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Record number of Students Honored at 2016 Student Production Awards

The Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (producers of The Rocky Mountain Emmy® Awards) presents a special award for High School and College students every year. The Student Production Awards are commemorated with a crystal pillar to represent the best of the next generation of broadcasters in our region. The contest is meant for videos produced as part of a class, for which school credit is received.

Last spring we received more student entries than ever before. The submissions are judged by working professionals from our Board of Governors and members of The Silver Circle. Each program entry is judged on a 30-point scale for content, creativity and execution. Craft entries are judged on a 20-point scale. This is the same model that Regional Emmy® Awards judges use. After the announcement this evening, submitters will receive the judges' comments to help them grow in their craft.

Chapter President, Theresa Maher said, "The Student Production Awards are an incredibly important part of how this chapter serves our industry. Through this program we are able to nurture and recognize next generation of broadcast professionals. The growth we've seen over the last few years has been filled with a level of talent that creates a genuine excitement for the future of our business. I'm incredibly proud of the each student who has dedicated their time to our profession."

One award, more than one award or no award may be given in any category. This is because each student entry is judged individually on its own merit against a standard of excellence.

"This standard of excellence is the same baseline we use for our professional Emmy Awards," said Chuck Emmert, Education Committee Chair for the Board of Governors. "Good luck to all the students who entered; and we look forward to seeing you grow and develop your craft in the future."

Nominees and recipients of the Student Production Awards are honored at the 2016 Rocky Mountain Emmy® Awards Gala at 6pm.

List of recipients:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - NEWSCAST

Jaguar News Holiday Edition
South Mountain High School
Merce Mijares
Florence Kivalu
Christian Guzman
Justin Crenshaw
Amanda Salameh

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Avnet Tech Games
SPOT 127 Youth Media Center
Michelle Ailport
Abner Avila

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PRODUCTION
MUSIC VIDEO**

No Sleep
Media Arts Collaborative Charter School
Sharif Hasan

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - LONG FORM
NONFICTION**

Rethinking Reform: Prisons in America
Metropolitan Arts Institute
Daniela Mock-Zubia
Sofia Taglienti

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SPORTS

Seniors Fall Sports and Step Team
South Mountain High School
Florence Kivalu

HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SERVICE (PSAS)

Can They See Me?
SPOT 127 Youth Media Center
Efrain Hernandez

HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCIAL

Workplace Etiquette Video
Metro Tech High School
Natalie Torres
Cande Duran
Ashley Salazar

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PRODUCTION
CRAFT - DIRECTOR**

Workplace Etiquette Video
Metro Tech High School
Natalie Torres

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CRAFT EDITOR

Editing By Amanda Salameh
South Mountain High School
Amanda Salameh

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CRAFT TALENT

Joran Palacio Play By Play
Perry High School
Joran Palacio

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PRODUCTION
CRAFT VIDEO ESSAY
(SINGLE CAMERA ONLY)**

Females in Aerospace
South Mountain High School
Amanda Salameh

*Food Waste Problem Along
US-Mexico Border Sees Progress*
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Yahaira Jacquez

COLLEGE AWARDS

AND

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - NEWSCAST**

LEGO KidsFest Invades Glendale
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Ben Margiott

A-TV News
Utah State University
Aimee Cobabe
Connor Comeau

Taylor Condie
Jeffrey Dahdah

Brock Damjanovich

AND

*Navajo Family Without Water and Their
Daughter*
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Yahaira Jacquez

Emily Duke
Torrey Green
Tess Griffeth

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - ARTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Natalie Humpherys
Taylor Murray
Natalie Nix
Amy Reid
Sarah Winder

Explore Sedona
Northern Arizona University
Lucas Mullikin
Maritza Lopez
Nicholas Mazur
Haley Barnett
Mariah Soer

AND

*Cronkite News
Election Special: March 22, 2016*
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Windsor Smith
Nicole Fox
Jennifer Soules
Emily Antuna
Madison Romine

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - NEWS: GENERAL
ASSIGNMENT**

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - LONG FORM:
FICTION/NON-FICTION**

Big Sister Rug
Institute of American Indian Arts
Dwayne Joe
Eugene Badonie
Ecohta Killnight
Ramona Emerson

AND

*El Otro Lado: The Divide Over Arizona's Border
Crisis*
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Zackary Moran

AND

That Old Familiar Spirit
Brigham Young University
Hunter Phillips

AND

Stingray
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Jerod MacDonald-Evoy
Rashinda Bankhead

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - SPORTS**

Life After Sports: Janae Vander Ploeg
Northern Arizona University
Austin Davis
Xavier Rangel
Cody Cameron
Holly Switay

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - PUBLIC
AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Mexico Opening the Door to
Legalization of Marijuana*
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Katie Bieri

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - DIRECTOR**

MISSing
Northern Arizona University
Marteen Cleary

AND

That Old Familiar Spirit
Brigham Young University
Hunter Phillips

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - EDITOR**

*West Phoenix Music Teacher Making a
Difference*
Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Yahaira Jacquez

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT
PRODUCTION - PHOTOGRAPHER**

Explore Sedona
Northern Arizona University
Lucas Mullikin

AND

That Old Familiar Spirit
Brigham Young University
Jared Jakins

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT PRODUCTION - TALENT

Megan Thompson - Talent

Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Megan Thompson

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT PRODUCTION - VIDEO ESSAY (SINGLE CAMERA ONLY)

Wheelchair Dancer

Utah State University
Jeffrey Dahdah

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT PRODUCTION - WRITING

That Old Familiar Spirit

Brigham Young University
Hunter Phillips

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