

Michigan Social Studies Olympiad 2021

Elementary Division Winners

Hand Puppets - Students construct any type of puppet historical character that requires manipulation of head, arms and/or legs. Students provide a picture of the character represented by the puppet, give a two minute autobiography and make a connection between the character and the theme of the MSSO.

No 2021 qualified winners

Historical TV Newscast - Students create, produce, and direct a 10-minute video to simulate what a television newscast would have been in the past.

Gold Medal

Sienna Chomicz

Ally Verriest

Hailey Hemrich

Alexa Wilson

Matthew Snider

Aria Spaccarotelli

Graebner Elementary School, Utica Community Schools

Marathon: A Citizen Involvement Project – This event provides an entire class the opportunity to organize and participate in an original philanthropic, long-term social studies project. The goal is for students to plan, conduct research, and carry out a service-learning project that uses their time, talent, and treasure to better their world. Being involved, contributing citizens is the essence of social studies. It is the hope that this event will encourage students to learn about their role in community, take a step toward addressing an issue, and get involved.

No 2021 qualified winners

Monologue – Historical – A Historical monologue is a long speech spoken by only one actor (usually in a play or movie). The speech content and tone must fit the time period and part of the world of the character. Monologues should be focused on one central point, and not simply an autobiographical speech.

Gold Medal

Madelyn Mumma

Edison Elementary, Fraser Public Schools

Online Presentation - Online presentations are tools that provide visuals, sounds, and words that increase people's understanding of a subject. This event entails having students creating original digital presentations based on the theme.

Gold Medal

Elisabeth Britton

Havel Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Silver Medal

Poppy Kelly

Havel Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Bronze Medal

Henry Jozifak

Crissman Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Bronze Medal

Jiselle Idrovo

Havel Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Poetry - Poetry can be of any style, rhymed or unrhymed, structured or free verse.

Gold Medal

Fadi Al-Qazzazee

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Silver Medal

Niema Wade

Trix Academy, MECC

Bronze Medal

Marija Jankovic

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Honorable Mention

Maria Kazi

Roose Elementary, Center Line Public Schools

Poster: Artistic - Artistic interpretation of the Olympiad's designated theme through one, or a combination, of some of the following: painting, drawings, and use of a variety of material, photographs/pictures. Artistic merit and interpretation of the theme are scored equally.

Gold Medal

Oliver Szczesiak

Ardmore Willoughby Elementary, Lakeview Public Schools

Silver Medal

Likas McGilton

Ardmore Willoughby Elementary, Lakeview Public Schools

Bronze Medal

Mia Janiskee

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Poster: Collage – These posters must be entirely covered with found objects (leaves, miniature toys, photographs, magazine pictures, etc.) or materials that tell a story that fit the Olympiad's current theme.

Gold Medal

Jacob Mauser

Ardmore Elementary, Lakeview Public Schools

Silver Medal

Allison Herberling

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Bronze Medal

Olivia Silvagi

Crissman Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Honorable Mention

Dylan Kalvzny

Ardmore Elementary, Lakeview Public Schools

Poster: Storyboard – Posters with magazine pictures, newspaper clippings, photographs, found objects such as leaves, miniature objects, beans, etc., which tell a story that fits this year’s Olympiad’s designated theme. The poster must be titled and pictures, items, etc. are to be captioned with brief explanations that flow from beginning to middle, and end.

Gold Medal

Madison Mackool

Schwarzkoﬀ Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Silver Medal

Alexis Ocampo

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Bronze Medal

Aya Hiroko Nowak

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Honorable Mention

Renee Dainty

Ardmore Elementary, Lakeview Public Schools

Primary Document Journal - The purpose of the journal is for the student to analyze a historical event through the use of primary documents.

No 2021 qualified winners

Quiltathon - The Quiltathon provides students an opportunity to create a quilt block. Historically, quilt making has been a practical activity, which values diversity and creative expression. Inherent in quilt making is the tradition of collaboration and sharing with many working together for the common good.

Gold Medal

Leann Sasser

Greenwood Elementary, Lakeview Public Schools

Silver Medal

Kendall Easton

Peck Elementary, Center Line Public Schools

Bronze Medal

Addison Sails

Greenwood Elementary, Lakeview Public Schools

Honorable Mention

Reegan Wells

Grabner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Honorable Mention

Nowrin Begum

Roose Elementary, Center Line Public Schools

Song – Lyrics and video performance of an original song based on the MSSO theme.

Gold Medal

Salina Hart

Trix Academy, MECC (Detroit)

Silver Medal

Allison Heberling, Mia Janiskee

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Bronze Medal

Taniyah Johnson

Trix Academy, MECC (Detroit)

Honorable Mention

Maryann Talia, Emily Boothe

Graebner Elementary, Utica Community Schools

Take a Stand Essay - Students produce a written essay that expresses a position on a current public issue related to the Olympiad theme and justify the position with reasoned arguments.

Gold Medal

Arnob Debnath

Roose Elementary, Center Line Public Schools

Silver Medal

Lathan Mendell

Roose Elementary, Center Line Public Schools

Bronze Medal

Sami Mohammad

Roose Elementary, Center Line Public Schools

Bronze Medal

Anna Paylozyan

Grabner Elementary, Utica Community Schools