2023 Special Awards



Spotlight Award

The Spotlight Award is sponsored by the Orange County Council for Gifted and Talented Education (OCC GATE) and is presented to a 12th grade student who demonstrates academic excellence, outstanding leadership, persistence, and strong care and concern for others. A \$500 award will be given to the recipient.

Megan Vahdat, Sage Hill School, Coach: Frank Gonzales

California Global Education Project Award for Global Citizenship

Elementary Group Poster, Junior Group Exhibit, and Senior Group Exhibit entries are eligible to earn the California Global Education Project Award for Global Citizenship. Winners are awarded \$100 to share with group members

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Elementary Group Poster	Marie Curie: New Frontiers in Biomedical Research	
	by Stephanie Armas and Milania Borgelt	
Junior Group Exhibit	A Dangerous Frontier: The Devastating Significance of Fritz Haber	
	by Daksh Bhatnagar, Andrew Lai, Maxx Tan and Siddharth Singh	
Senior Group Exhibit	Build a Baby: Frontiers in Artificial Insemination and	
	the Fight for Fertility by Alexis Low and Lauren Low	

The Moulton Museum Award Junior and Senior Websites Entries Only

Group websites that embrace and embody the traits of "The Pioneer Spirit" are eligible to receive the Award. Winners are awarded \$200 to share with group members.

Junior Group Website	Negotiating Identity at the Frontier: The Role of the Carlisle School in
	Forced Cultural Assimilation
	by Ansh Gosain and Matthew Lee
Senior Group Website	Nellie Bly in the Madhouse: How Her New Frontier of Performative
	Muckraking Created a Future for Women
	by Camille Helbig, Rachel Park, and Annie Jiang

Sherman Library & Gardens Award

The Sherman Library & Gardens Award for Regional History Research is presented to members from one Junior Group Documentary. Winners are awarded \$200 to be shared by the group plus a family membership for each member of the group.

Junior Group Documentaries	The Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938
	by Adit Bathla, Ben Liu, and Saurav Verma

Chuck Staneart Historical Paper Awards

Awarded in the Historical Paper Category for best research and analysis.

\$100 is awarded to each winner.		
	Junior Paper	Minji Choi, Sierra Vista Middle School, Coach: Jonathan Millers
	Senior Paper	Vismaya Sista, Portola High School, Coach: Wind Ralston