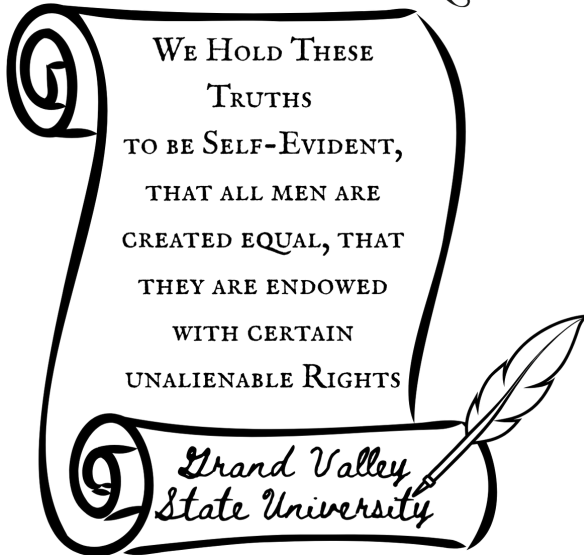


GVSU DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY PRESENTS

# National History Day 2026

REGION 4 CONTEST

REVOLUTION, REACTION, REFORM  
IN HISTORY



2026  
MICHIGAN HISTORY DAY

**MARCH 21, 2026 • RUSSEL H. KIRKHOF CENTER**

Grand Valley State University - Allendale, Michigan



GRAND VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

# Event Schedule

## 2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

<b>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Registration Grand River Room 2250
<b>9:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	Judges' Check-In Room 2270
<b>9:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	Welcome & Announcements Grand River Room 2250
<b>9:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	Judging
<b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	Student & Teacher Lunch Grand River Room 2250 Judge Lunch Room 2270
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Award Ceremony Grand River Room 2250

### Assistant Coordinators

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# Event Locations

## 2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>Room 2266</b> ..... 5 Junior Individual Senior Individual
<b>DOCUMENTARY</b>	<b>Room 2266</b> ..... 5 - 6 Junior Individual & Group Senior Individual
<b>PAPER</b>	<b>Room 2259</b> ..... 7 Junior & Senior
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b>Room 2259</b> ..... 7 - 8 Junior Individual & Group Senior Individual
<b>EXHIBIT</b>	<b>Room 2263</b> ..... 9 - 13 Youth, Junior, and Senior Individual & Group

# Participating Schools

2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

**EALY  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

Jan Klco

**NORTH PARK  
MONESSORI**

Tonia Ettinger

**HOLLAND  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

Derek Orme  
Kyle Liechty

**WHITEHALL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Jan Klco

**WHITEHALL HIGH  
SCHOOL**

Jan Klco

# Michigan History Day Judges

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Judge Jason Crouthamel

Judge Lauren Hicks

Judge Paul Murphy

Judge Patrick Shan

Judge David Zwart

Judge Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin

Judge Andrea Van Dyke

Judge Wilson Warren

Judge Mathew Daley

Judge Paul Bielawski

Judge Scott Lingenfelter

Judge Shannon Pinkster

Judge Brianna Miller

Judge Ashlynn Scafidi

# Entries

2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

*ROOM 2266*

**SENIOR INDIVIDUAL  
DOCUMENTARY**  
ROOM 2266

9:30 - 9:50

"Seeing Light within Darkness:  
Kowloon Walled City Creates  
Community Amidst Chaos"

by Henry Chen

**SENIOR INDIVIDUAL  
PERFORMANCE**  
ROOM 2266

9:55 - 10:15

"Getting to the Heart of It All: The  
Revolutionary Development of  
Cardiac Catheterization"

by Beth LeaTrea

**JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL  
PERFORMANCE**  
ROOM 2266

10:20 - 10:40

"Prologue or Epilogue? How the  
Chernobyl Nuclear Explosion  
Revolutionized Modern Radiation  
Science"

by Kallie Sapp

# Entries

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*ROOM 2266*

10:45 - 11:05

"Charles Darwin: The Revolution of Evolution"

by Katie LeaTrea

11:10 - 11:30

"Justicia para nuestra raza"

by Chiquis Ochoa

**JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL  
DOCUMENTARY  
ROOM 2266**

11:35 - 11:55

"Walt Disney"

by Caleb Maat

11:50 - 12:10

"Rethinking the Wild - How Jane Revolutionized the Way We Think of Our World"

by Molly Murphy

**JUNIOR GROUP  
DOCUMENTARY  
ROOM 2266**

12:15 - 12:35

"Crocumentary"

by Isla DuMez & Eleanor Sietsema

# Entries

2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

*ROOM 2259*

## **SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE**

**ROOM 2259**

**9:30 - 9:45**

"Buckle Up: The Seat Belt that Revolutionized Automotive Safety Standards"

by Isabella Causie

## **JUNIOR PAPER**

**ROOM 2259**

**9:45 - 10:00**

"Aviation in World War 1"

by Isaac Bassett

**10:00 - 10:15**

"The Berlin Wall: How a Concrete Barrier Exposed the Economic and Social Costs of Division"

by Dannon Spencer

## **SENIOR PAPER**

**ROOM 2259**

**10:15 - 10:30**

"A Revolutionary Concept: Roger Williams Planting the Seeds of Religious Liberty"

by Mathilda Morneau

# Entries

2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

*ROOM 2259*

## **JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL**

### **WEBSITE**

ROOM 2259

10:30 - 10:45

“Title IX”

by Mati Maatman

10:45 - 11:00

“The Prague Spring”

by Viktor Oszi

## **JUNIOR GROUP**

### **WEBSITE**

ROOM 2259

11:00 - 11:15

“The VR Revolution”

by Edison Brann & Liam Maxwell

11:15 - 11:30

“Football/Soccer chants and anthems throughout history”

by Jack Schulte &  
Quincy Haveman-Gould

# Entries

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*ROOM 2263*

**JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL  
EXHIBIT  
ROOM 2263**

1. "From Ancient Tradition to Modernization: The Boshin War and the Meiji Restoration"  
by Jonathan Bartlett
2. "French colonization of Africa: Where and When"  
by Oliver Franzen
3. "Simone Bolivar"  
by Jazmin Fuentes-Rivas
4. "The Guerrilla Girls: Instigating Revolution, Reaction and Reform in Art History"  
by Hadley Nelson

# Entries

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*ROOM 2263*

**JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL  
EXHIBIT  
ROOM 2263**

5. "The Washington Post: The Paper that  
Exposed the Watergate Scandal"

by Morgan Nolan

6. "The French Resistance"

by Na'Talia Rivera

7. "Selena Quintanilla"

by Emma Galaviz

**YOUTH INDIVIDUAL  
EXHIBIT  
ROOM 2263**

1. "Alice Paul: Striking for Votes"

by Evelynn Butler



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*ROOM 2263*

**SENIOR GROUP  
EXHIBIT  
ROOM 2263**

1. "Lighting a Flame: Matchgirls Ignite Revolution in Factory Conditions"

by Alexandra Risthouse  
& Annabelle George

**JUNIOR GROUP  
EXHIBIT  
ROOM 2263**

1. "Genevieve Gillette"

by Mara D'Addona & Claire Gray

2. "Hitting a Home Run: Jackie Robinson Strikes Out Baseball's Color Barrier"

by Ian Fritz, Elijah Atkins,  
& Jaxen Burmeister

3. "6888 Black Women's Battalion"

by Jaden Post & Micah Buck

4. "MTV and the Music Video Industry"

by Ava Grifhorst  
& Rachel Hernandez

5. "The wright brothers"

by Jameson Kooyer, Aven Rohr,  
& Greyson Boes

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*ROOM 2263*

**JUNIOR GROUP  
EXHIBIT  
ROOM 2263**

6. "Voyager: Development to Discovery"  
by Hendrik Hoekman  
& Elliot Perkins
7. "The Story of Auburn Hills Neighborhood"  
by Jules Dejong-Shaver &  
Oliver Carbaugh
8. "Seneca Falls and the Fight for Rights"  
by Eliana Carter & Leah Peck
9. "Joan of Arc: Defying Gender Roles"  
by Nathalie Luna, Keelyn Grigg,  
& Jocelyn Gonzalez Garcia
10. "Bloodshed on the Homestead"  
by William Rund, Myles Pitcher,  
& Samuel Bordenkircher

# Entries

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*ROOM 2263*

**YOUTH GROUP  
EXHIBIT  
ROOM 2263**

1. "Susan B. Anthony: A Revolutionary in Voting Rights"

by Aria Lenoir, Adilyn Hernandez,  
& Lucy Mann

2. "Spilling Tea: Inspiring the American Revolution"

by Logan Ferwerda & Lucas Rake

3. "The Attack on Pearl Harbor: The Reaction that Changed the Outcome of World War II"

by August Redmon, Easton Raymo,  
& Kobe Freiheit

# Important Information

## 2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

### Students:

Please be prepared. You are responsible for the placement and removal of all props and equipment used in your presentation. We ask that students with exhibits leave them up until after the awards ceremony. Students must be present at their exhibit location during the scheduled interview period. Michigan History Day and Grand Valley State University are not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

### Parents & Teachers:

#### Visitor parking for History Day is located in Lot H.

We understand that you want to give your students all the moral support you can. However, please remember that they have done a great deal of research and know their subjects. Please sit back, relax, and allow them to answer the judges' questions themselves.

Please **DO NOT TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS** during Performances and Documentaries. It is distracting for both students and judges. Entry into the rooms is allowed only **between** performances and documentaries.

Due to space constraints, and possible distractions for students and judges, we ask the parents, teachers, and general public to visit the exhibits **after** the judges have completed their interviews with the students.

Lunch is provided for students, teachers, and judges only. Unfortunately, GVSU's Campus Dining does not have open options on campus on Saturday and therefore parents/visitors will need to go off campus for lunch. There are several local options including Jimmy Johns, Burger King, Taco Bell, and McDonald's. We apologize for this inconvenience.

# Important Dates

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DEADLINE FOR STATE FINALS  
REGISTRATION: APRIL 8, 2026

STATE HISTORY DAY CONTEST:  
AT SAGINAW VALLEY STATE  
UNIVERSITY APRIL 25, 2025

FOR MORE INFO:  
[HSMICHIGAN.ORG/MHD](https://hsmichigan.org/mhd)

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY CONTEST:  
JUNE 14 – JUNE 18, 2026

FOR MORE INFO:  
[NHD.ORG](https://nhd.org)

# Mission Statement

2026 REGION 4 CONTEST

History Day is designed to promote the study of history in schools, and to create a higher degree of appreciation for its value in the students, educators, and community members who participate. The spirit of History Day is not based upon winning and losing, but on the encouragement of achievement, the recognition of excellence, and the positive critical evaluation of every student participant. Judges and program officials value student effort, while encouraging academic achievement and the building of positive self-esteem. History Day entries, like history itself, are evolutionary in nature. It is the goal of the program to empower students with research skills, critical thinking skills, and outlets for creative expression which will enhance their academic abilities in all areas of study.

# More Information

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<http://www.hsmichigan.org/mhd>



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