Red All Over: The Rights and Responsibilities of SAG-AFTRA**

**Orange**

**Portola High**

**31010 Ryan Amiri Kashani**

**Through the Vineyards of Injustice**

**Fresno**

**Clovis North High**

**35110 Vishnu Satyanarayana, Smayna Kasibhotla, Aarav Vignesh,  
Nikhil Mantramurti**

**Undermined Miners: The Battle of Blair Mountain and How It Catalyzed Federal Responsibilities and Labor Rights**

**Contra Costa**

**Dougherty Valley High**



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## One Archives Foundation **LGBTQ+ History Award**

The LGBTQIA+ Rights in History Prize honors historical scholarship focused on the history of the LGBTQIA+ community. The sponsors encourage students to examine the role of the LGBTQIA+ as leaders, organizers, community members and more through the juxtaposition of traditional and non-traditional historical narratives, such as an absent narrative. Absent narratives are stories and experiences in history that are marginalized and excluded from mainstream history. Entries that challenge mainstream history and look to place the LGBTQIA+ community in history through critical research and analysis will be considered for this prize.

### **31024 Gregory Rubio**

**California Proposition 6; The Right to Love, and the  
Responsibility to Vote**

**Sacramento**

**Cordova High**



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National Maritime Historical Society

## National Maritime Historical Society Award - First Place

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21126 Sanay Mahajan, Sanvi Mahajan, Aayush Mathukia

From Rights to Responsibilities: The Cuyahoga River Transformation

**Kern**

Ronald Reagan Elementary



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35027 **Fangyuan Cao**

No Prey, No Pay, No Tyranny: Pirate Democracy During the Golden Age of Piracy

**Contra Costa**

Home School\_Cao



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National Maritime Historical Society  
**National Maritime Historical Society Award - Runner up**  
Prize for entry with maritime history emphasis.

22011 **Mauli Singhai**

**From Disaster to Desegregation: The Port Chicago Mutiny**

**Sacramento**

**Winston Churchill Middle**



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National Maritime Historical Society

## National Maritime Historical Society Award - Runner up

Prize for entry with maritime history emphasis.

36003 **Jazae-Zehra Rizvi**

When Rivers Burn: The River That Sparked a National Movement for the Right to Clean Water and Environmental Responsibility

**Riverside**

**Canyon Springs High**



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## Naval Order of the United States San Francisco Commandery **Naval/Maritime History**

Award for Outstanding National History Day Project in Maritime or Naval History

16009 **Holden Audette**

The Fight for Human Rights of Vietnamese Boat People  
and the Responsibilities that Came with It

**San Diego**

**Francis Parker**



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## Annie Olson & Rhys Daily **Queering the Narrative**

31024 **Gregory Rubio**

California Proposition 6; The Right to Love, and the  
Responsibility to Vote

**Sacramento**

**Cordova High**



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## Friend of California History Day **Science and Technology in History**

25102 **Christine Jeon, Joseph Featherstone**

**The Thalidomide Tragedy: Rights of Consumers'  
Healthcare and Responsibilities of the Manufacturer**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

## California Council for Social Studies **Social Justice and Diversity**

10007 **Theo Cline**

**The Native American Occupation of Alcatraz 1969-1971**

**Humboldt**

**Jacoby Creek**



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## California Council for Social Studies **Social Justice and Diversity**

22007 **Emily Palmer**

Who Owns the Amazon?: Tribal Rights vs. Government  
Land Management Responsibilities

**San Diego**

**Francis Parker**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2025

## California Council for Social Studies **Social Justice and Diversity**

The Social Justice and Diversity Prize is awarded to entries that analyze topics on social justice and diversity.

**32035 Phong Nguyen-Tran**

**9 To 5: Are Labor Rights an Improbable Dream Around the Globe?**

**Fresno**

**Clovis North High**



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## Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group **Social Justice History Prize**

**10039 Merrick Faircloth**

He Played for More Than a Team: Jackie Robinson and the Fight for Civil Rights

**Sonoma**

**Madrone Elementary**

**10115 Bethel Bernier, David Betancourt**

The Price of Education: Americanization in Puerto Rico

**Orange**

**Acaciawood Preparatory Academy**

**10013 Lucy Daly**

Third-Grade Girls Change the World: The Right to Education and the Responsibility of the State

**Santa Clara**

**Lexington Elementary**



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## Friend of California History Day **Social Justice in History**

**33005 June Oh**

Finding Dispersed Families: How One Television Broadcast Reunited Two Nations' Peoples

**Los Angeles**

**North Hollywood Senior High**





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**35124 Mazalit Glaubach, Cam Tran**

**Consequences of Controlling Substances: The War on Drugs and its Contradiction of the Constitution**

**Marin**

**San Domenico High School**



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10039 **Merrick Faircloth**

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**Sonoma**

**Madrone Elementary**



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## Friends of NHD-CA Stephenson Family Award for Sports History

25131 **Maris Page, Audrey Rademaker**

"Uppity Women Unite": The Fight for Equal Rights in Women's Education

**San Diego**

**Francis Parker**



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### History Department, California State University Sacramento **The Clio Historical Paper Award**

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**Alameda**

**Mission San Jose High**

**33001 Rahul Sundaresan**

Rights vs. Responsibilities: The Irish Nationalists of the RIC in the War for Independence

**Santa Clara**

**Harker School, The**



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**33003 Luke Kwak**

**Left Behind by the Greatest Generation: How the GI Bill Widened the Racial Gap in America**

**Los Angeles**

**South Pasadena Senior High**



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### History Department, California State University Sacramento

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**33006 Suzuko Ohshima**

**A Match Struck, A Light Snuffed: Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibility in the Matchgirls' Strike of 1888**

**Los Angeles**

**North Hollywood Senior High**



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Bluestone Faircloth Olson, LLP

## William E. Geary Award for Military History

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