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STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES
UPPER MIDWEST FOUNDATION
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Welcome to the 13th Annual Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Awards!

Tonight, I am filled with gratitude as we celebrate the exceptional talents and hard work of students from across our vibrant region. Your dedication to storytelling and media innovation brings us together, and it is an honor to share this moment with each of you.

This evening, we honor excellence and innovation in visual media, recognizing the efforts of high school and college media programs from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and western Wisconsin. Today started with a career and college fair. It is my hope that you seized this opportunity to connect with regional professionals. These interactions are crucial steppingstones on your path to elevating our industry to new heights.

This year, we are thrilled to recognize 153 nominees and to announce the recipients of the 2024 Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Awards, submitted by 35 high schools and colleges. Your stories embody the spirit of innovation that defines our field.

Tonight, we will cross a milestone of awarding our Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Scholarships. Since 2002, we have awarded 98 scholarships worth $222,000. As we present the 100th scholarship this evening, it will be a testament to our commitment to fostering talent and supporting dreams.

Our mission extends beyond tonight's celebration, as we offer professional and educational workshops throughout the year with our "Emmy® on the Road" program. If you are interested in a school visit, please contact us at info@midwestemmys.org.

I would like to extend my thanks to John "JJ" Murray, our Executive Director, our Board of Governors, and the Foundation Board, who make nights like this possible. Our gratitude also goes to tonight's show Director Amy Schmelzer, Editor Dennis Becker, the Town Square Television production team, and all the volunteers who have contributed their time and talents to make this evening unforgettable.

Also, a special thanks to our host, Chenue Her, our presenters, and the Graduate Hotel Minneapolis, for helping us celebrate the achievements of these remarkable students.

To the students who are the future of our industry, I wish you all the best. May your creativity know no bounds, and may your journeys be filled with success and fulfillment.

Good luck to everyone, and let's enjoy an evening of inspiration, and shared dreams.

Warmest regards,

DIANA PIERCE
President, Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation
The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences - Upper Midwest Foundation
Congratulations to all the exceptional nominees for the Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Awards! It's important to recognize this isn't a competition or a race where the highest score prevails. Each entry is impartially evaluated based on a "Standard of Excellence," considering three key criteria: content, creativity, and execution.

Our dedicated judges meticulously review and score each submission on its own merits, refraining from comparing them to others. The decision on whether an entry deserves an award is made independently. In any given category, there may be one award, multiple awards, or none at all.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our colleagues from across the region who generously contributed their time and expertise to judge the 2024 Student Production Award entries.

More than 30 colleagues took on the responsibility of judging approximately 225 entries from regional high schools and colleges. Many went above and beyond by judging multiple categories or panels. We sincerely value the time and dedication these volunteers invested in maintaining the judging "Standard of Excellence," a crucial element for the integrity of the awards.

Calling all educators! You make fantastic judges for Regional Emmy® Awards. Experience entries from across the country and gain insight into the judging process. If interested, please reach out to awardschair@midwestemmys.org to volunteer. The judging process is entirely online and can be done at your own convenience.

Now, let's all sit back, relax, and savor the incredible show!

Kevin King
Awards Chair
Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation
Step into the spotlight for the grandest evening in video. Tonight we’re celebrating the creativity and talent of regional high school and college video media students! No superstition allowed! Get ready for excitement as we mark the 13th Annual Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Awards.

A special shout-out to John James C.P.A., whose careful tabulation of ballots and support in the awards verification process earned our heartfelt gratitude. Kudos also extend to the Board of Governors and the Student Awards Planning Committees for their invaluable contributions to making this ceremony a success.

On behalf of the Awards Committee and the Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation’s Board of Governors, we extend our warmest congratulations to all the Student Production Award Nominees. Tonight is your night to bask in the glory, and we salute you for your unwavering dedication to excellence in our industry.

For those eager to immortalize their achievements, everyone listed on the official entry form and on our nominations/recipients page is eligible to purchase their very own Nomination and/or Crystal Pillar Awards, proudly displaying their name and role on the coveted award. To place an order, simply visit our Awards Store at www.midwestemmys.org.

But wait, there’s more! Beyond being a hub for accolades, the Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation is also a beacon for professional development. Our Emmy® on the Road workshops are for 2024 events! Additionally, we offer engaging classroom ZOOM sessions, all free of charge. Whether showcasing award-winning videos, discussing techniques, or providing project critiques, we’re here to elevate your skills. To schedule an Emmy® on the Road in-person or Zoom class, reach out to us at info@midwestemmys.org.

A standing ovation and hearty congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of the 2024 Upper Midwest Emmy® Student Production Awards! Tonight, we applaud your outstanding achievements and look forward to the brilliance you’ll continue to bring to our industry.

John (JJ) Murray
Executive Director
Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation
The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) - Upper Midwest Foundation would like to thank the high school and college university educators and students participating in this year’s 2023 Upper Midwest regional student production awards.

**HIGH SCHOOLS**
- Aberdeen Central High School (SD) | Ankeny High School (IA)
- Apple Valley High School (MN) | Black River Falls High School (WI)
- Bloomington Educational Community Television (MN)
- Des Moines Public Schools Central Campus (IA) | Eastview High School (MN)
- Moorhead High School (MN) | St Cloud Tech High School (MN)
- Oskaloosa High School (IA) | Waukee Northwest High School (IA)
- Webster City High School (IA)

**COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**
- Augsburg College | Bethany Lutheran College | Bethel University | Carleton College
- Central Lakes College | Century College | College of St. Benedict & St. John’s University
- Dordt University | Hennepin Technical College | Iowa Central Community College
- Iowa State University | Loras College | Minnesota State University (MSU) - Moorhead
- Minneapolis Community & Technical College | South Dakota State |
- St. Cloud State University | University of Minnesota, Hubbard School of Journalism
- University of Iowa | University of Northern Iowa | University of South Dakota
- University of St. Thomas | Wartburg College | University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
- University of Wisconsin - Superior

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Chenue Her is the morning anchor at WOI-TV in Des Moines Iowa. He is a Regional Emmy® award-winning reporter and Regional Emmy®-nominated anchor. Chenue was recently named the 2024 “Best Local TV Anchor” in Des Moines by CITYVIEW Magazine, a local newspaper. In 2022, Chenue received the AAJA (Asian American Journalists Association) National Community Impact Award. His stories have also received awards from the Iowa Broadcast News Association.

Chenue is originally from the Twin Cities in Minnesota. He came to Des Moines from Atlanta, GA where he was a reporter/MMJ at WXIA (NBC). There, Chenue covered many national stories including the George Floyd protests, death of Congressman John Lewis, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the historic 2020 presidential elections. Chenue also lead the Atlanta spa mass shootings coverage, using his close connections with the AAPI community to bring extensive coverage with important context.
2024 College & High School
Student Production Award Nominees

If an entrant listed multiple roles on an entry, only the first two are listed in the program
The full & complete list of entrants and roles can be found at midwestemmys.org

The awards categories, starting on the opposite page, are listed in the order they will be presented.

Official National Academy Rules For Student Award Promotion

Crystal Pillar awards presented at this ceremony are not regional Emmy® awards. Please do not refer to these awards as “Student Emmys.”

Students are not considered peer professionals and as such, their regional student productions are not eligible to be promoted as a Regional Emmy® award. Students may refer to receiving a Student Production Award Nomination or Award from the Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation... Or being an Upper Midwest Emmy® Student Production Award Nominee or Recipient.

Students and schools may not use the Emmy® name or replica of the Emmy® figure in any form of school publications, commercial advertising and promotion. Emmy® is in our Foundation name, it is not the name of the award. The award is a Crystal Pillar.

The presentation of these awards is intended to be an incentive for the continued pursuit of excellence by those studying media and journalism and to focus public attention on outstanding cultural, educational, technological, entertainment, news and informational achievements by undergraduate college and/or high school students.

Crystal Pillar awards are presented to recipient schools for promotional purposes. Students listed on the official entry are eligible to purchase awards.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS NOTE: Regional high school recipients from all participating regional Emmy® chapters will automatically advance to a national competition. Recipients of the national awards will be announced in the fall of 2024. For more information visit the website: theemmys.tv/nspa

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High School Director

St. Cloud Downtown Boxing Gym
St. Cloud Tech High School
  Romeriah Ellis, Director
  Isaac Wunderlich, Director
  Matthew Keil, Advisor

Tech Morning Show
S5 E6 Thanksgiving Special
St. Cloud Tech High School
  Umayma Abdi, Director
  Romeriah Ellis, Director
  Matthew Keil, Advisor

Turkey Bingo
Eastview High School
  Clare Murray, Director

What is it Like to be a Student of Color at Ankeny High School
Ankeny High School
  Vivian Wu, Director

College Director

2023 Minnesota State Men's Hockey Show Open
Bethany Lutheran College
  Ben Stelter, Director
  Colin Neville, Director

Brett Pettit Directing Composite
St. Cloud State University
  Brett Pettit, Director
  Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Empty But Overwhelmed Fish Jar
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University
  Chenxu Yu, Director
  Simon-Hoa Phan, Faculty Advisor

Whispers of Childhood
University Of Northern Iowa/Digital Media
  Karlie Klemesrud, Director

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High School Photographer

St. Cloud Downtown Boxing Gym
St. Cloud Tech High School
Romeriah Ellis, Photographer

College Photographer

Chris Hovden Photography Composite
Minnesota State University - Moorhead
Chris Hovden, Photographer
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

Nick McGrane: Aerial Cinematographer
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University
Nick McGrane, Photographer
Ethan Wittrock, Advisor

High School Editor

Clara’s Glow Up
Ankeny High School
Ella Huber, Editor

Rhett Burilovich Editing Composite
Aberdeen Central High School
Rhett Burilovich, Editor

St. Cloud Downtown Boxing Gym
St. Cloud Tech High School
Romeriah Ellis, Editor
Isaac Wunderlich, Editor
Matthew Keil, Advisor

Yunny Huang Composite
Eastview High School
Yunny Huang, Editor

College Editor

Bethel University Men’s Soccer Intro 2023
Bethel University
Mild Du, Editor
Ellie McLaughlin, Editor

Breathe In...
Minnesota Community And Technical College
Erin Brown, Editor

Cinematic Recap: Saint John’s Defeats Trinity in Overtime
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University
Peyton Reece, Editor
Elijah Wade, Editor
Ethan Wittrock, Production Advisor

EDM is Plastic?
Loras College
Than San, Editor

Julia Werner Editing Composite
St. Cloud State University
Julia Werner, Editor
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Minnesota State Basketball 2023 Show Open
Bethany Lutheran College
Ben Stelter, Editor

On the Endless
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University
Chenxu Yu, Editor
Simon-Hoa Phan, Faculty Advisor
The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences – Upper Midwest Foundation is presenting Classroom Grants to help make students’ academic achievement dreams come true. The purpose of classroom grants is to enhance the learning experience of media students in our chapter region’s high schools, colleges, universities and/or 501(c)(3) educational organizations by acquiring and distributing resources related to video production, television, and/or broadcast journalism.

Since 2017, the Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation has provided 11 grants totaling nearly $18,300 to local schools for media equipment in their classrooms.

Special thanks to ACOWSAY FILM COMPANY for its generous donation to fund our Classroom Grants.

The goals of the Upper Midwest Emmy® Chapter/Foundation grant program:
- To provide financial grants to Upper Midwest Emmy® Chapter/Foundation area high schools and/or 501(c)(3) educational organizations seeking to make significant changes in how teachers teach and students learn in the areas of video production, television, and/or broadcast journalism.
- Fund media projects that are student-focused and positively affect student learning.
- For more information on the Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation grants, contact our office at info@midwestemmys.org or call 952-381-7494

WEBSTER CITY HIGH SCHOOL | Webster City, IA
$1,700 for video monitors

Webster City is a typical rural school district. The school has a decades-old media program providing news and various Lynx sporting events for the community.

Our grant this year helped the school buy 3 monitors to replace outdated control room equipment providing video feeds for remote cameras. These new monitors will provide a bigger viewing area and will update the resolution to 4K. That will future proof the monitors as the school eyes moving all of its production to 4K.
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High School Animation/Graphics/Special Effects

Rhett Burilovich Special Effects
Composite
Aberdeen Central High School
Rhett Burilovich, Graphics

Tech Morning Show S5/E4
St. Cloud Tech High School
Umayma Abdi, Graphics
Ibrahim Camara, Graphics
Alex Schaefer, Graphics
Romeriah Ellis, Graphics
Matthew Keil, Advisor

High School Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Be a Hero. Don’t Smoke.
Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools
Cabe Warwick, Director/Editor

Don’t Be Tardy
Aberdeen Central High School
Luke Ketterling, Producer
Carson Krumm, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Snow day video - No school
Oskaloosa High School
Jacob Schutz, Editor
Isaac Nienkerk, Reporter
Reed Peterson, Photographer
Kim Gile, Instructor

College Animation/Graphics/Special Effects

Genesis Tree
Hennepin Technical College
Peter Rudolph, Animator
John McCaffrey, Adviser

Melancholia
Loras College
Artie Kerchmar, Animator

The Chicago Cubs & 108
Bethany Lutheran College
Luke Haines, Animator

The Critic
Bethany Lutheran College
Reece Gartner, Animator

College Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Black Hills National Forest PSA
University Of South Dakota
Ella Servaty, Producer

Flat Tire PSA
Century College
Nate Moore, Writer/Director
Mike Eddy, Advisor
High School Commercial

Central High School Promo
Aberdeen Central High School
Emma Pierce, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Olivia's Organic Cafe
Eastview High School
Kayla Simpson, Producer/Editor
Lindsay Mello, Photographer

Senior Pants
Ankeny High School
Evie Neller, Director/Producer

St. Cloud Downtown Boxing Gym
St. Cloud Tech High School
Romeriah Ellis, Producer
Isaac Wunderlich, Producer
Matthew Keil, Advisor

The Talon Promo
Ankeny High School
Vivian Wu, Producer/Writer

Twirling Through Time
Amazon Alexa Commercial
Ankeny High School
Chloe McGrath, Writer/Producer/Director

College Commercial

Bethel University Men's Soccer Intro 2023
Bethel University
Mild Du, Producer
Ellie McLaughlin, Producer
Abbi Bates, Producer
Nora Waffensmith, Producer
Noah Meissner, Producer

Bethel University Women's Basketball Intro 2023-24
Bethel University
Sam Sheedlo, Producer
Kenton LaDeux, Producer
Nicholas Cravaack, Producer

Charlotte's: A Love Story - Chapter 1
Loras College
Emily Surma, Writer/Producer
Libby Perry, Writer/Producer

Creating Life Long Learners
Iowa Central Community College
Nicole Rasmussen, College Instructor
Kainen Fuson, Photographer/Editor

Welcome to UTVS
St. Cloud State University
Brett Pettit, Producer
Aiden Farrell, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

High School Public Affairs/Community Service

Donate Blood Save Lives
Aberdeen Central High School
Kaitlyn Carda, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

What is it Like to be a Student of Color at Ankeny High School
Ankeny High School
Vivian Wu, Producer/Writer

College Public Affairs/Community Service

Higher Learning Commission Criterion 4 Evaluation and Improvement
Central Lakes College
Matt Hill, Producer/Videographer
Brent Balmer, Technical Producer
Mark Ambroz, Advisor

Higher Learning Commission Criterion 5 Institutional Effectiveness
Central Lakes College
Barrett Rezac, Editor/Actor
Craig Money, Actor
Amelia Pagan, Actor
Brent Balmer, Technical Producer
Mark Ambroz, Advisor
High School Magazine Program

Eagle Zone 3.8.23
Aberdeen Central High School
  Summer Ryan, Producer
  Sam Ryan, Editor
  Courtney Thorstenson, Anchor/Reporter
  Jason Lopez Martinez, Anchor
  Will Ewalt, Anchor/Reporter
  Max Jaime, Anchor/Editor
  Joseph Pierce, Producer
  Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Episode 228
Apple Valley High School
  Mfaz Mohamed Ali, Anchor
  Aquilla Dunn, Anchor
  Andrew McCluskey, Advisor
  Cliff Dodge, Advisor

Small Talk
Ankeny High School
  Hayden DeWitt, Anchor/Editor
  Ava Sarenpa, Director/Editor
  Rose McGill, Anchor/Editor

College Magazine Program

Campus News 4-28-23
Minnesota State University - Moorhead
  Jordan Austen, Producer
  Tylar Frame, Producer
  Laura Hoyland, Producer
  Bryant Stenberg, Producer
  Matthew Stewart, Producer
  Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

The Agriculture Show
Iowa State University
  Cael Sleezer, Director
  Matt Goss, Editor
  Maris Cameron, Producer
  Stacia Drey, Talent
  Marijke Mendezsoon, Talent
  Nora Alkhasram, Photographer
  Jordan Peterson, Photographer
  Sophie Winkelpleck, Graphics
  Kate Henning, Producer
  Zachary Tucker, Audio
  Tony Moton, Advisor

The Culture - Season 9 - Episode 5
St. Cloud State University
  Aaliyah Demry, Producer
  Chrisitan Winfield, Producer
  Derrick Silvestri, Advisor
On behalf of the Upper Midwest Emmy Executive Board and the Upper Midwest Emmy Foundation

Congratulations students and future media stars!
We’re so very proud of you.

Thank you for being so dedicated to the craft of storytelling.

Know that you are being recognized and greatly appreciated this weekend.

Your hard work and perseverance have paid off and we wish you even more success in the future.

Jodi Ritacca
President of the Upper Midwest Emmy Executive Board

Diana Pierce
President of the Upper Midwest Emmy Foundation
The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences – Upper Midwest Foundation is proud to announce its 2024 Scholarship recipients.

Each year, NATAS-UMW Foundation awards several scholarships to students within our chapter region (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and western Wisconsin).

This year, thanks to help from generous sponsorship contributions from the Bob Fransen family, the Ulysses Carlini family, the Beaurline family, as well as our chapter members and past Gold & Silver Circle recipients, we are able to award scholarships to area students! This year’s scholarship recipients will receive $1,500 for tuition & books costs for school in the fall of 2024.

Since 2002, the NATAS-UMW Foundation has awarded 98 scholarships worth $221,000 to regional students who want to study media production or journalism in college.

The Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation is a 501(c)3 and donations to the Scholarship Fund are tax deductible. You can donate at any time by scanning the QR code below.
AVA KREBS is a senior at Lakeville South High School (MN). Ava learned the power of video media through her school’s broadcast media class. She works on the weekly show called “The Southside”.

Ava enjoys reporting, directing, running teleprompter, audio, cameras and writing scripts. She says it helped her learn the power of video media and how much of an impact it has made in strengthening her school’s community.

Next year, Ava plans to study communications at Gustavus Adolphus College.

SCOTT LESLIE is a senior at Denfeld High School in Duluth, Minnesota. He’s circled around media experiences that past few years working in Graphic Arts, Journalism and Photography/Cinematography.

Scott loves to write stories and create short films. He plans to someday spark conversations, educate, unite and strengthen communities through producing content in a way where audiences can self reflect or question society or norms.

Scott has been accepted at a few colleges, and expects to commit by graduation. He plans to get his bachelors degree in film and immediately start creating art.
ELLA THOMSEN is a filmmaker with a focus on writing and directing.

Most recently she made a short film titled “Pretty,” a film about body image. She is currently working on making a coming-of-age short for her second semester, while also writing scripts for summer projects.

Ella went to film camp in 2022 as part of the EDU film festival’s summer "Horror High". She got to work on a set with professional industry creators on an short film.

Ella hopes to make films that unite people and tell untold stories.

ELYSES CARLINI MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP

Ulysses Carlini began his television career in the production department at WEHT-TV, Henderson, Kentucky, in 1953. He hosted the kids program, “Peppo the Clown” in a “live” weekly hour children’s program on Saturday morning. In 1959 he moved to Evansville, Indiana at WTVW-TV as Program Director. He continued to entertain kids with the creation of the “Fire Chief Andy” another children’s program.

In 1968 he moved to North Platte, Nebraska, assuming position of Vice President/General Manager of KNOP-TV. He took a fledging, struggling television station and propelled it into a prominent, respected and trusted source for entertainment, news and information. He served the National Broadcasting Association as board member in the 1970’s.

Ulysses’ media passion passed down to his family. His daughter-in-law Jodi Ritacca Carlini is an Emmy® Award-winning story-teller, the President of the Upper Midwest Emmy® Chapter and a 2019 inductee into the Silver Circle Honor Society. Ulysses’ grandson Joe Carlini won Upper Midwest Emmy® Student Production Awards and Regional Emmy® Awards. Joe is an independent video producer and screenwriter living in Los Angeles. Thanks to donations from Ulysses’s family, we are proud to honor his legacy with the Carlini Media Scholarship for college students seeking create media enjoyable for the whole family.
The Beaurline Family Foundation honors the legacy of the late Carl M. and Sandra Jean Beaurline. Post-secondary education for their two children (Carla Jean and Carl John) was extremely important to Carl and Sandy Beaurline. Carl is considered a 1995 Augsburg Alumni and was made “One of Augsburg University’s Own” October 23, 2018, at age 75. He passed away June 12th, 2020, at age 76.

Carl enrolled at Macalester College when he graduated from Humboldt High School in 1961. Unfortunately, he was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War, but instead chose to enlist in the Navy.

He was a pioneer in the Medical Device Industry (primarily cardiovascular products). Carl was the 113th employee at Medtronic and has over 25 FDA Clearances and 2 Patents. Carl had 6 pages of college classes, certifications, patents, and 22 products he got approved by the FDA. Yet, he still had no official college degree.

Carl and his wife Sandy’s Daughter, Carla Beaurline, was inducted into the Silver Circle Honor Society for the Upper Midwest Emmy’s October 15, 2022. A lifelong Minnesota native, Carla is the current Founder and Owner of Around Town TV & Around Town Media. Around Town TV started its 20th year on air January 2022 and is Minneapolis/St. Paul’s longest airing TV Community Showcase. In addition to Carla’s on-air resume which includes a 13-year stint with Shop NBC, Guest Host for QVC, a host for Talk of The Twin Cities, and providing her talents as an on-air spokesperson for many Twin Cities based businesses— Carla graduated from Augsburg College in 1991 with a Double Major in Communications and Sociology. The Beaurline Family Foundation supports Higher Education and create opportunities for youth.

“Your best investment is your education” - Carl Beaurline

Johnny Valtman is a sophomore studying journalism and mass communication. He is the assistant news director at DITV, the student run newscast.

Johnny is active as a production assistant at Big 10 Network. He will be interning at KCCI 8 in Des Moines this summer.

Since joining DITV, Johnny has covered a wide variety of events including campus protests, the Iowa Caucus, the Iowa Women’s basketball team’s 2022/23 season.

After graduation, Johnny plans to pursue a career as a news producer and eventually work his way up to news director.
BOB FRANSEN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Carl Fransen’s media career spanned more than 50 years. Bob is in the Minnesota Broadcasting Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Upper Midwest Emmy® Silver Circle in 2001 and Gold Circle in 2005.

Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Journalism in 1943. After serving as a radio broadcaster in the Army he moved to a new medium—television. In 1949, Bob hosted a kids’ TV show as Cowboy Bob at WCCO-TV. In 1952, Bob moved to Peoria, Illinois to put the first television station on the air. Bob returned to Minnesota to put the area’s first independent television station on the air—Channel 9. But the bulk of Bob’s career was spent at WTCN, Channel 11, or what is now KARE 11.

For almost 20 years Bob was VP and General Manager of WTCN during which WTCN was the top-rated independent television station in the country. The station was the first to broadcast pro and local sports programming, such as high school basketball and hockey, The Minnesota North Stars and Twins. Later in his career, Bob established KITN TV, channel 29, and later worked for Hubbard Broadcasting in a variety of roles.

Thanks to donations from Bob’s family and friends, we are proud to honor his legacy with the Bob Fransen Leadership scholarship for college students seeking to be movers and shakers in the media industry.

CHRISTOPHER HOVDEN is studying Broadcast Journalism. He is currently a co-anchor, producer, reporter, photographer, and writer on the Minnesota State University – Moorhead’s Campus News program,

On top of school, he is currently a producer intern at WDAY – the Fargo, ND ABC affiliate.

Chris caught the video bug in high school, where he served as the Student Director of Videography. This led to many long days producing live sports and other activities.
High School Arts & Entertainment/Cultural Affairs

**Bringing Native Culture Into the Spotlight**  
*Black River Falls High School*  
Samantha Berra, Producer  
Madyson Schultz, Photographer  
Kaylee Wood, Photographer  
Evelyn Bolger, Photographer

**Latinx Dance Team**  
*Apple Valley High School*  
Trevor Cloutier, Writer/Editor  
Lucy Pershica, Photographer  
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor

**The Confining Lines That Define My Life**  
*Ankeny High School*  
Vivian Wu, Producer/Director

College Arts & Entertainment/Cultural Affairs

**Club Spotlights:**  
*Indigenous Student Association*  
*College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University*  
Landon Muonio, Producer  
Ethan Wittrock, Advisor

**On the Mend: Twin Cities Artist Uses Visible Mending to Patch Up Garments, Health**  
*University of Minnesota*  
Jasmine Snow, Producer

**Punk Punditz**  
*Iowa State University*  
Colton Pestel, Videographer  
Tony Moton, Advisor

**Red Sand Project**  
*Central Lakes College*  
Matt Hill, Producer/Videographer  
Brent Balmer, Technical Producer  
Mark Ambroz, Advisor

High School Music Video

**Cancer**  
*Ankeny High School*  
Chloe McGrath, Writer/Producer

**You Matter**  
*St. Cloud Tech High School*  
Lanaya Lopez-Bailey, Producer  
Umayma Abdi, Producer  
Ibrahim Camara, Producer  
Matthew Keil, Advisor

**College Music Video**

**Freedom**  
*by Lilly Goyah*  
*College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University*  
Lilly Goyah, Writer/Talent  
Scott Spangler, Producer/Editor  
Ethan Plumier, Audio  
Katie Kaluza, Photographer  
Mark Holian, Photographer  
Maggie McConville, Photographer  
Cole Milz, Photographer  
Erin Utke, Technical Advisor  
Ethan Wittrock, Advisor

**Heart Drop**  
*Original Music Video by Leah Elliott*  
*University of Wisconsin - La Crosse*  
Leah Elliott, Producer/Director  
Taylor Miller, Advisor/Instruction
High School Sports Story or Segment

**Behind the Athlete**
*Ankeny High School*
- Ella Huber, Producer/Writer

**Built Different**
*Apple Valley High School*
- Trevor Cloutier, Editor/Talent
- Cody Anderson, Photography
- Cliff Dodge, Advisor
- Andrew McCluskey, Advisor

**Showcase of Spirit**
*Eastview High School*
- Deanna Cai, Producer
- Winnie Williams, Editor
- Raavi Singh, Editor

**Track & Field 2023 Season**
*Apple Valley High School*
- Anthony Chabla, Editor/Talent
- Eric Childs, Writer/Photographer
- Andrew McCluskey, Advisor
- Cliff Dodge, Advisor

High School Sports Program

**After the Buzzer**
*Webster City High School*
- Braxton Flattery, Talent/Writer
- Luke Holberg, Director/Audio/Graphics
- Ivan Lopez, Photographer
- Breanna Somvong, Photographer
- Mark Murphy, Advisor
- Austin Priborsky, Advisor

**Inside Jefferson Football**
*Bloomington Educational Community Television (BEC-TV)*
- Asher Barrett, Producer/Director
- Jakob Miskell, Video/Cameras
- Paul Fourniea, Advisor

High School Live Sporting Event/Game

**Boys Basketball: Moorhead vs Brainerd**
*Moorhead High School*
- Cole Darling, Director/Graphics
- Marcus Stavenger, Photographer
- Brady Saari, Talent
- Thomas Fuchs, Jr., Talent
- MacKenzie Hareland, Photographer
- Alex Ryan, Advisor

**Boys Hockey Section Finals: Moorhead vs Roseau**
*Moorhead High School*
- Cole Darling, Director/Graphics
- Marcus Stavenger, Photographer
- Alex Ryan, Advisor

**Boys’ Hockey: Jefferson vs Kennedy**
*Bloomington Educational Community Television (BEC-TV)*
- Jakob Miskell, Producer/Director
- Sofia Pehrson, Replays
- Asher Barrett, Graphics/Audio
- Adam Rich, Camera
- Leland Hauer, Camera
- Paul Fourniea, Advisor
- Andy Moen, Camera

**Lynx Boys Basketball vs CGD**
*Webster City High School*
- Braxton Flattery, Talent/Writer
- Luke Holberg, Director/Graphics
- Ivan Lopez, Photographer
- Breanna Somvong, Photographer
- Mark Murphy, Advisor
- Austin Priborsky, Advisor

**Lynx Volleyball vs Waverly-Shell Rock**
*Webster City High School*
- Braxton Flattery, Talent/Writer
- Luke Holberg, Director/Graphics
- Ivan Lopez, Photographer
- Breanna Somvong, Photographer
- Mark Murphy, Advisor
- Austin Priborsky, Advisor
High School Live Sporting Event/Game continued...

Lynx Wrestling vs Crestwood
*Webster City High School*
- Braxton Flattery, Talent/Writer
- Luke Holberg, Director/Graphics
- Breanna Somvong, Photographer
- Ivan Lopez, Photographer
- Mark Murphy, Advisor
- Austin Priborsky, Advisor

College Sports Story or Segment

**Hawkeyes Break Women's Basketball Attendance Record**
*University of Iowa*
- AJ Reisetter, Reporter

**Kenzie Foley: Not Done Yet**
*St. Cloud State University*
- Savannah Reinke, Producer
- Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

**The Legacy of Matt Cullen**
*St. Cloud State University*
- Anna Behning, Producer
- Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

**Zach Okabe: The Road to 100 Points**
*St. Cloud State University*
- Ryan McNamara, Producer
- Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

College Sports Program

**Crunch Time - Season 13 - Episode 4**
*St. Cloud State University*
- Jacob Palm, Producer
- Ryan McNamara, Producer
- Connor Cook, Producer
- Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Fall Sports Review
*Iowa State University*
- Cael Sleezer, Writer
- Matt Goss, Director/Editor
- Zachary Tucker, Producer
- Maris Cameron, Producer
- Sophie Winkelpleck, Producer
- Ella Ehlers, Producer
- Kate Henning, Producer
- Jordan Petersen, Producer
- Marijke Mendezzoen, Producer
- Nora Alkhashram, Producer
- Stacia Drey, Producer
- Tony Moton, Advisor

Husky Mag
*St. Cloud State University*
- Julia Werner, Producer
- Anna Behning, Producer
- Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Pregame: Before the Kickoff
*Iowa vs. Wisconsin*
*University of Iowa*
- Michael Merrick, Producer

College Live Sporting Event/Game

**2023 MIAC Softball Semifinal: Saint Benedict vs. St. Olaf**
*Bethel University*
- Kyle Zwart, Director
- Aaron Vinje-Smallman, Camera Operator

**Bethel vs. Macalester: Men’s Basketball**
*Bethel University*
- Sam Sheedlo, Director
- Aaron Vinje-Smallman, Camera
- Paige Drew, Camera
- Cadie Logston, Camera
- Abbie Shearer, Camera
College Live Sporting Event/Game continued...

Knight Vision Football
Wartburg vs Illinois College
Wartburg College
Caleb Kammerer, Play-by-Play Announcer
Henry Powers, Color Commentary Announcer
Jax Caddell, Director
Dillon Kremer, Camera
Jaden Patterson, Camera
Megan Rodriguez, Camera
Addie Nabholz, Instant Replay
Cyrah Isa, Graphics
Ronald Johnson, Faculty Adviser

St. Cloud State vs. Michigan
St. Cloud State University
Aiden Farrell, Producer
Julia Werner, Director
Olivia Stephes, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

High School Talent: Performer

Tech Morning Show-Halloween Special
St. Cloud Tech High School
Romeriah Ellis, Performer
Gabriel Bert, Performer

You Matter
St. Cloud Tech High School
Lanaya Lopez-Bailey, Performer

High School Talent: News or Sports

Boys Basketball: Moorhead vs DGF
Moorhead High School
Thomas Fuchs Jr., Talent

Clare Murray Talent Composite
Eastview High School
Clare Murray, Talent

Courtney Thorstenson Anchor Composite
Aberdeen Central High School
Courtney Thorstenson, Talent

Tech Morning Show-S4 Final Episode
St. Cloud Tech High School
Daniel Cook, Talent
Austin Schultz, Talent
Matthew Keil, Advisor

College Talent: News or Sports

Alex Sapp Anchoring Composite
MSU Moorhead
Alex Sapp, News Anchor

Anna Behning Talent Composite
St. Cloud State University
Anna Behning, Talent

Cael Sleezer Composite
Iowa State University
Cael Sleezer, Talent

Esther Michael
South Dakota State University
Esther Micheal, Talent

Ryan McNamara Talent Composite
St. Cloud State University
Ryan McNamara, Talent

High School Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)

Burning Barriers
Eastview High School
Shreya Rajiv, Multimedia Journalist

Inaugural Cum Laude Event
Caps Senior Experience
Black River Falls High School
Jackson Tiedens, Multimedia Journalist

Internet to Everyone
Aberdeen Central High School
Hailey Johnson, Multimedia Journalist
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Softball Player Keeps Dreams Alive
Black River Falls High School
Samantha Berra, Multimedia Journalist
College Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)

College Students Celebrate Halloween at Bingo Night
*University of Minnesota*
Sabrina Salguero Del Cid, MMJ
Scott Libin, Advisor

Fighter Turned Teacher
*Minnesota State University - Moorhead*
Tylar Frame, MMJ
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

Universal Transit Pass Doubles in Ridership
*University of Minnesota*
Sabrina Salguero Del Cid, MMJ
Scott Libin, Advisor

College Video Essay

Bloomington Educational Cable
*Hennepin Technical College*
Nick Sventek, Director
Richard Oxley, Advisor

Brass Hat - Meet My Auntie
*Hennepin Technical College*
Paul Shepherd, Director

WBC Video Essay
*Hennepin Technical College*
Aidan Lynch, Director
Richard Oxley, Advisor

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Jakob Miskell | BEC-TV Bloomington Educational Community Television (MN)

Jakob Miskell is a senior at Bloomington Kennedy High School. In just under two years of volunteering with BEC-TV, Jakob has been part of more than 180 productions. All of these have been after school... on his own time.

Jakob’s been in productions at every high school, middle school, stadium and ice rink in Bloomington. He’s held most every live behind-the-scenes production role.

Nearly all of these productions have been live-to-air with between 3 and 7 cameras, 4 channels of replay, full graphics, and more. Most productions require full setup and strike.

In his roles as student producer, Jakob has been in charge of pre-production planning, the live production and the whole crew. After each production, he leads a “Post Mortem” with the crew to discuss what went right, what went wrong, and how to up their game for the next one.

Luke Holberg | Webster City High School (IA)

Luke Holberg has been an integral part of WCTV for the past three years. He worked as a student reporter for 2 years with WCTV... now serves as a show Technical Director.

Luke also digs live sports... so he’s hopped behind the camera and switched games on Webster City High School’s sports channel SPVG.

Luke has a good range of knowledge on the technical aspects of both news program and sports production. That includes setting up and tearing down all the gear and software used in different productions.
High School Video Essay

Mean Girls
Eastview High School
Mahad Nur, Producer

Veterans Day
Aberdeen Central High School
Emma Pierce, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

High School News Report

A Teacher's Artistic Expression
Eastview High School
Raavi Singh, Producer/Editor

Chess Champion Andrew Prochnow
Apple Valley High School
Trevor Cloutier, Editor/Talent
Cody Anderson, Photographer
Cliff Dodge, Advisor
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor

Drug Trends Close to Home
Aberdeen Central High School
Alek Bultema, Producer
Evan Hauer, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Lynn's Positivity
Eastview High School
Katie Clifford, Producer/Editor
Piercen Haehnel, Photographer

One of Ours: Mia Holmstead
Apple Valley High School
Cody Anderson, Photographer/Editor
Anthony Chabla, Writer
Cliff Dodge, Advisor
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor

College News Report

An Inside Look at Iowa Soil Richness
University of Iowa
Cara Dulin, Reporter

Herky turns 75
University of Iowa
AJ Reisetter, Reporter

Hot Dog Gun
University of Iowa
Max von Gries, Reporter

Matt Walsh's Lecture Sparks Protests on Campus
University of Iowa
Ashley Weil, Reporter

Sioux Chef
Minnesota State University - Moorhead
Alex Sapp, Reporter

High School Writer

Dear Sam
Ankeny High School
Evie Neller, Writer

The Confining Lines That Define My Life
Ankeny High School
Vivian Wu, Writer

College Writer

Alex Sapp Writing Composite
Minnesota State University - Moorhead
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor
Alex Sapp, Writer
High School Fiction

Dear Sam
Ankeny High School
   Evie Neller, Director/Producer

Endings
Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools
   Harper Egge, Writer/Director

Where We Left Off
Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools
   Alexander Beveridge, Writer/Director
   Hunter Christenson, Writer/Director

College Fiction

Beige Noise
Minnesota State University - Moorhead
   Alice Vogel, Producer/Director
   Ryan Clancy, Advisor

Breathe In...
Minneapolis Community & Technical College
   Erin Brown, Producer/Director
   Kenzie Kilborn, Producer/Director
   Calamity Kathryn, Producer/Director
   Ryan Witte, Producer/Director
   Luke Chatelaine, Producer/Director
   Blake Haugta, Producer/Director
   Pai Zhou, Producer/Director

Cereal Killer
Century College
   Noah Jensen, Writer/Producer
   Harrison Walz, Producer/Editor
   Devon Wisenbaker, Writer/Director
   Moo Lawia, Editor/Photographer
   Cameron Hulick, Director
   Mike Eddy, Advisor

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College Fiction continued...

PAW
Loras College
Timothy Tindle, Writer/Director
Martin Blythe, Writer/Editor
Noah Miller, Producer/Editor
Ivan Rico, Production/Editor

The Blur
Central Lakes College
Barrett Rezac, Writer/Producer
Mark Ambroz, Advisor

The EDEN Project
University of Wisconsin - Superior
Aidan Jones, Director
Thomas Noack, Boom Operator
Dellana Graeber, Talent
Josh Carlisle, Talent

The Fawn: A Short Film by Peyton Reece
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University
Peyton Reece, Writer/Producer
Simon-Hoa Phan, Faculty Advisor

Vessel
Bethany Lutheran College
Colin Neville, Writer/Director

Without a Doubt
Bethany Lutheran College
Tyler Pasbrig, Writer/Director

College Non-Fiction

Before Our Eyes
Loras College
Matthew Williams, Producer/Director
Joshua Payan, Producer/Photographer

Border of Dreams
Bethel University Textura
Soraya Keiser, Producer
Mild Du, Editor

Brotherhood: The Enduring Heart of Captain Daniels
Wartburg College
Olivia Foster, Producer/Director
Rachel Green, Writer/Producer
Henry Hahn, Videographer/Editor
Ethan Shawgo, Videographer/Editor
Danika Rademacher, Digital Producer
Britta Williams, Graphic Designer
Ronald Johnson, Faculty Adviser

From Iowa to the World
Wartburg College
Jenna White, Producer/Director
James Mossman, Videographer/Editor
Mila Iushkova, Graphic Designer
Grant Berends, Digital Media Producer
Katie Claman, Writer
Eva Schoell, Animator
Ronald Johnson, Faculty Adviser

Suicide Awareness
Eastview High School
Raavi Singh, Producer
Yunny Huang, Editor
Shreya Rajiv, Editor

Immigration and Kids
Aberdeen Central High School
Jason Lopez Martinez, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

My Iowa PBS High School
Mentorship Experience
Waukee Northwest High School
Grace Fisher, Videographer/Director

Victoria
University of Wisconsin - Superior
Wynter Hewett, Director/Editor
High School Newscast

Eagle Zone Live 11.30.23
Aberdeen Central High School
Courtney Thorstenson, Producer
Jason Lopez Martinez, Producer
Hailey Johnson, Reporter
Braidan Lynn, Reporter
Joseph Pierce, Director
Delaney Johnson, Audio
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Small Talk
Ankeny High School
Hayden DeWitt, Anchor/Editor
Ava Sarenpa, Director/Editor
Rose McGill, Anchor/Editor

The Flash 11.29
Eastview High School
George Mulbah, Anchor
Sam Oduru Kwarteng Kwantu, Anchor
Lizzie Schiffman, Reporter
Katie Clifford, Videographer
Brandon Cox, Reporter
Shreya Rajiv, Reporter/Editor
Clare Murray, Videographer

WCTV Season 25 Episode 626
Webster City High School
Evangeline Streigle, Director
Luke Holberg, Director
Braxton Flattery, Director
Connor Caquelin, Talent/Writer
Kandice Butler, Talent/Writer
Xander Fawcett, Talent/Photographer
Owen Gallentine, Talent/Photographer
Maja Gordon, Talent/Photographer
Ashlee Tinoco, Talent/Photographer
Alexander Turkett, Talent/Photographer
Mark Murphy, Advisor
Austin Priborsky, Advisor

College Newscast

Coyote News - April 19, 2023
University Of South Dakota
Marissa Brunkhorst, Producer
Grant Robertson, Producer
Landon DeBoer, Sports Anchor

Coyote News - October 18, 2023
University Of South Dakota
Karlee Phillips, Producer
Calli Connors, Producer
Spencer Buley, Sports Reporter
Sydney Kolln, Sports Reporter

DITV Newscast
University of Iowa
Ashley Weil, Producer
Johnny Valtman, Producer
Michael Merrick, Sports Reporter
Carson Ramirez, Technical Manager

UTVS News
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