



2026 National History Day

Advancers to National Competition from Montgomery County

Student: Keyola Goune Ntemafack

Junior Individual Documentaries

Title: *Breaking the Narrative: Southern Women's Involvement in the Institution of Slavery*

School: Eastern Middle School

Teacher: Ryan Flynn

Students: Fiona Vasco and Noelle Simkanich

Junior Group Exhibits

Title: *The Baltimore Riot of 1968*

School: Shady Grove Middle School

Teacher: Vassiliki Key

Student: Ally Tian

Junior Papers

Title: *The Role of the Red Guards in the Cultural Revolution*

School: Robert Frost Middle School

Teacher: Gina Watson

Student: Marion Pinski

Junior Individual Performance

Title: *The March on Versailles: A Woman-Organized Movement*

School: Eastern Middle School

Teacher: Abigail Petit

Students: Beatrice Letnes and Saisha Bastola

Junior Group Performance

Title: *Every Child Can: The Suzuki Method's Effect on Music Education*

School: A. Mario Loiederman Middle School

Teacher: David Corcoran

Students: Reagan Smith and Serena Lee

Junior Group Website

Title: *Sanjayeo Ddareura – “Those Who Are Alive, Follow Us”:* How the Korean People’s Courage Denied an Authoritarian Dictatorship

School: Westland Middle School

Teacher: Luke Maclay

Student: Thomas Wu

Senior Individual Documentary

Title: *The ADA: Rights, Revolutions and Reactions*

School: Winston Churchill High School

Teacher: John Freundel

Students: Cole Waybright, Ervin Stacy, and Maximilian Maczynski

Senior Group Documentary

Title: *War on Trees: The Defoliation of South Vietnam*

School: Montgomery Blair High School

Teacher: Marc Grossman

Student: Hridaan Popuri

Senior Individual Exhibit

Title: *Managing the Masses: Municipal Responses to the Spanish Flu*

School: Walt Whitman High School

Teacher: Katherine Kalin

Students: Alexander Dacanay and James Woo

Senior Group Exhibit

Title: *The Oyster Wars of the Chesapeake Bay*

School: Poolesville High School

Teacher: Stephanie Gomer

Students: Beatrix Cook and Lauren Briggs

Senior Group Exhibit

Title: *Ten Days in a Madhouse: A Journalist’s Fight for Reform*

School: Poolesville High School

Teacher: Stephanie Gomer

Student: Marguerite Mauldin

Senior Paper

Title: *“Divine Liberty”*: Women and the Revolutionary French Divorce Reform of 1792

School: Montgomery Blair High School

Teacher: Marc Grossman

Students: Aaditya Tumbde and Nick Wray

Senior Group Performance

Title: *Ludlow Massacre: The Presentation Reformation*

School: Poolesville High School

Teacher: Stephanie Gomer

Student: Julie Choi

Senior Individual Website

Title: *Relf v. Weinberger: Reforming the Sterilization Practices of the Eugenics Movement*

School: Poolesville High School

Teacher: Andy Ward

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Students: Hanna Ariannejad, Kayla McCloskey, and Natalie Martin

Senior Group Website

Title: *Silent Spring: DDT, Dissent, and the Dawn of a New Era*

School: Poolesville High School

Teacher: Stephanie Gomer

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Student: Saanvi Lanke

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Title: *Three Generations: Buck v Bell and the Legalization of Eugenics in America*

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