

## Michigan Social Studies Olympiad 2021

### Intermediate Division Winners

**Current Event Editorial Essay** - This event is an opportunity for students to write an opinion editorial, in a news media format, based on a current event. The editorial must take the form of a short essay, based on an event or events that have been relatively prominent in news media within the past year. Students will use a mix of analytical, critical, and persuasive arguments to promote a specific point of view.

Gold Medal

**Emma Spisak**

*Stevenson Middle School, Wayne-Westland Community Schools*

Silver Medal

**Ghazala Alemi**

*Stevenson Middle School, Wayne-Westland Community Schools*

Bronze Medal

**Kenleigh Ball**

*Stevenson Middle School, Wayne-Westland Community Schools*

**Current Event Map** - The Current Event Map event is intended to help develop students' knowledge of current events, their understanding about how geography influences current events, and their map making and presentation skills. Using a video, students must use a map to tell the story of any national or international events which have been in the news the past one to two years.

Gold Medal

**Nora Goaley**

*Christa McAuliffe Middle School, Bangor Township Schools*

Silver Medal

**Grace Jankoska**

*Christa McAuliffe Middle School, Bangor Township Schools*

Bronze Medal

**Kenzy Bach**

*Christa McAuliffe Middle School, Bangor Township Schools*

**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

**Sean Wesolek**

**Colten Beson**

**Alex Armstrong**

**Landon Kogelman**

**Drew Bailey**

**William Gallagher**

*Christa McAuliffe Middle School, Bangor Township Schools*

**Investments** - Sponsored by the Michigan Council on Economic Education, student teams invest \$100,000 over the course of 5-6 weeks in whatever stocks they think will lead the pack. The winners are based on highest percentage gained in their division.

Gold Medal

**Reid Jarjosa, Zain Halabi, Hugh Aaron**

*Detroit Country Day*

Silver Medal

**Philippa Ammann, Ranna Kumar, Neil Stover**

*Detroit Country Day*

**Digital Photography**- This event allows students to explore photography and to sharpen writing skills.

Gold Medal

**Riley Vargas**

*Stevenson Middle School, Wayne-Westland*

Silver Medal

**Noah Brouhard**

*Stevenson Middle School, Wayne-Westland*

Bronze Medal

**Riley Vargas**

*Stevenson Middle School, Wayne-Westland*

## **Photojournalism**

Gold Medal

**Sydney Wendt**

*Detroit Country Day Middle School*

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

Gold Medal

**Eliana Varughese**

*Switzer Elementary, VA, Utica Community Schools*

Silver Medal

**Sarah Thomas**

*Switzer Elementary, VA, Utica Community Schools*

Bronze Medal

**Nicholas Siemen**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Honorable Mention

**Brady Werner**

*Christa McAuliffe Middle School, Bangor Township Schools*

**Political Cartoons Journal** - The purpose of the journal is to examine current issues which have an impact on our government, political parties, and local, state, national, and international issues.

No 2021 qualified winners

**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

**Valerie Kapousis**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Silver Medal

**Victoria Wiecha**

*Switzer 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

**Isabella Aiello**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Silver Medal

**Adeline Youngberg**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community 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

**Valerie Kapousis**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Silver Medal

**Jack Trzasko**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

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

Gold Medal

**Emily Lentine**

*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

**Ari Medvinsky**

*University Liggett School*

Silver Medal

**Shade Patrick**

*University Liggett School*

Bronze Medal

**Sienna Meininger**

*Christa McAuliffe Middle School, Bangor Township Schools*

**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

**Nathan Plocinik**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Silver Medal

**Nichoas Plocinik**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Bronze Medal

**Hannah Perzanowski**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Honorable Mention

**Dylan Knapp**

*Switzer Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Honorable Mention

**Joyce Hartman**

*Switzer 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

**Xavier Wiggins**

*Schwarzkoﬀ Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Silver Medal

**Aishwarya Abraham**

*Schwarzkoﬀ Elementary, Utica Community Schools*

Bronze Medal

**Marcus Khoushi**

*Schwarzkoﬀ Elementary, Utica Community Schools*