



THE FOUNDATION OF  
THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES  
ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF  
THE 2017 NATIONAL STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS  
AT EMERSON COLLEGE IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, CA – Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017 – Winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual competition of *The National Student Production Awards* were announced at Emerson College in Los Angeles, CA, today, hosted by television personality, **Tom Bergeron**. The Foundation of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) presents this competition annually which includes 23 programming and craft categories honoring student productions from across the country. The event was live streamed on the Academy's social media channels and website. A full list of winners can be found here: [www.emmyonline.tv](http://www.emmyonline.tv)

*"The National Academy takes great pride in honoring all of these amazing students who will someday be the backbone of our great industry,"* said, **Chuck Dages**, Chairman, NATAS

Over 200 students were culled from the 19 regional chapters of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and selected by industry professionals and university professors to advance to the national competition.

NATAS Education Chair, **Danielle Mannion**, remarked, *"The breadth and scope of this year's entries were truly amazing. I am so thankful for the hundreds who judged and critiqued these exceptional student productions and for the opportunity to highlight these aspiring television journalists who will become the next generation of industry leaders."*

The event was hosted by television personality, **Tom Bergeron** (Dancing With The Stars). Nominees were announced with pre-recorded messages from industry elite such as **Chris Hansen** (Crime Watch Daily), **Nancy O'Dell** and **Kevin Frazier** (ET), **Julie Chen**, **Sheryl Underwood**, **Sara Gilbert**, **Sharon Osbourne** (The Talk), **Laura Wright** and **Chad Duell** (General Hospital), **Pat Sajak** and **Vanna White** (Wheel of Fortune), and **Whoopi Goldberg** (The View).

*"The recognition of these talented young men and women is one of the most important things the Academy does,"* said, **Bob Mauro**, President & CEO, NATAS. *"It is in the hands of these honorees that we will entrust the future of our great industry and by the level of talent seen here, we're on the way to a very bright tomorrow!"*

The live-stream was 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. United Airlines is the official airline of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

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### **About The Emerson College Los Angeles (ELA)**

The Emerson College Los Angeles (ELA), is a sustainable LEED-certified facility located in the heart of Hollywood, encompassing over 100,000 square feet of space. The award winning state-of-the-art facility houses up to 217 students and contains classrooms, offices, an auditorium, screening room, audio and video labs, performance and rehearsal studios. For more information visit <http://www.emerson.edu/ela>

### **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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## THE 2017 NATIONAL STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS – WINNERS

### NEWSCAST

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

Zoe Cruz, Julian Masters  
Karin McKerney, Advisor

### GENERAL ASSIGNMENT – SERIOUS NEWS

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

Alesia Paxton, Bailey Talaska  
Randy Scott, 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

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT / CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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

Jacob Ferguson  
Keri Thompson, Advisor

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MUSIC VIDEO

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

Leanne Robinson  
*Adam Pelletier, Advisor*

SHORT FORM – FICTION

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

Tian Xu  
*Mary Pappas, Advisor*

SHORT FORM – NON-FICTION

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

Luc Berard  
*Bryan Hammitt, Advisor*

LONG FORM – FICTION

***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*

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LONG FORM – NON-FICTION

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

Scott Tinkham, Jerrad Solberg  
*Tyler Krebs, Advisor*

SPORTS

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

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

AND

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

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

SPORTS – LIVE EVENT

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

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

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### SPORTS PROGRAM

***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*

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

***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*

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### ANIMATION/ GRAPHICS / SPECIAL EFFECTS

***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*

### DIRECTOR

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

Taylor Rae Lancaster  
*Christopher Lord, Advisor*

### EDITOR

***Personal Essay, The Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media, Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, CA (San Francisco/Northern California Chapter)***

Keldon Duane-McGlashan  
*Mike Goldstein, Mike Lavezzo, Sharilyn Scharf, Advisor*

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PHOTOGRAHER

***Bags, King Career Center (Northwest Chapter)***

Ryan Tester  
*MacKenzie Banbury, Advisor*

TALENT

***Gonzalo Londoño Talent Demo Reel, Christopher Columbus HS/ CCNN Live (Suncoast Chapter)***

Gonzalo Londoño  
*Christina Insua, Omar Delgado, Advisor*

AND

***Sarah Murphy Talent Reel, WCTV19 - Whitney High School, Rocklin, CA (San Francisco / Northern California Chapter)***

Sarah Murphy  
*Ben Barnholdt, Advisor*

VIDEO ESSAY (SINGLE CAMERA ONLY)

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

Sean Flynn  
*Drew Furtado, Advisor*



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WRITING

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

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