

West Virginia State Social Studies Fair

2024 Official Results



Division I, Anthropology, Individual

1st	Luhana Solomon		Wood County	<i>The Discovery of Lucy: A Boost for Evolutionists and Questions for Creationists</i>
2nd	Ashton Ritchie		Hampshire County	<i>Native Americans in WV</i>
3rd	Tessa Weaver		Boone County	<i>What is the Haka Dance</i>
HM	Owen Harless		Greenbrier County	<i>Crafting the Past: Unveiling Native American Ingenuity Through Tools and Artifacts</i>

Division I, Anthropology, Group

1st	Bentley Dalton	Maeley Hayes	Preston County	<i>Orders of the Amish and Us</i>
2nd	Hattie Pennell	Emily Yoho	Wetzel County	<i>Tall Totem Tales</i>
3rd	Kylie Bolen	Averie Treadway	Raleigh County	<i>The Egyptian Culture</i>

Division I, Economics, Individual

1st	Thomas Loudin		Upshur County	<i>American Women in WWII</i>
2nd	Ross Pownell		Pendleton County	<i>The Lego Story</i>
3rd	Kayden Meadows		Mercer County	<i>Mascots: More Than Entertainment</i>
HM	Emily Shuman		Wood County	<i>Allowance Then and Now</i>

Division I, Economics, Group

1st	Jaxton Lane	Sullivan Lane	Mercer County	<i>Lego My Duplo</i>
2nd	Mia Engle	Skyler Engle	Jackson County	<i>Barbie: A Global Icon</i>
3rd	Jensen McClung	Brilee Patterson	Fayette County	<i>Does Money Grow on Trees?</i>
HM	Parker Rainey	Bryson Sweeney	Mason County	<i>Cryptid Cash</i>

Division I, Geography, Individual

1st	Malik Mohammed		Raleigh County	<i>Salt from the Iapetus Ocean</i>
2nd	Ariana Snider		Jackson County	<i>Niagara Falls: The Next Exit To Adventure</i>
3rd	Natalie Charlton		Hampshire County	<i>The Grand Canyon - "View"tiful and Gorges</i>
HM	Spencer Benedict		Ohio County	<i>The Geography of the New River Gorge</i>

Division I, Geography, Group

1st	Khloe Stinnette	Kinleigh Lyster	Mercer County	<i>Secrets of the Abyss</i>
2nd	Megan Marling	Jersey Schafer	Marshall County	<i>Niagara Falls</i>
3rd	Madison Cook	Marvin Feather	Preston County	<i>Snakes Harmful or Hero?</i>
HM	Mason Spurlock Dalilah Fonner	Kaylen Spurlock	Wayne County	<i>The Pumpkin House</i>

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1st	Aubrey Gatts		Marshall County	<i>Service Dogs</i>
2nd	Henry Harris		Wayne County	<i>Carved In Controversy: The Untold Story of Mount Rushmore</i>
3rd	Tony Severino		Raleigh County	<i>Witness Protection</i>
HM	Greydon Massie		Hampshire County	<i>West Virginia State Police Academy</i>

Division I, Political Science, Group

1st	Addilyn Ellwood	Leanna Roberts	Marshall County	<i>The Greenbrier Hidden Bunkers</i>
2nd	Riley Delp	Layla Payne	Raleigh County	<i>Sweet Temptations</i>
3rd	Alivia Quesenberry	Brooklyn Hairston	Fayette County	<i>Legal Evolution, From Salem to Now</i>

Division I, Psychology, Individual

1st	Brynlee Franklin		Berkeley County	<i>ADHD: The Big Struggle</i>
2nd	Shyanne Starkey		Wirt County	<i>Operation: We Serve Too</i>
3rd	Hope Harris		Marion County	<i>How Does a Full Moon Effect Behavior?</i>
HM	Adalyn Queen		Fayette County	<i>Healing From the Holocaust</i>

Division I, Psychology, Group

2nd	Brenna Goodnight	Lylah Bumgarner	Wirt County	<i>Dyslexia: Can You Read This?</i>
3rd	Abram Gonzales	Declan Perry	Wayne County	<i>The Winning Benefit of Pitches</i>
HM	Liam Bennett	Finnian Chavoustie	Harrison County	<i>Time to Unplug?</i>

Division I, Sociology, Individual

1st	Rebecca Daniels		Wyoming County	<i>How WWII Shaped Cheer</i>
2nd	Milly Mayer		Marion County	<i>Have Toys and Play Changed Over Time</i>
3rd	Sadie Fields		Hampshire County	<i>Attractions of the Eiffel Tower</i>
HM	Chandler Harris		Fayette County	<i>When Computers Wore Skirts</i>

Division I, Sociology, Group

1st	Zoe White	Unni Jaweed	Raleigh County	<i>Baba Yaga</i>
2nd	Mikalaya Simpson	Berkeley Cook	Hampshire County	<i>Smokey Bear: Still Going Strong</i>
3rd	Isabelle DeBerry	Rylee Bolyard	Preston County	<i>A Passion for Fashion Throughout the Decades</i>
HM	River Dolin	Keylee Robbins	Marshall County	<i>The Walking Dead</i>

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1st	Levi Blain	Jackson County	<i>The History of Marshall Baseball</i>
2nd	Taryn Sullivan	Preston County	<i>Monongah Mine and Safety Now</i>
3rd	Kyle Mason	Wetzel County	<i>Pepperoni Rolls</i>
HM	Luke Holstein	Boone County	<i>Cass Scenic Railroad</i>

Division I, State & Local Studies, Group

1st	Lane Graham	Carter Garbart	Preston County	<i>Mothman Friend or Foe? You Decide...</i>
2nd	Willow Butcher	Silas Butcher	Wood County	<i>Flood of 1985</i>
3rd	Arlus McClung	Samuel McClung	Greenbrier County	<i>Hominy Falls Miracle</i>
HM	Jaxon Burge	Maddox Frye	Marshall County	<i>Logan Routt: Our Hometown Hero</i>

Division I, U.S. History, Individual

1st	Maya Loudermilk	Marshall County	<i>Living With an Iron Lung</i>
2nd	Zachary McNair	Preston County	<i>Project X</i>
3rd	Olivia Rose	Wood County	<i>Morgan's Raid</i>
HM	Jackson Jarrell	Cabell County	<i>Building Walt's World</i>

Division I, U.S. History, Group

1st	Tristan Hardman Saelec Hahn	Michael Maggard Braxton Barnette	Wood County	<i>A Cut Above the Rest: The History of Barbershop Quartets</i>
2nd	Charlotte Bledsoe Bristol Mahon	Lauren Bledsoe	Wyoming County	<i>The Women's Rights Movement</i>
3rd	Colton Scherich	Camden Hill	Marshall County	<i>Dallas Cowboys: America's Team</i>
HM	Kaelyn Wood	Jaelyn Wood	Mason County	<i>The Mystery Alyder</i>

Division I, World History, Individual

1st	Kinsley Dixon	Preston County	<i>Hey! Have you Heard of BJJ?</i>
2nd	Athanasios Tsiatsos	Berkeley County	<i>New Heights: Aircraft Development During WWII</i>
3rd	Asad Tanveer	Raleigh County	<i>The Akkadians</i>
HM	Abigail Stollings	Boone County	<i>Mysterious Mayans & Achievements</i>

Division I, World History, Group

1st	Brixton Hampton	Brandt Blake	Greenbrier County	<i>Doolittle Raid</i>
2nd	Evan Burkett	Dakota Elliot	Hampshire County	<i>The Titanic</i>
3rd	Delaney Doty	Arya Ripley	Marshall County	<i>Women During World War II</i>

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Division II, Anthropology, Individual

1st	Molly Grass		Raleigh County	<i>The Ancient Sumerians: Inventions that Changed the World</i>
2nd	Vitale DeRouen		Greenbrier County	<i>Ancient Cooking: How our Ancestors Prepared Their Meals</i>
3rd	Lucy Groves		Grant County	<i>Stitching the Seams</i>
HM	Mia Snyder		Wood County	<i>How Did the Nutcracker, a Russian Ballet, Become an American Tradition?</i>

Division II, Anthropology, Group

1st	Mia Cheung	Makynlee Bragg	Wayne County	<i>Ching-shih - The Pirate Queen</i>
2nd	Kaylee Wolford	Ellianna Alt	Grant County	<i>A Cherokee Way of Life</i>
3rd	Bristal Bolyard	Colton Sanders	Preston County	<i>The Culture of Ancient Greece</i>
HM	John Hunnel	Maddox Shipley	Marshall County	<i>Amish Lifestyle</i>

Division II, Economics, Individual

1st	Alex Waskey		Jackson County	<i>What is the Value of a Penny?</i>
2nd	Adelyn Rumer		Grant County	<i>Moo Problems Moo Money</i>
3rd	Colsen McCutcheon		Marshall County	<i>Wrigley's Wealth Underwrapped</i>
HM	Mathew Carothers		Fayette County	<i>Maple Syrup</i>

Division II, Economics, Group

1st	Molly Hoffman	Myla Zinn	Preston County	<i>The Economic Effect of Hurricanes</i>
2nd	Maggie Whetzel	Charlotte Rexrode	Grant County	<i>One for the Money Two for the Show</i>
3rd	Aaron Rodes Ben Butler	Andrew Rodes	Greenbrier County	<i>Economics of Ford</i>
HM	Truett Flesher	Johnathan Freeland	Ritchie County	<i>Randy Moss</i>

Division II, Geography, Individual

1st	Tayton Martin		Greenbrier County	<i>National Park Service</i>
2nd	Grant Johnson		Mineral County	<i>What's So Great About the Great Lakes</i>
3rd	Ayla Fasouletos		Preston County	<i>The Chilling Effects of Thawing Permafrost</i>
HM	Jalera Vaughn		Raleigh County	<i>Waverly Hills Sanatorium</i>

Division II, Geography, Group

1st	Addison Plum	Abby Metz	Preston County	<i>Johnstown Flood</i>
2nd	Hudson Dobbins	Eli Conner	Putnam County	<i>Development of Great American Cities</i>
3rd	Adah Aubrey	Emily Gatts	Marshall County	<i>Impact of Hurricanes</i>
HM	Colby Ratliff	Sydney Pruner	McDowell County	<i>The Mayan Empire</i>

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1st	Grace Estep	Preston County	<i>#Helloglobalgoals What are the Sustainable Development Goals?</i>
2nd	Ava Kithcart	Berkeley County	<i>Rosa Parks: Beyond the Bus</i>
3rd	Lilly McCoy	Wyoming County	<i>The Death Penalty</i>
HM	Jessalyn Twarog	Marshall County	<i>Boston Tea Party</i>

Division II, Political Science, Group

1st	Ainsley Brumfield Scout Maynard	Bentley Ord	Wayne County	<i>Conspiracy or Conviction: The Assassination of JFK</i>
2nd	Liam Cunningham Conrad Laird	Lucas Hughes	Greenbrier County	<i>Laughing at Power: The Art and Impact of Political Cartoons</i>
3rd	Carter Robbins	Carson Sauriol	Marshall County	<i>Vietnam War</i>
HM	Kadence Phares	Sarah Dew	Preston County	<i>Communism vs Democracy</i>

Division II, Psychology, Individual

1st	Chloe Pickett	Marshall County	<i>Moral Affects on Non-Jewish Holocaust Rescuers</i>
2nd	Amelia Mills	Berkeley County	<i>Encore for Neuroplasticity</i>
3rd	Serenity Putney	Mason County	<i>Mental Health Matters</i>
HM	Juli McGuire	McDowell County	<i>The Philosophy that Defined America</i>

Division II, Psychology, Group

1st	Braxton Haught	Zane Gast	Marshall County	<i>Black Dolphin Prison</i>
2nd	Kendall Leithead	Rayleigh Roberts	Pleasants County	<i>Can You Live Without Your Phone?</i>
3rd	Ava Trent Harper Currence	Alexis Huffman	Upshur County	<i>Understanding Sleep Paralysis</i>
HM	Ethan Akers Peyton Harrah	Avram Adkins	Fayette County	<i>The Invisible Wall</i>

Division II, Sociology, Individual

1st	Lillian Traugh	Wood County	<i>FREADOM</i>
2nd	Ava Hill	Marshall County	<i>How Music Affected Civil War Soldiers</i>
3rd	Tanner Shaw	Mercer County	<i>How Ruff is Therapy Dog Training?</i>
HM	Makinsey Cline	Mingo County	<i>Do Pageants Have Benefits?</i>

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Division II, Sociology, Group

1st	Norah Jackson	Raelyn Davis	Grant County	<i>Elizabeth Blackwell</i>
2nd	Vivian Webb	Raya Howell	Raleigh County	<i>Insane in the Membrane</i>
3rd	Jordan Hodge Luke Mounts	Ileyton Brumfield Ryan Hodge	Mingo County	<i>Meeples and Peoples</i>

Division II, State & Local Studies, Individual

1st	Abby Allman		Marshall County	<i>Lewis Wetzel</i>
2nd	Talen Huffman		Raleigh County	<i>The New River Gorge Bridge</i>
3rd	Abigail Close		Morgan County	<i>Wild and Wonderful: The New River Gorge Bridge</i>
HM	Jaelyn Heldreth		Harrison County	<i>Monongah Mine Disaster</i>

Division II, State & Local Studies, Group

1st	Maverick Brotherton	Russell Shockey	Jackson County	<i>The Dairy Industry in WV</i>
2nd	Chloe Frankhouser	Braden Frankhouser	Berkeley County	<i>Seneca Rocks</i>
3rd	Kenzingtyn Safford Kylee Rauen	Georgia Smith Emma Myrick	Putnam County	<i>Point Pleasant Mothman</i>
HM	Olivia Chatterton	Madalyn Wilson	Wayne County	<i>The Jones Diamond</i>

Division II, U.S. History, Individual

1st	Mia Archer		Wood County	<i>There's No Crying in Baseball</i>
2nd	Cecelia Robinson		Marshall County	<i>More than an Apron</i>
3rd	Brooklyn Myers		Marion County	<i>The Sinking of the Titanic</i>
HM	Briony Guidry		Putnam County	<i>The Man in the Red Bandana</i>

Division II, U.S. History, Group

1st	Ava Hess	Addi Bergdoll	Grant County	<i>Hedy Lamar</i>
3rd	Gavin Campbell	Colton Rouzee	Taylor County	<i>The Evolution of Fender Guitars</i>

Division II, World History, Individual

1st	Gracelynn Welch		Marshall County	<i>Holocaust</i>
2nd	Ava Euler		Berkeley County	<i>The Truth About the Titanic</i>
3rd	Hannah Roth		Wood County	<i>Miep Gies</i>
HM	Aven Arkley		Boone County	<i>Women in Space</i>

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1st	Emma Collett	Isabella Bowers	Upshur County	<i>The Effects of the Spanish Influenza - WWI</i>
2nd	Lakin Houck	Brinlee Stone	Raleigh County	<i>Japanese Internment Camps</i>
3rd	Lacy Landis	Katie Stump-Cohen	Roane County	<i>The Ides of March</i>
HM	Bentley Roark	Jace Hager	Wayne County	<i>The Zimmermann Telegram</i>

Division III, Anthropology, Individual

1st	Maddox Earl		Kanawha County	<i>Mesoamerica</i>
2nd	Alexander Himes		Taylor County	<i>Italian Immigration to West Virginia</i>
3rd	Lilly Bowles		Mason County	<i>From Flanders Field to Main Street</i>
HM	Braxton Nichols		Roane County	<i>Cultural Impact of "Gone with the Wind"</i>

Division III, Anthropology, Group

1st	Madelynn Moats Lydia Campbell	Amelia Dahl	Taylor County	<i>Heaven Can Wait</i>
2nd	Jaxson Walker	Calista Bachert	Wyoming County	<i>Raised to be Rivals</i>
3rd	McKenna Ryder	Abigail Hutton	Jackson County	<i>It's A "Lovely Day" for Music in West Virginia</i>

Division III, Economics, Individual

1st	Alyson Vandall		Greenbrier County	<i>Dolly's Impact</i>
2nd	Tristan Lockart		Raleigh County	<i>College Dilemma</i>
3rd	Manvitha Sanjaya		Kanawha County	<i>The Growing Psychedelics Industry and Economy in the U.S.</i>
HM	Camdyn Staats		Jackson County	<i>How Chicks Get Checks: The Economic History of WV's Poultry Industry</i>

Division III, Economics, Group

1st	Levi Knopp Olivia Edwards	Alyssa Kay	Jackson County	<i>Social Media's Influence on Consumption</i>
2nd	Skyler Ren	Maya Panta	Raleigh County	<i>The Poor vs the Rich: Are College Admissions Fair?</i>
3rd	Cammi Warner	Joey VanMeter	Pocahontas County	<i>Swiftonomics</i>
HM	Luke Rokisky	Trey McDonough	Doddridge County	<i>The Economics of Sports Cards</i>

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Division III, Geography, Individual

1st	Justin Gainer		Taylor County	<i>Legality and Applications of Eminent Domain in West Virginia</i>
2nd	Dashiel Carey-Squire		Cabell County	<i>The Wallace Line: A Wall Between Worlds</i>
3rd	Sanjeev Polisetty		Raleigh County	<i>Communism's Geographical Dynamics in Eastern Europe</i>
HM	Olivia Raber		Wood County	<i>The Next War Will Be Fought Over Water</i>

Division III, Geography, Group

1st	Selina Mabalot	Jannah Clautero	Raleigh County	<i>The Philippines</i>
2nd	Ethan Kay	Mason Gandee	Jackson County	<i>Deforestation and Reforestation of West Virginia</i>
3rd	River Sipes	Kayla Greathouse	Taylor County	<i>Take a Hike: A Timeline of the National Park Service</i>

Division III, Political Science, Individual

1st	Orion Graves		Greenbrier County	<i>One Way or Another</i>
2nd	Braylen Shrader		McDowell County	<i>John McCain from a Navy Pilot to United States Senator</i>
3rd	Danielle Scantlin		Jackson County	<i>Senator James Abourezk & South Dakota</i>
HM	Juliet Bond		Cabell County	<i>Henry Clay: The Great Compromiser</i>

Division III, Political Science, Group

1st	Tyler Tarallo	Maddox Richard	Hardy County	<i>Should the U.S. Government Regulate Controlled Substances?</i>
2nd	Jetta Wright	Isabella Wolfe	Wood County	<i>Fair Solution or Mortal Failure</i>
3rd	Nicholas Branch Noah Spaulding	Jackson Moses	Raleigh County	<i>Science of Elections: 1800 -2008</i>

Division III, Psychology, Individual

1st	Jenna Reeves		Raleigh County	<i>Resistance Alchemy</i>
2nd	Jackson VanHoose		Jackson County	<i>Apocalyptic Inventions and their Psychological Parallels</i>
3rd	Nathaniel Vincent		Greenbrier County	<i>Connect or Disconnect: The Psychology of Video Games</i>
HM	Angela Willis		Grant County	<i>Depression and Anxiety</i>

Division III, Psychology, Group

1st	Sharon Lin	Randy Lin	Wood County	<i>Schizophrenia Unveiled</i>
2nd	Myya Williams	Imanee Frith	Kanawha County	<i>Has Your Clock Stopped?</i>
3rd	Raelynn Fields	Savannah Decker	Mason County	<i>Using Humor as a Coping Mechanism Durina Times of Crisis</i>

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1st	Samuel Williams		Greenbrier County	<i>Man or Monster?</i>
2nd	Daniel Macjuk		Cabell County	<i>The Great Linguicide</i>
3rd	Gavin Bias		Boone County	<i>Modern News or Proganda?</i>
HM	MaryKathryn Cummings		Raleigh County	<i>Domestic Violence</i>

Division III, Sociology, Group

1st	Abby Ferrell	Donovan McDonald	Wood County	<i>Are You Listening?</i>
2nd	Haylee Chapman Kori Smith	Jackson Day	Cabell County	<i>The Sociology of Conspiracy Theories</i>
3rd	Kelly Flynn	April Dove	Hardy County	<i>Causes and Consequences of the Salem Witch Trials</i>

Division III, State & Local Studies, Individual

1st	Riley Martriano		Berkeley County	<i>Mountain Stage: West Virginia's Premier Live Music Stage</i>
2nd	Ellie Hosaflook		Jackson County	<i>West Virginia Tomatoes</i>
3rd	Katelyn Peters		Boone County	<i>Hatfield and McCoys</i>
HM	Ryan Simpkins		Mingo County	<i>Who Was Devil Anse Hatfield</i>

Division III, State & Local Studies, Group

1st	Kofi Ackon-Annon Sayid Jaweed	Trey Sides	Raleigh County	<i>West Virginia's Opioid Crisis</i>
2nd	Landon Henthorn	Gavin Zheng	Wood County	<i>The Pioneers Paradise: Blennerhassett Island</i>
3rd	Audrey Britton Deseree Newland	Jathen Arnold	Preston County	<i>Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum</i>
HM	Molly Evans	Payton Young	Kanawha County	<i>Crazy? I Was Crazy Once. The Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum</i>

Division III, U.S. History, Individual

1st	Chloe Smalley		Cabell County	<i>The Long Blue Line</i>
2nd	Haley Judy		Grant County	<i>Tylenol Murders</i>
3rd	Lucas Raney		Raleigh County	<i>Osage Indian Tribe</i>
HM	Ella Wilson		Roane County	<i>Dress Doctor: Edith Head</i>

Division III, U.S. History, Group

1st	Kristina Heathcoat	Britney Henthorn	Wood County	<i>The Deadly Rivalry</i>
2nd	Austin Blackshire	Cole Sigman	Mason County	<i>Native American Weaponry</i>
3rd	Shyann Perez	Madison Legg	Kanawha County	<i>Six Feet Under</i>

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1st	Johnny Chen	Upshur County	<i>Defying the Blockade: Berlin Airlift</i>
2nd	Alisha Sloane	McDowell County	<i>The Genesis Flood</i>
3rd	Jordan Unger	Morgan County	<i>History of Wrestling</i>
HM	Yevin Ranasinghe	Kanawha County	<i>Influences of Slaves in the Indian Ocean</i>

Division III, World History, Group

1st	Jasmine Christensen	Emma Coakley	Cabell County	<i>The Effects Of World War II on Japanese Culture</i>
2nd	Aleighna Brenwalt	Audrey Harlan	Randolph County	<i>The Six Wives of Henry VIII</i>