



THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES  
ANNOUNCES THE NOMINEES OF  
THE 2017 NATIONAL STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS

*Tom Bergeron to Host October 3<sup>rd</sup> Award Presentation at Emerson College in Los Angeles, CA*

New York, NY, Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences today announced the nominees for The 2017 National Student Production Awards. Nominees were selected from high school student entries across the country in 23 programming and craft categories. The awards presentation will be live-streamed from the Los Angeles campus of Emerson College on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon, PDT and will be hosted by television personality, Tom Bergeron, star and host of ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars.” Viewing of the presentation can be seen at the following:

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Over 200 young professionals, culled from 19 regional chapters of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, were successfully narrowed down from a record breaking 1,500 entries, by judges selected from industry professionals to university professors, to advance to the national competition.

“The future of television is being passed on to these outstanding students who will one day become the leaders of innovation and programming for our industry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Bob Mauro, President & CEO, NATAS.

"The breadth and scope of the work created by these talented students continues to surprise and amaze us as we look to the future of this great industry," said, NATAS Education Chair, Danielle Mannion. “We are very grateful to the hundreds of industry professionals who judged and critiqued these exceptional student productions and look forward to an exciting event hosted by Tom Bergeron at Emerson College’s west coast campus.”

Categories and nominees will be announced with pre-recorded messages from television personalities from across the industry prior to the announcement of honorees by Tom Bergeron. The honorees will receive a NATAS certificate and a crystal pillar award, emblazoned with the world famous EMMY® logo for their school.

The live-stream will be produced by David Michaels, NATAS SVP, Daytime, and Education Chair, Danielle Mannion with Nic Duggar, TNDV, directing. NATAS would like to thank and acknowledge their Sponsors, Warner Chappell Production Music (<http://www.warnerchappellpm.com/>), Nic Duggar, owner of TNDV (<http://www.tndv.com/>) and Emerson College ([www.emerson.edu/](http://www.emerson.edu/)) for its facility and participation in making these awards possible.

**About The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences**

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a professional service organization dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry.

It recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy Award for News & Documentary, Sports, Daytime Entertainment, Daytime Creative Arts & Entertainment, Public & Community Service, and Technology & Engineering. NATAS membership consists of over 15,000 broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the country. Beyond awards, NATAS has extensive educational programs including Regional Student Television and its Student Award for Excellence for outstanding journalistic work by high school students, as well as scholarships, publications, and major activities for both industry professionals and the viewing public. For more information, please visit the website at [www.emmyonline.tv](http://www.emmyonline.tv).

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## NOMINEES FOR THE NATIONAL STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS

### Newscast

#### **The Buzz TV, Fort Mill High School (Southeast Chapter)**

Zoe Cruz, Julian Masters  
Karin McKerney, Advisor

#### **WBHS 9 Dec. 16 Newscast, Brentwood High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Rachel Ault, Morgan Yoder, Stephanie Steele, Reed Smith, Ryan Tyler, Katie Hart, Jack Burke, Matthew Willoughby  
Ronnie Adcock, Advisor

#### **Plymouth North School Newscast, Plymouth North High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Dan Riley  
Michelle Terry, Advisor

#### **BNN, Buchanan News Network, Buchanan High School, Clovis, CA (San Francisco / Northern California Chapter)**

Sergio Chavez, Camryn Dietz, Taylor Wolfe, Sarah Forbis, Ryan Kish, Arianna Norvelle, Lauren Redmond, Rei Bioco, Lance Lamborn, Tristan Stulce, Bransen Pass  
Daniel Pearce, Advisor

#### **CPTV , Crown Point High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Reece Grapenthien, Drew Zimmerman, Mitch Bolda, Kyle Gilson, Evan Holland  
Brent Barber, Chris Gloff, Advisor

### General Assignment - Serious News

#### **A Whole New World, Hillcrest High School (Mid-America Chapter)**

Josh Horned, Rachel Pfeifer  
Dave Davis, Advisor

#### **Active Shooter Drill, Barrington High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Alex Gaul, Ben Pokorny  
Jeff Doles, Advisor

#### **Desegregation at GHS, Germantown High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Deborah Noel, Andreas Williams, Wolfgang Stoltz  
Leonid Mazor, Advisor

#### **Domestic Abuse, Davison High School (Michigan Chapter)**

Alesia Paxton, Bailey Talaska  
Randy Scott, Advisor

#### **Cruising Over Cancer, Parkland High School (Mid-Atlantic Chapter)**

Mary Dalton, Graham Burrell  
Dave Thomas, Advisor

### General Assignment - Light News

#### **Charlie's Path, Christopher Columbus HS, CCNN Live (Suncoast Chapter)**

Christopher Ahrendt, Christopher Vazquez, Anthony Martinez, Antonio Castellanos  
Christina Insua, Omar Delgado, Advisor

#### **Cole Bryant Named Student Coach, KCBY-TV Coppell High School (Lone Star Chapter)**

Kiley Wecker, Nick Wilson  
Irma Lazos-Kennedy, Advisor

#### **Special Education, Central High School (Mid-America Chapter)**

Emily Beach, Emma Steingraber  
Josh Cantrell, Advisor

#### **Immigration, Plymouth North High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Michelle Terry, Advisor

## **Arts and Entertainment/Cultural Affairs**

### **Backstreet Community Arts, Central Education Center (Southeast Chapter)**

Skylar Nicholson, Katarina Sibley

*Michael Britt, Advisor*

### **Dominican Republic Mission Trip, Burnsville High School (Upper Midwest Chapter)**

Scott Tinkham

*Tyler Krebs, Advisor*

### **Storytellers, Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts, San Francisco, CA (San Francisco / Northern California Chapter)**

Ethan Bresnick, Avidan Novogrodsky-Godt, Theo Haber

*Scott Berhardt, Advisor*

### **Jacob's Story, Springdale District TV (Mid-America Chapter)**

Max Roeder, Esdras Valdez

*Trent Jones, Advisor*

### **Annie, Franklin High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Jacob Ferguson

*Keri Thompson, Advisor*

## **Music Video**

### **Chatta Who, Alpharetta High School (Southeast Chapter)**

Michael Masi, Eric Traugott, Kyle Monahan

*Tracy Misner, Advisor*

### **Be Free, William G. Enloe High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Laurn Bledsoe, Owen Tadych, Robert Smith, Spencer Rouse, Eneko Zubizarreta, Evan Davenport

*Bill Notarnicola, Advisor*

### **Music Video, Athens TV - Troy Athens High School (Michigan Chapter)**

Alana Richardson, Claire Davis, Eleri Watkins

*Adam Burns, Advisor*

### **Another Day of Sun, Middleborough High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Leanne Robinson

*Adam Pelletier, Advisor*

### **One Minute to Midnight, Delaware Area Career Center (Ohio Valley Chapter)**

Connor McGovern, Nate Martin, Aidan Garling, Jeff Butcher, Jake Marzluf, Rachel Wyatt

*Josh Gallagan, Advisor*

## **Short Form - Fiction**

### **Evol, Mesquite ISD Technology Excellence Center (Lone Star Chapter)**

Alex Ramirez

*Shonda Tindall, Advisor*

### **Aliens Without a Planet, Dekalb School of the Arts (Southeast Chapter)**

Giovanni Tortorici

*Frank Mastrogiacomo, Advisor*

### **Comeback, Ballard High School (Northwest Chapter)**

Skala Leake, Avery Davis, Aaron Miller, Cameron Miller

*Matt Lawrence, Advisor*

### **A Case of Depression, Lexington High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Tian Xu

*Mary Pappas, Advisor*

### **Oregano, Olentangy Orange High School (Ohio Valley Chapter)**

Jake Metzger, Garrett Dahn, Samuel DeCillis, Dominic Fleshman

*Brian Nicola, Advisor*

## **Short Form - Non-Fiction**

### **The Luc Show, Bemidji High School (Upper Midwest Chapter)**

Luc Berard  
*Bryan Hammitt, Advisor*

### **Dear Meghan, Fairhaven High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Michael Sargent, Jeffrey Szynal  
*Drew Furtado, Advisor*

### **Becoming Callie, Homewood-Flossmoor High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Jane Wenckus  
*Mark Ciesielski, Advisor*

### **Courage Award Noah McLaughlin, Summit High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Morgan Haymer  
*Patrick Nichols, Advisor*

### **Perpetual Peace, NW Documentary (Northwest Chapter)**

Alexa Block, Cheyenne Kelly, Kara Fosso  
*Sam Gaty, Advisor*

## **Long Form - Fiction**

### **Resisting Rest, Roswell High School (Southeast Chapter)**

Griffin Larson  
*Lisa Kennedy, Advisor*

### **The Studio, Har-Ber High School (Mid-America Chapter)**

STAFF  
*Travis Sherman, Advisor*

### **Captive, Taunton High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Kyle Fisk, Dan DeAndrade, Logan Nunes, Niko Natsis, Brandon Wolfe  
*Steven Jacques, Advisor*

### **Supertramp, Franklin High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Jacob Ferguson, Bryson Sams, Porter Edwards, Dante Cameron, Ryan Coke, Brandon Kelly, Jack Durham, Cole Winton  
*Keri Thompson, Advisor*

### **Out of Nothing, Delaware Area Career Center (Ohio Valley Chapter)**

Nate Martin, Jake Marzluf, Jeff Butcher, Connor McGovern, Andrew Chope, Garrett Varanelli  
*Josh Gallagan, Advisor*

## **Long Form - Non-Fiction**

### **9066, Ballard High School (Northwest Chapter)**

Maya Konz, Kajsa Woolford, Nolan Baker, Bailey Wall  
*Matt Lawrence, Advisor*

### **Project Shield, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School (Suncoast Chapter)**

Andres Dones  
*Johnny Calderin, Advisor*

### **Proof of Life: A documentary, Christopher Columbus HS, CCNN Live (Suncoast Chapter)**

Christopher Ahrendt, Antonio Castellanos, Alejandro Basalo, Christopher Vazquez, Anthony Martinez, Danyel DeVilliers, Jose Fernandez  
*Christina Insua, Omar Delgado, Advisor*

### **Jerrad, Burnsville High School (Upper Midwest Chapter)**

Scott Tinkham, Jerrad Solberg  
*Tyler Krebs, Advisor*

### **Cuba. The Story of My Father, PCTV - Pine Crest School (Suncoast Chapter)**

Isabella Faife  
*Dave Burgess, Advisor*

## **Sports**

### **This is Ultimate, East Chapel Hill High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Jack Phillips  
Karen Sanders, Advisor

### **Bemidji Boys Basketball 2016-2017, Bemidji High School (Upper Midwest Chapter)**

Cody Roder, Jace Peterson, Nick Harrom  
Bryan Hammitt, Advisor

### **Moto Max, WAHS News, American Heritage School (Suncoast Chapter)**

Sophia Donskoi, Sophia Donskoi, Sophia Donskoi  
Maria Molina, Advisor

### **Barrington vs. Conant, Barrington High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Sean Dolan, Casey Larson  
Jeff Doles, Advisor

### **The Season: Oxford Football - Episode Six, Oxford High School (Southeast Chapter)**

Merrick McCool, Andrew Gardner, Eli Hartnett  
Diala Chaney, Advisor

## **Sports-Live Event**

### **Wildcat Sports Network: Har-ber vs. Springdale, Har-Ber High School (Mid-America Chapter)**

Staff  
Travis Sherman, Advisor

### **Webster City vs Humboldt Wrestling, Webster City High School (Upper Midwest Chapter)**

Erin Bahrenfuss, Tyler Geopfert, Luke Bergeson, John Brandt, Jacob Nilles, Jacqueline Faust  
Mark Murphy, Advisor

### **CPTV Media Live Basketball Broadcast, Crown Point High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Drew Zimmerman, Evan Holland, Nick Morgan, Kyle Gilson, Reece Grapenthien  
Brent Barber, Chris Gloff, Advisor

### **Staples Boys Varsity Basketball Live, Staples High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Cooper Boardman, Jack Caldwell  
Justin Nadal, Advisor

### **Westminster Live Sports - Savannah vs. Westminster, the Westminster Schools (Southeast Chapter)**

Bennett Porson, William Turton, The WCAT Crew  
Daniel Searl, Advisor

## **Sports Program**

### **Red Devil Post Game , Germantown High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Kennedy Harris, Maggie Lathem, Ryan Coleman, Adam Sapp, Tate Jakobi, Naya Foster, Deborah Noel, Andreas Williams  
Leonid Mazar, Advisor

### **King Phillip Sports Network, King Phillip Regional High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Jaron May, Izzy Agricola, Christina Hathaway, Tyler Mann, Tim Crowley  
Jodi Greenleaf, Advisor

### **Wildcat Sports Network: Tribute to Kyler Williams, Har-Ber High School (Mid-America Chapter)**

Staff  
Travis Sherman, Advisor

### **The Season: Girls' Soccer, Oxford High School (Southeast Chapter)**

Merrick McCool, Andrew Gardner, Eli Hartnett  
Diala Chaney, Advisor

## **Public Service (PSAs)**

### **You See, King Career Center (Northwest Chapter)**

Ryan Tester, Slade Hallett, Michael Johnson  
*MacKenzie Banbury, Advisor*

### **Gun Safety, Brentwood High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Christian Gilliam, JJ Blanton, Katie Hart, Morgan Yoder, Ryan Tyler  
*Ronnie Adcock, Advisor*

### **Dear Diary, Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Sr High (Suncoast Chapter)**

Evan Scolnick, Angelyn Escalona, Danielle Link  
*Charles Lampard, Advisor*

### **"You Can Make a Difference" Suicide Prevention, Buchanan High School, Clovis, CA (San Francisco / Northern California Chapter)**

Sergio Chavez  
*Daniel Pearce, Advisor*

### **Don't Smoke Your Dreams Away, Springdale HS Bulldog TV (Mid-America Chapter)**

Staff  
*Rachelle Moore, Advisor*

## **Public Affairs/Community Service**

### **Enloe Charity Ball, William G. Enloe High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Luke Buxton, Addy Holmes  
*Bill Notarnicola, Advisor*

### **Identity Project, Lake Park Audubon High School (Upper Midwest Chapter)**

Tatum Polman, Alisha Ware  
*Laureen Svobodny, Kathryn Anderson, Advisor*

### **Razzle Dazzle, St Edward High School (Lower Great Lakes Chapter)**

Adam Issa  
*Nicholas Kuhar, Advisor*

### **Heroin: Lorain County's Epidemic, Marion L. Steele High School (Lower Great Lakes Chapter)**

Jacob Kelley, Michael Rakar, Ben Zahorec, Reed Dobo  
*Mark L. Lowrie, Advisor*

### **TEDxLFHS , Lake Forest High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Bailey Lawrence  
*Steve Douglass, Advisor*

## **Commercial**

### **Workplace Etiquette Video, Metro Tech High School (Rocky Mountain/Southwest Chapter)**

Natalie Torres, Cande Duran, Ashley Salazar  
*Bob Marquis, Advisor*

### **MLG Chicago, Lake Forest High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Bailey Lawrence  
*Steve Douglass, Advisor*

### **Upson Lee NJROTC, Upson Lee High (Southeast Chapter)**

Kailil Kendrick  
*Jim Jarvis, Advisor*

### **Marburn Recruitment Video, Delaware Area Career Center (Ohio Valley Chapter)**

Connor McGovern  
*Josh Gallagan, Advisor*

### **Nashoba News Chieftain Press-Nike Student Commercial, Nashoba Regional High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Ashley Cormier, Lea Markham  
*Jacquie Carter, Advisor*

## **Animation/Graphics/Special Effects**

### **William Putty VFXREEL, Ravenwood High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

William Putty

*Shane Shoemake, Advisor*

### **I'm Happy, CTV North Suburbs (Upper Midwest Chapter)**

Jim Belden, Elli Bernhagen, Eric Bernhagen, Amelie Elmquist, Arthur Larson-Burda, Alaina Sandau, Martin Wilkens

*Jordan Lee Thompson, Sarah Olander, Advisor*

### **I Miss You, Franklin High School (Chicago/Midwest Chapter)**

Dara Khampane

*Gail DeClark, Advisor*

### **Skinner's Box, Concord Carlisle Regional High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Ben Tull

*Joseph Bodenrader, Advisor*

### **Caged Bird, Franklin High School, Elk Grove, CA (San Francisco / Northern California Chapter)**

Holly Cheng

*Brad Clark, Advisor*

## **Audio/Sound**

### **Comeback, Ballard High School (Northwest Chapter)**

Avery Davis

*Matt Lawrence, Advisor*

### **Welcome Back To School, School District of Lee County (Suncoast Chapter)**

Vince Marcucci

*Kyle Gilbert, Advisor*

### **Word of the Week: Cacophony, Fairhaven High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Kelsey Pereira

*Drew Furtado, Advisor*

### **WCAT Sound Stage - Owen Ladner - Across the Universe, The Westminster Schools (Southeast Chapter)**

Alex Bean, Andrew Shackelford

*Daniel Searl, Advisor*

### **A Way Back, Moanalua High School, Honolulu, HI (San Francisco / Northern California Chapter)**

Camryn Tabiolo

*Mark Ikenaga, Advisor*

## **Director**

### **Supertramp, Franklin High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Jacob Ferguson

*Keri Thompson, Advisor*

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### **Sketchy, Pinkerton Academy (Boston/New England Chapter)**

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Skylar Nicholson

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Amanda Thattanak

*Trent Jones, Advisor*

## **Video Essay (Single Camera Only)**

### **Females in Aerospace, South Mountain High School (Rocky Mountain/Southwest Chapter)**

Amanda Salameh

*Heather Jancoski, Advisor*

### **Greasy Luck, Fairhaven High School (Boston/New England Chapter)**

Sean Flynn

*Drew Furtado, Advisor*

### **We're making our dreams happen..., Rockford High School (Michigan Chapter)**

Ilene Gould

*Kris DeYoung, Advisor*

### **Magic Wheelchairs, Mountain View High School (Southeast Chapter)**

Kevin Sanchez

*Kolinda Scialabba, Advisor*

### **Stepping into Tradition, Hillcrest High School (Mid-America Chapter)**

Emily Peebles

*Dave Davis, Advisor*

## **Writing**

### **Comeback, Ballard High School (Northwest Chapter)**

Skala Leake

*Matt Lawrence, Advisor*

### **The Three Steps, Moanalua High School, Honolulu, HI (San Francisco / Northern California Chapter)**

Logan Mauricio, Kainoa Ferguson

*Mark Ikenaga, Advisor*

### **The Studio, Har-Ber High School (Mid-America Chapter)**

Jamison Weillenman

*Travis Sherman, Advisor*

### **LISTEN!, Dearborn High School (Michigan Chapter)**

Madison Murdoch

*Kurt Doelle, Advisor*

### **Supertramp, Franklin High School (Nashville/Mid-South Chapter)**

Jacob Ferguson

*Keri Thompson, Advisor*