



***Special Prize Winners for the NHD in PA 2026  
State Finals***

**The Pennsylvania LGBTQ+ History Prize**

**Grand Prize:**

**Entry 23002: Ayden Fichte, for *Andy and His Boys:  
Driving Action by ACTing Up***

**Honorable Mention:**

**Entry 22022: Katleyn Patton and Lyric Koch, for  
*Rioting for Rights: The Legacy of Stonewall***



## **The Irwin Marcus Prize**

### **Junior Division Winner:**

**Entry 10003: Aadhya Palepu for *Liberty, Property and Federal Authority: Constitutional Conflict in Fries's Rebellion***

### **Senior Division Winner:**

**Entry 20003: Piper Munyon for *A "Stunt Girl" in Steel City: How Industrial Pittsburgh shaped Nellie Bly's Fight for Women's Rights***



## **The Mayflower Prize**

### **Senior Website:**

**Entry 27002: Luke Burhart for *William Penn's Holy Experiment: How William Penn Completely Changed Our World***

### **Junior Website:**

**Entry 18002: Owen Wuytack, Zion Terry, Ryker Gill and Salvatore Colella for *The American Revolution, Revolution-Reaction-Reform***

### **Junior Paper:**

**Entry 10003: Aadhya Palepu for *Liberty, Property and Federal Authority: Constitutional Conflict in Fries's Rebellion***



## **The Pennsylvania Society of Cincinnati Award**

### **Junior Division:**

**Entry 14001: Connor Marshall and Alex Julian for *After the Revolution: How President Washington's Reaction to Foreign Influence, Political Division and the Threat of Rebellion Secured the Future of a Young Nation***

### **Senior Division:**

**Entry 27020: Yushan Bai for *How Colonial Response, British Response and Constitutional Change Shaped Lasting Democratic Principles***