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Sioux City History Projects Award Recipients

Awards to honor the knowledge and creativity of 91 Sioux City fourth grade students participating in the 19th Annual Sioux City History Projects exhibition were presented on Sunday, May 16 at the Sioux City Public Museum. All of the students whose projects were part of the exhibition were presented with a certificate from Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Padgett and Museum director Steve Hansen.

Special awards were presented in the following categories: Sioux City Public Museum Board of Trustees Award to Connor Birkes, Emerson Elementary, for his City Hall project; Sioux City Museum and Historical Association Award to Miles Patton, Sacred Heart School, for his Milwaukee Wiener project; the Museum Director's Award to Mae Macfarlane, Lincoln Elementary, for her Sioux City Ghosts project; the Museum Staff Award to Ciara Hess, Lincoln Elementary, for her model of Archie's Diner; and the Students' Choice Award to Savannah Brand, Leeds Elementary, for her model of St. Luke's Hospital.

After spending part of their school year studying local history, hundreds of students in 18 participating schools created models and posters featuring Sioux City's past and present. The history projects were chosen for the exhibition based on their uniqueness and quality of work. Selected projects also had to adhere to strict size guidelines in order to meet the space requirements of the Museum's exhibit areas. The reception and awards ceremony marked the closing of the exhibition which had been on display since April 3.

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