



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

## California Foundation for History Education **American Indian History Prize**

The American Indian History prize is awarded to outstanding entries that demonstrate the importance of American Indian individuals, organizations, or nations in history, within this year's theme.

**31011 Analise Chin**

**From Canoe to Court Case - The Northwest Fish-Ins of the 1960s**

**San Francisco**

**Lick-Wilmerding High School**



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# Asian American and Pacific Islander 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.

22112 **Sophie Bi, Sharon Yitong Qian, Keyi Xiong**

**Warrior of the Word: Maxine Hong Kingston's Literary Revolution**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle School**



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Friends of NHD-CA

## Bessie Reed McDonald Award for Women's History

31117 **Amaira Gupta, Katelyn Wan, Leo Hsia, Kepler Quan**

**Fabricating Truth: How Quilts Broke Past Censorship in Chile**

**San Mateo**

**The Nueva School**



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# Black, Indigenous, and Women of Color in History Award

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.

**36114 Anthony Calderon-Amilpa, Diego Falcon Calles, Valentin Ortigoza Leon**

**Incomplete Reform: The Not So Revolutionary Exclusion of Black Women from the Feminist Movement**

**Fresno**

**Edison High**



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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.

21036 **Devan Gupta**

**Voices Unbound: The UC Berkley Free Speech Movement**

**Stanislaus**

**Agnes M. Baptist Elementary**



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**31014 Nicholas Soo**

**Education Liberation: How the Black Panther Party's Oakland Community School Revolutionized Education for Marginalized Students**

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**Irvine High School**



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**21044 Alex Gao**

**Silenced No More: How Chicana Women's Reaction to  
Forced Sterilization Forced Medical Reform**

**San Diego**

**Pacific Trails Middle**



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## 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.

22008 **Ali Hasan**

**Taking a Stand Against Injustice: The Sleepy Lagoon Case and the Zoot Suit Riots**

**Santa Clara**

**Ocean Grove Charter**



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

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

10020 **Avnika Konduru**

**American Indian Movement: 1960's-70's**

**Fresno**

**Dry Creek Elementary**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

## 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.

**24105 Destiny Bernal, Isabela Cardenas, Lillian Chavez, Aaliyah Tejada, Grace Tiong**

**The Pink Cross Legacy: The Disappearing Women of Juarez**

**San Bernardino**

**Ray Wiltsey Middle**



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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.

**31005 Kane Tanabe**

**The Boogaloo Revolution: How a Forgotten Dance Unified  
1970s Oakland**

**San Mateo**

**Carlmont High**



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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 whose impact was historically compelling with special consideration given to a project's use of primary sources.

25111 Anita Ma, Quan Lo, Honbria Hung

Howling At Moloch: A Revolutionary Cry Against Postwar America

Los Angeles

Temple (Roger W.) Intermediate



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

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.

22018 **Alekha Goldberg**

**From Segregation to Statehood: Hawaii's Back-to-Back  
Revolutions for Social Justice**

**Kern**

**Peak to Peak Mountain Charter**



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## 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.

**10034 Lincoln Billinger**

**The Montreal Protocol and the Reaction to the Hole in the Sky**

**Humboldt**

**Jacoby Creek**



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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.

**25123 Eshaan Roychowdhury, Ayan Roychowdhury**

**Golden Scars: A Story of California's First Environmental Battle**

**San Mateo**

**Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton**



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

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**22025 Dean Mark Polendey II**

**Counter-Reformation Arts: An Artistic Reaction to Protestantism**

**Fresno**

**Alta Sierra Intermediate**



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**34101 Dahlia Adler, Grace Alexander, Eileen Kim**

**A Revolution Within the Revolution: How Feminist Activism During the French Revolution Sparked Reaction and Inspired Reform**

**San Diego**

**Francis Parker School**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

## 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.

**31029 Ryan Amiri Kashani**

**Between Two Revolutions: How Ordinary Iranians Created Grassroots Change**

**Fresno**

**Clovis North High**



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## Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute History of the American Presidency Prize

25133 **Aanya Chatterjee, Karen Keriakos, Carol Keriakos, Barsena Adel, Emily Kim**

**The Interstate Highway System: A Federal Reaction That Reformed America and Sparked a Revolution**

**Kern**

**Earl Warren Junior High**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

## 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.

**32117 Ellie Huynh, Emily Huynh**

**The Mann Act: A Living Document of Legal Reform**

**Kern**

**Fruitvale Junior 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.

**22006 William Chan**

**Seeds of Change: Norman Borlaug's Impact on World Hunger and the Green Revolution**

**Stanislaus**

**Agnes M. Baptist Elementary**



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**35020 Francesca Holland**

**The Freudian Revolution: How Reactions to  
Psychoanalysis Led to Reforms in Therapy**

**Orange**

**Portola High School**



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## Japanese American National Museum **Japanese American National Museum Award**

25032 **Khloe Nguyen**

**The Aftermath of Pearl Harbor: Japanese American  
Resistance in Redefining American Identity**

**Riverside**

**Prado View Elementary**



# SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

## 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.

**24126 Mia Berryman, Masia Creamer**

**Digging for Change: The Ludlow Miners and their  
Revolutionary Fight for Reforms**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle School**

**21009 Lali Ambati**

**The Flint Sit-Down Strike: A Reaction That Led to  
Revolutionary Reform in Labor Practices Across America**

**Santa Clara**

**Castilleja School**



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National Maritime Historical Society  
**National Maritime Historical Society Award - First Place**  
First Place

23012 **Atputhan Sivathanan**

**Tsunami at Tsushima: Strategy, Innovation, and Birth of  
Modern Naval Power**

**Riverside**

**Corona Fundamental Intermediate**



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National Maritime Historical Society  
**National Maritime Historical Society Award - First Place**  
First Place

32028 **Inaaya Hyder**

**The Fight Against Maritime Sexual Violence: Comfort Women and The Struggle For Redress**

**Contra Costa**  
**California High**



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## California Foundation for History Education Prize for Latin and South American History

31117 **Amaira Gupta, Katelyn Wan, Leo Hsia, Kepler Quan**  
**Fabricating Truth: How Quilts Broke Past Censorship in Chile**

**San Mateo**

**The Nueva School**



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## Southern California Social Science Association Prize for Uncovered History

**31005 Kane Tanabe**

The Boogaloo Revolution: How a Forgotten Dance Unified  
1970s Oakland

**San Mateo**

**Carlmont High**

**33009 Shreyas Karnam**

"We Are Rising": Black American Classicists and the Late  
Nineteenth-Century Revolution in Greco-Roman Studies

**Santa Clara**

**Harker School, The**



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

31028 **Grey Doshi**

Talking AIDS to Death: Randy Shilts' Revolutionary Journalism

**Los Angeles**

**Taft Charter High**



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

**32013 Ethan Hu**

From "The Tyranny of Numbers" to "The Tyranny of Data":  
How the Invention of the Integrated Circuit Forced Novel  
Privacy Laws

**San Diego**

**Bishop's School, The**



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

10009 **Rochelle Macwan**

**The Great Railroad Strike of 1877**

**Sacramento**

**Theodore Judah Elementary**



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

**22152 Levi Fink, Chloe Palmer**

**We Hold the Rock! - Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in the Alcatraz Occupation**

**San Diego**

**Francis Parker School**



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**32002 Abigail Ruelas**

**The Haitian Revolution: A Fight that Reformed Slavery and Sparked Global Reactions.**

**San Bernardino**

**Upland High**



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

16113 **Abbigail Sanchez, Abraham Holm**

**A Right to Learn - The IDEA That Changed Schools**

**Riverside**

**Seneca Elementary**



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10009 **Rochelle Macwan**

**The Great Railroad Strike of 1877**

**Sacramento**

**Theodore Judah Elementary**



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## Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group **Sports in History Prize**

16108 **Isaac Menendez, Ezra Medina, Malachi Wu**

**"More Than A Game": How Tim Nugent's Revolutionary Ideas Changed Views**

**Orange**

**Acaciawood Preparatory Academy**



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

21135 **Davis Barbee, Krish Marfatia, Aryan Shah, Kaito Yamashita**

**More Than a Game: How the St. Louis Cardinals  
Revolutionary Act Against Segregation Led to MLB  
Reforms**

**Orange**

**Sierra Vista Middle School**



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

The Clio Award recognizes outstanding projects in the Historical Paper category, Senior Division. The champion, runner-up, and honorable mention projects in the Historical Paper, Senior Division, will be published in a forthcoming issue of Clio, the History Department's award-winning annual publication of student writing in history.

**33010 Adam Fibrich**

**The San Francisco Freeway Revolt: The Seeds of Revolution in Urban Planning**

**Alameda**

**The College Preparatory School**

**33009 Shreyas Karnam**

**"We Are Rising": Black American Classicists and the Late Nineteenth-Century Revolution in Greco-Roman Studies**

**Santa Clara**

**Harker School, The**



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History Department, California State University Sacramento

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**33007 Anirvinyaa Bangole**

**The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in Federal Indian Policy**

**Orange**

**University High School**



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### History Department, California State University Sacramento

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**33002 Siri Chundru**

**The Jamkhed Model: How Addressing Religious Traditions in Medicine Led to a Revolutionary Model of Healthcare that Influenced Global Reform Despite Resistance.**

**Santa Clara**

**Harker School, The**



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Bluestone Faircloth Olson, LLP

## William E. Geary Award for Military History

The William E. Geary Award for Military History honors an entry that is focused on military history, with special consideration given to research that includes multiple perspectives, primary sources, and the experience of the individuals impacted by the topic.

25038 **Max Castrapel**

How the Revolutionary Harlem Hellfighters Helped Reform America

Orange

Sierra Vista Middle School