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I. THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

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NATAS and its regional chapters do not tolerate:

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- Any other action or activity which could reasonably be construed as contrary or detrimental to the best interests and reputation of NATAS and its regional chapters.
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- (iii) Submit an email complaint to reports@emmyonline.tv or to your chapter's Executive Director

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Welcome to the 14th Annual Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Awards!

On behalf of the Board of Governors, the Foundation Board, and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, we are very excited you've joined us.

Tonight, we are dedicated to honoring excellence and innovation in all platforms of visual media from high school and college media programs across our region of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and western Wisconsin.

We're also extremely excited to announce a new partner for our Student Awards and Regional Emmy Awards, Blaze Credit Union. We are grateful to Blaze Credit Union for their generous sponsorship and unwavering commitment to making a difference. Through their dedication to contributing to better lives through their work, a compassionate approach to uplift and support others, and continuously giving back, Blaze exemplifies the power of community and generosity. Their support helps us inspire the next generation of storytellers, and we are proud to have them as a partner in our mission.

Thank you, Blaze Credit Union!

We kick off our celebration with a career and college fair. We hope you took the opportunity to network with these regional professionals. They showcase the educational and professional opportunities for people like you to take this industry to new and exciting levels!

This ceremony recognizes 164 nominees and announces the 2025 Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Award recipients. We received almost 275 entries from 35 high schools and colleges.

Tonight, we're proud to award 5 Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Scholarships. Since 2002, we have awarded 108 scholarships worth \$237,000. These scholarships help pay for tuition and books for regional students studying video media production or digital journalism in college. In addition, we also recognize the next generation of media industry leaders through Classroom Grants and AV All-Stars.

Throughout the year, we provide professional and educational development for our nearly 700 members in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Western Wisconsin. We also provide innovative workshops. We call this our "Emmy on the Road." If you are interested in a school visit, please contact us at info@midwestemmys.org.

A special thanks to John "JJ" Murray, our Executive Director, and to our awesome Board of Governors and Foundation Board for all they do to make tonight's Student Production Awards a huge success! We also wish to thank tonight's show Director Amy Schmelzer, Editor Dennis Becker and the Town Square Television production team led by Joe Conlon and Ashley Bowes.

We also want to thank tonight's hosts Jason Hackett & CeCe Gaines from KARE 11 and our other special presenters for volunteering their time to celebrate this night with you.

Finally, thank you to the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, MN. It's an honor to support students who are the future of this growing and changing industry.

Good luck everyone!

Warmest regards,



DIANA PIERCE

President, Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences - Upper Midwest Foundation



Congratulations to all of the outstanding students recognized in this year's Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Awards! This program isn't about competition or ranking—it's about celebrating excellence. Each submission is evaluated independently against a "Standard of Excellence," focusing on three key elements: content, creativity, and execution.

Our judges carefully review each entry on its own merit rather than comparing it to others. Awards are given based solely on whether a submission meets the standard—meaning some categories may have multiple recipients, a single honoree, or none at all.

A huge thank you to our dedicated colleagues from across the region who volunteered their time and expertise to judge this year's entries. Their commitment ensures the integrity of the awards, and we are truly grateful.

This year, more than 30 industry professionals reviewed nearly 275 submissions from high schools and colleges in the region. Many judges went above and beyond, evaluating multiple categories to help uphold our high standards.

Educators, we'd love to have you as judges for the Regional Emmy® Awards! This is a great opportunity to experience student work from across the country and gain valuable insight into the judging process. If you're interested, reach out to us at awardschair@midwestemmys.org. The process is entirely online and can be completed at your convenience.

Now, let's sit back, relax, and enjoy the incredible talent showcased in this year's program!

Best,



Terrence Thames
Awards Chair
Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation



Step Into The Spotlight! It's The Biggest Night In Student Video Production!

Tonight, we celebrate the incredible creativity and talent of regional high school and college video media students. No superstitions here—just pure excitement as we kick off the 14th Annual Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation Student Production Awards!

A special shout-out to **John James, C.P.A.**, for his meticulous ballot tabulation and support in the awards verification process—we appreciate you! Huge thanks also to the **Board of Governors** and the **Student Awards Planning Committees** for their dedication in making this night possible.

On behalf of the Awards Committee and the **Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation's Board of Governors**, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the Student Production Award nominees. This is your moment—bask in the recognition of your hard work and passion for excellence in media.

Want to commemorate your achievement? Everyone listed on the official entry form and nominations/recipients page can purchase a **Nomination and/or Crystal Pillar Award**, personalized with their name and role. Visit our Awards Store at www.midwestemmys.org to order yours today!

But that's not all! **The Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation** is more than just awards—we're committed to your professional growth. Our **Emmy® on the Road** workshops return in 2025, along with **interactive classroom ZOOM sessions—all free!** From award-winning video showcases to hands-on critiques, we're here to help you refine your craft. Want to schedule a session? Contact us at info@midwestemmys.org.

To all the nominees and recipients of the **2025 Upper Midwest Emmy® Student Production Awards**—bravo! Tonight, we celebrate your outstanding achievements and can't wait to see the brilliance you'll bring to the industry.



John (JJ) Murray
Executive Director
Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation



2025 Participating Schools

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)
Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools (IA) | Eastview High School (MN)
Oskaloosa High School (IA) | SPEAK MPLS (MN) | Spuds TV
St.t Cloud Tech High School (MN) | Webster City High School (IA)

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Augsburg College | Bethany Lutheran College | Bethel University
Central Lakes College | College of St. Benedict & St. John's University | Dordt University
Hennepin Technical College | Iowa State University | Loras College
Minnesota State University (MSU) - Moorhead | Minot State
St. Cloud State University | University of Iowa
University of Minnesota, Hubbard School of Journalism
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus | University of Northern Iowa
University of Northwestern - St. Paul | University of South Dakota
University of St. Thomas | Wartburg College | University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
University of Wisconsin - Superior | Western Iowa Tech



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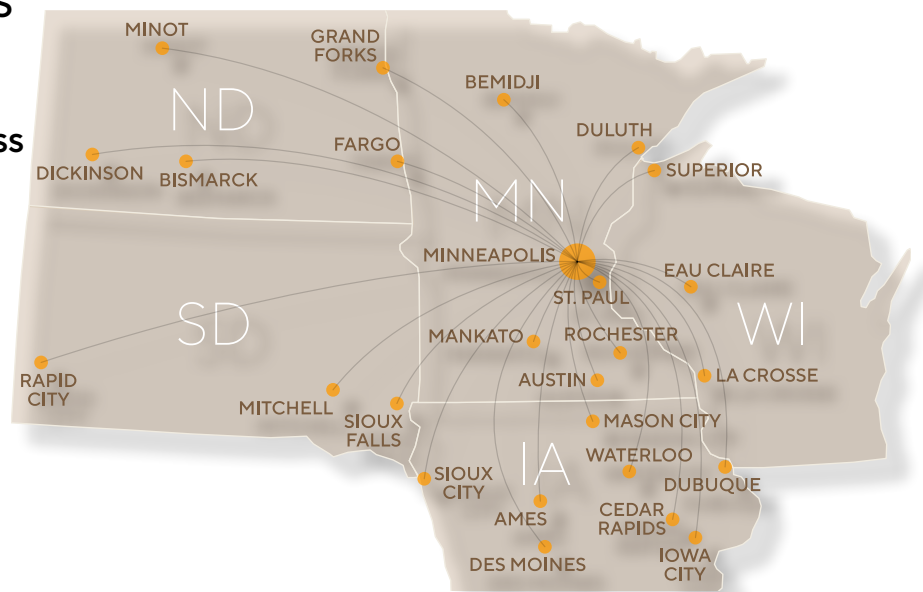
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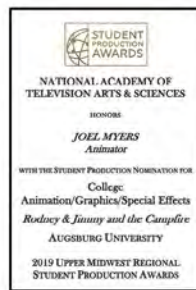




CELEBRATING YOU and TEAM WORK

Winning teams are made of many winning people... sometimes more than the names included on the entry form!

Were you nominated for or the recipient of a Student Production Award over the years? It's never too late to purchase a beautiful plaque or crystal award celebrating these contributions. Select from elegant, high gloss rosewood finish plaques or our beautiful, crystal pillars featuring an image of the Emmy® logo and personalized with an inscription celebrating your accomplishment. All prices include personalization, shipping not included.



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High School SPA Pillar - 6"

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\$100



College SPA Pillar - 8"

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\$125

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STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS HOSTS



CeCe Gaines



Jason Hackett

CeCe Gaines is the traffic anchor and reporter on KARE 11 Sunrise.

Before coming to KARE, Gaines was the morning and midday anchor at KBJR 6 in Duluth. Gaines says now that she's in the Twin Cities, she's looking forward to working with some of the most talented journalists in the nation!

She can trace her career path back to a mentorship program in high school, where she researched a career and shadowed someone working in the field.

Jason Hackett joined KARE 11 in 2023 as an anchor for KARE 11 Sunrise after spending more than four years as a morning anchor in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Jason was born and raised in Miami Gardens, Florida. He's the son of Jamaican immigrants who came to America to make a better life for their kids. A proud University of Florida alum, he has worked as a reporter in several cities, including Panama City, Florida, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and West Palm Beach, Florida. As a young journalist coming up through the business, Jason watched the amazing reporters and storytellers at KARE 11 from afar, admiring their work and dedication to quality journalism. It's a dream come true to now be a part of that family at KARE.

2025 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.

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

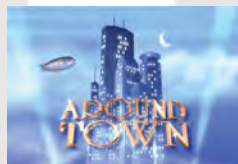
Students are not considered peer professionals and as such, their regional student productions are not eligible to be promoted as a Regional Emmy® Award. Students may refer to receiving a **Student Production Award (or Award Nomination)** from the Upper Midwest Emmy® Foundation. Or to being an Upper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

Special Thanks To The Judges From The Following Professional Media Organizations



High School Interview/Discussion

A New Park For Everyone

Oskaloosa High School

Chase Holmes, Reporter
Marshall Seibert, Editor
Cooper Rupprecht, Photographer
Kim Gile, Advisor

IHSPA Ava

Ankeny High School

Ava Gifford, Writer
Patrick Asmussen, Advisor

Reel Talk Movie Review

Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools

Cabe Warwick, Director

The NATAS Student Production Award competition doesn't end tonight!

Winning **High School** entries automatically go on to compete in the National Student Production Awards each year.

Entries are judged by broadcast professionals, teachers and advisors. A Student Production Award Pillar is presented to the school in recognition of outstanding achievement by the students. Certificates will be awarded to all individuals named on the entry. More information is available on the [NATAS website](#).

Administered by the Television Academy Foundation, the College Television Awards are a nationwide competition that recognizes students working across program genres in multiple categories.

In addition to showcasing student production, the College Television Awards are an entry point for a career in television and media. Prior College Television Award winners now work across the industry as writers, executives, showrunners and more, at networks and studios across the industry.

More information is available here at the [Television Academy's website](#).

College Interview/Discussion

Interview with Eliot Martin

University of Northern Iowa

Vex Anderson, Producer
Peyton Thamke, Producer
Francesca Soans, Advisor

On the Net with Kenzie Foley

St. Cloud State University

Joe Anderson, Editor
Thomas Riess, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor
Brian Stanley, Advisor

Profile Shots: Japanese Anime Films

College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University

Landon Muonio, Producer
Ethan Wittrock, Advisor

Reel 2 Real - Monster Summer

Hennepin Technical College

Ellie Mae Knudsen, Director
Aaron Bennett, Photographer
Dan Wilder, Writer
Angelo-Jason Gbeve, Writer
Nathan Petersen, Talent - Host
Logan Frovarp, Photographer
Abram Hall, Photographer
Lyle Hoffmeister, Photographer
Tanner Miller, Photographer
Kobe Session, Photographer
Richard Oxley, Producer

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High School Director

Tech High School Promo *Saint Cloud - Tech High School*

Umayma Abdi, Director
Matthew Keil, Advisor

Warmest Night *SPEAK MPLS*

Ella Hahler, Director
James Harris, Advisor
Vageesha Dharmadasa, Advisor

College Director

Mya Fryckman Directing Composite *St. Cloud State University*

Mya Fryckman, Director
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Nowhere to Go *Bethany Lutheran College*

Noah Lippert, Director

Reminiscent *Bethany Lutheran College*

Santiago Tenorio, Director

See You One Last Time *College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University*

Chenxu Yu, Director
Simon-Hoa Phan, Advisor

High School Photographer

Parking Garage *Saint Cloud - Tech High School*

Sayvon Spears, Photographer
Justin Mancera, Photographer

Who Am I? *Saint Cloud - Tech High School*

Maren Inkster, Photographer
Jonathan Hegge, Photographer
Benjamin Keil, Photographer

College Photographer

Carter Jostock - 2024 Football Cinematography Reel *College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University*

Carter Jostock, Photographer
Damien Dumonceaux, Advisor

Hunter Schwartz Composite *Minnesota State University - Moorhead*

Hunter Schwartz, Photographer
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

High School Editor

Who Am I? *Saint Cloud - Tech High School*

Benjamin Keil, Editor
Theodore Klavervkamp, Editor

College Editor

Bethel University Football Intro 2024 *Bethel University*

Leah Robinson, Editor

Bethel University Women's Hockey Intro 2024-2025

Bethel University
Mild Du, Editor

Savannah Reinke Editor Composite *St. Cloud State University*

Savannah Reinke, Editor
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

High School Animation/Graphics/ Special Effects

Godzilla

Ankeny High School

James Lopez, Graphic Artist
Sam Green, Graphics Animator
Patrick Asmussen, Advisor

The One Eyed Chosen One *SPEAK MPLS*

Saty Botello, Graphics Animator
James Harris, Advisor
Vageesha Dharmadasa, Advisor

Who Am I?

Saint Cloud - Tech High School

Benjamin Keil, Graphics Animator
Theodore Klaverkamp, Graphics Animator

College Animation/Graphics/ Special Effects

Embrace Uncertainty

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Chenxu Yu, Graphics Animator
Simon-Hoa Phan, Advisor

Smooth Moves

Hennepin Technical College

Biago Guagliardo, Graphics Animator
John McCaffrey, Graphics Animator

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- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Public Relations

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and Communication

High School Promotional Video

Be Central - Culinary Promo

Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools

Cabe Warwick, Director
Harper Egge, Director
Tim Coleman, Advisor

Tech High School Promo

Saint Cloud - Tech High School

Umayma Abdi, Producer
Andrew Bares, Photographer
Jonathan Hegge, Photographer
Maren Inkster, Photographer
Benjamin Keil, Photographer
LiYun Nelson, Photographer
Alex Schaefer, Photographer

College Promotional Video

2024 Minnesota State Men's Hockey Hype Video

Bethany Lutheran College

Santiago Tenorio, Producer
Alec Lade, Editor

Bethel University Women's Hockey Intro 2024-2025

Bethel University

Mild Du, Producer
Symone Harms, Producer
Dylan Grilz, Producer

Husky Productions Promo

St. Cloud State University

Savannah Reinke, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

MSU Softball Jersey Reveal

Minot State University

Matthew Bosch, Director/Photographer/Editor

Where is it???

Western Iowa Tech

London Russell, Director
Chris Mansfield, Advisor

High School Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Husband and Device

Aberdeen Central High School

Owen Deutsch, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Look Up

Ankeny High School

Sam Sandvig, Writer

Wizard of Oz Snow Day Video

Oskaloosa High School

Lydia Whitley, Director
Marshall Seibert, Editor
Cash Hall, Talent - Performer
Kim Gile, Advisor

College Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Be Kind to Mother Earth

Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Bella Ternes, Editor
Abinfoluwa Iwayemi, Talent - Performer
Xavier Scott, Producer
Nathan Stange, Producer
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

Limiting Screen Time

Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Andrew Dehkes, Editor
Ash Davis, Director
Isaiah Stetz, Photographer
Elizabeth Richter, Talent - Performer
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

Prescription Drug Safety

Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Jade Millner, Producer
Judah Lind, Editor
Grace Schmidt, Talent - Performer
Alejandro Martinez-Caballero, Talent - Performer
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

High School Commercial

OHS Baseball Promotion

Oskaloosa High School

Lydia Whitley, Director
Reed Peterson, Photographer
Javion Reeves, Editor
Kim Gile, Advisor

RPM/Rumors

Ankeny High School

Caden Bahe, Director
James Lopez, Editor
Patrick Asmussen, Advisor

Tech HS Yearbook Commercial

Saint Cloud - Tech High School

Bisharo Bashir, Director
Ihtithal Yusuf, Talent - Host
Ilhan Abdullahi, Talent - Host
Sabrin Ismail, Talent - Host
Nasteho Adan, Talent - Host

College Commercial

BUBBL'R

Bethel University

Abby Burbach, Producer
Lauren Puncochar, Producer

Scandinavian Swimmers at Trader Joe's

Bethel University

Kathryn Kovalenko, Producer

Yummy Lip Gloss

Bethel University

Annika Simpson, Producer

High School Public Affairs/ Community Service

Emily's Hope

Aberdeen Central High School

Jason Lopez Martinez, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Play for Patrick

Eastview High School

Piercen Haehnel, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor

Youth For Blue

SPEAK MPLS

Kate Mandujano, Director
Debra Gbidi, Producer/Photographer/Editor
Ciana Bates, Photographer/Editor
James Harris, Advisor
Vageesha Dharmadasa, Advisor

College Public Affairs/Community Service

Civic Snapshot - Volunteering

University of St. Thomas

Peter Gregg, Advisor
Casey Eakins, Director
Cheyene Bialke, Editor
Derek Badger, Photographer

Remember Them-Honor Them

Hennepin Technical College

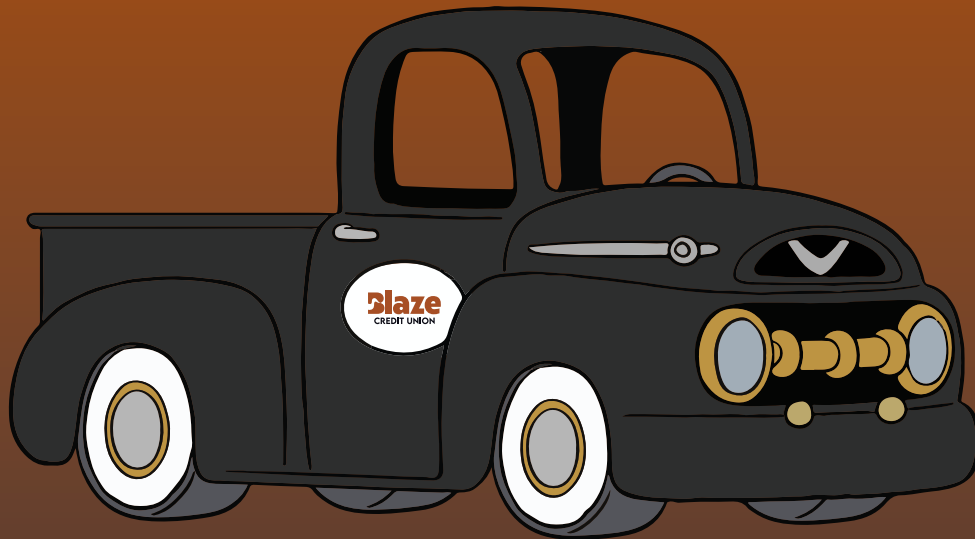
Aaron Bennett, Photographer
Patrick Erickson, Editor
Logan Frovarp, Photographer
Angelo-Jason Gbeve, Photographer
Jakob Halberg, Photographer
Abram Hall, Photographer
Lyle Hoffmeister, Photographer
Ellie Mae Knudsen, Photographer
Richard Oxley, Producer

TEDx St. Cloud - Rylie Johnson

St. Cloud State University

Mya Fryckman, Producer
Savannah Reinke, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Congratulations
to all of the nominees!



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THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES – UPPER MIDWEST FOUNDATION recognizes students who are an incredible technical asset to the overall success of a school or non-profit educational student video media program.

Educators could nominate a junior or senior from their school or organization's media program. These are the behind-the-scenes, technical, dependable and engaged students in the video program or club. The go-to students who help keep the school's content on the air.



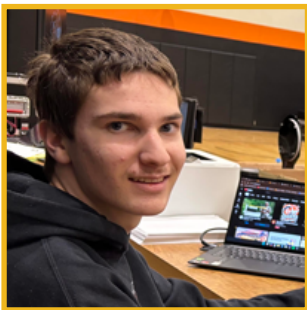
Lucas Krieg

BEC-TV (Bloomington Jefferson)

Lucas Krieg cut his TV teeth in Middle School. He's been volunteering for SEVEN school years with BEC-TV. Now a Bloomington Jefferson senior, Lucas has been a part of more 200 productions. All of these have been after school on his own time.

He has been in productions at every high school, middle school, stadium and ice rink in Bloomington and teamed with BEC-TV at several pro-level venues in the Twin Cities.

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.



Alex Schaefer

St. Cloud Tech High School

Alex Schaefer is a Junior at St. Cloud Tech High School. Alex has consistently gone above and beyond his role with both the Tech Morning Show and C201 Productions, taking these projects to new heights over the past three years. His technical expertise is unparalleled. He has mastered every aspect of the school's studio operations.



Alex's deep understanding of how the entire studio networked system functions ensures that each production runs smoothly. Alex also self-taught himself to operate a drone, enabling the school to incorporate drone footage into this year's productions, adding a fresh and professional dimension to our content.



Ryder L. Bates

University of Northern Iowa

Ryder L. Bates likes to be involved in all sort of media projects across UNI departments helping to bring publicity to the Department of Communication and Media and the Digital Media major. His accomplishments are particularly impressive given most of them occurred in a single year, many overlapping at the same time!

Ryder is a remarkable leader. One of his many talents is his humility and willingness to work and respect people of all levels of skills. He creates a positive atmosphere, is constructive in his suggestions, respectful and appreciative of feedback and other opinions, and always willing to assist others wherever needed.



Blake Petersen

Iowa State University

Blake Petersen, a native of Elk Horn, IA, is a stalwart performer on several fronts involving Iowa State's school media program. He spent two years as a videographer and on-air talent for the student TV news magazine show "EverGreenlee News."

His credits include working in production for Cyclones.TV, the ISU Athletic Department's regional sports and streaming network. He also has worked as an intern for two minor league baseball franchises - the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders of the Northwoods League and the Iowa Cubs, the AAA farm team of the Chicago Cubs. On the ISU campus, he's also been involved with high-leverage broadcasts for ESPN+ productions at Hilton Coliseum and Jack Trice Stadium.

During the fall of 2024, Blake served as a videographer for a long-form documentary project chronicling the life of a fellow student sports broadcaster, her twin brother on the football team and their family's up-and-down emotional ride during Iowa State's winningest season ever. The project is due for release in 2025.

**IOWA STATE
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High School Magazine Program

Eagle Zone 3.6.24

Aberdeen Central High School

Joseph Pierce, Reporter
Preston Brake, Reporter
Gavin Bitz, Talent - Host
Colby Dauwen, Talent - Host
Cooper Fosher, Reporter
Delaney Johnson, Graphic Artist
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

EagleEye Episode #241

Apple Valley High School

Hayden Johnson, Talent - Host
Charles Poss, Talent - Host
Dean Larson, Director
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor
Ryan Franus, Advisor
Tim Sheehan, Advisor

Tech Morning Show S6/E3

Saint Cloud - Tech High School

Alex Schaefer, Photographer
Nikita Brusso, Photographer
Umayma Abdi, Editor
Tucker Collette, Talent - Host
LiYun Nelson, Talent - Host
Andrew Bares, Editor
Theodore Klaverkamp, Editor
Maren Inkster, Reporter
Aidan Kiffmeyer, Writer
Trey Bailey, Writer
Kacilynn Dobbs, Talent - Host
Benjamin Keil, Writer
Aprilia Borchert, Writer

College Magazine Program

Campus News 4-13-24

Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Alex Sapp, Producer
Chris Hovden, Producer
Drew Berg, Producer
Matthew Stewart, Producer
Josh Boyko, Producer
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

Don't Call It a Comeback

Iowa State University

Brittany Huston, Talent - Host
Chayse Roecker, Talent - Host
Matthew Nielsen, Director
Lucas Thompson, Producer
Caleb Polking, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Nick Harmon, Producer
Dylan Fobian, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Logen Clark, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
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Kiley Allan, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Abby Altman, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Blake Petersen, Graphics Animator

Media for Change: Building an Inclusive World

University of Northern Iowa

Grant Hospordarsky, Producer
Diamond Roundtree, Producer
Vex Anderson, Host
Peyton Thamke, Host
Callee Fair, Director
Maddie Celarek, Technical Director
Addie Buseman, Video Playback
Devesh Desai, Audio
Ellie Marmie, Camera Operator
Katheryn Spilger, Camera Operator
Jeramiah Stiffler, Camera Operator
Katie Zanck, Camera Operator
Francesca Soans, Advisor

Taking Aim at Ames

Iowa State University

Nick Harmon, Director
Abby Altman, Talent - Performer
Matthew Nielsen, Talent - Performer
Caleb Polking, Reporter
Keegan Jensen, Reporter
Kaitlyn Nanke, Reporter
Henry Gonzalez, Reporter
Logen Clark, Producer
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The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences – Upper Midwest Foundation is proud to announce its 2025 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 2025.

Since 2002, the NATAS-UMW Foundation has awarded 108 scholarships worth \$235,000 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.





NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES
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The Presidents Scholarship is sponsored by Upper Midwest Emmy® Chapter and Foundation Presidents past & present.



Piper Murray

Current School: Eastview High School

College Acceptance: Penn State

Major: Broadcast Journalism

Piper Murray is completing her second year at Eastview High School's student-run news program, The Flash. Piper has produced news stories and directed, and anchored numerous live-to-tape broadcasts, as well as one live-to-air broadcast.

Piper spent last summer at Penn State's Bellisario College of Communications Summer Camp for high school students interested in broadcast journalism. The camp provided hands-on experience in anchoring, writing, reporting, videography, and editing, all while working in the college's state-of-the-art studios and multimedia labs.



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Sailor Schervish

Current School: Theodore Roosevelt High School (Des Moines, IA)

College Acceptance: University of Iowa

Major: Cinema & Communications Studies

Sailor Schervish divides her study time at two high schools. She's a senior at Theodore Roosevelt High School, but also studies at Central Campus in Des Moines, Iowa. Only fitting she plans on a double major at the University of Iowa in Communications and Cinema Studies.

Sailor has taken Film and Broadcast classes at Central Campus for two years, editing videos, shooting, writing, as well as running a full professional studio. She also competed in the 48-Hour Film Project in Des Moines in 2023, 2024 and plans to compete again this summer before going to college.



Bayliss Flynn

Current School: University of Montana

Major: Journalism

Bayliss Flynn's home is the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but she's getting her college degree in the Rocky Mountains. Bayliss is a starting goalkeeper on the University of Montana Women's Varsity Soccer team. She's studying Journalism and currently working at her school's newspaper producing bi-weekly podcasts for the Kaimin Cast

Bayliss was Minnesota's first high school athlete to sign a Name Image Likeness deal (NIL) for soccer with the Minnesota Aurora. That deal allowed her to be a promotional spokesperson in commercials, billboards and public appearances. Bayliss also facilitated a press conference and conducted interviews with television, radio, print and podcasts on a local and national level.



ULYSSES 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 where he worked as the Program Director for WTVW-TV. 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 fledgling, 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 1970s.

Ulysses' media passion passed down to his family. His daughter-in-law Jodi Ritacca Carlini is an Emmy® Award-winning storyteller, former 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 to create media enjoyable for the whole family.





Savannah Michele Reinke

Current School: St. Cloud State University

Major: Mass Communications- Creative Media

Savannah Michele Reinke is a student at St. Cloud State University, but actually started in the Broadcasting Industry at 16 years old. That's when she started at KMZU radio as a news anchor/reporter in Carrollton, MO. During the summers she still returns there to help with the news and marketing departments.

At SCSU, Savannah is active producing sports at Husky Productions, the student organization which broadcasts St. Cloud Men's Hockey Games on FOX9+. In 2024, Savannah was a Media Specialist for the NCHC Frozen Faceoff where she created multiple feature stories and teases that can be found on the NCHC social media platforms.



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 résumé, 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 creating opportunities for youth.

"Your best investment is your education" - Carl Beaurline



Kaylynn Ruffin

Current School: University of Northern Iowa

Major: Digital Media Leadership & Business Administration

Kaylynn Ruffin is using her school experience to do media projects in the professional world. She is part of Hilltop media, a student organization on campus where business and local schools pay students to create media to promote a business or make films for the classroom targeted to keep people engaged and informed.

Kaylynn goes to local film festivals and makes campus content. Covering topics of music videos, scary and comedy short films, and informationals about campus topics. She has filmed the process of the Davenport Schools events and helped make the holiday video specials for the community.



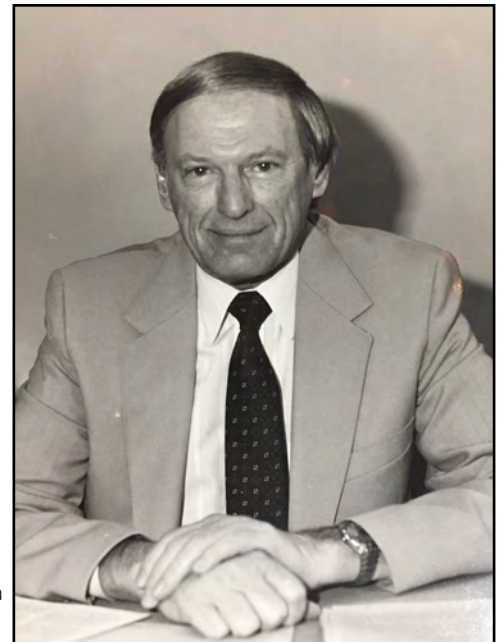
BOB FRANSEN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Carl Fransen's media career spanned more than 50 years. Bob is in the Minnesota Broadcasting Hall of Fame. He 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 on WCCO-TV as "Cowboy Bob." In 1952, Bob moved to Peoria, Illinois to launch the first television station in that market. 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. Under his leadership, it was top-rated independent television station in the country. The station was the first to broadcast pro and local sports programming, including Minnesota Twins baseball, Minnesota North Stars hockey and high school basketball. Later in his career, Bob established KITN TV, Channel 29, and 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.



High School Arts/Entertainment/ Cultural Affairs

Arts Shape Louis

Eastview High School

Piper Murray, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor

Broadway 2024

Apple Valley High School

Tettrina Sesay, Reporter
Christian Klein, Editor
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor
Tim Sheehan, Advisor

Teens, Mentors and a Drum Keep Culture Alive

Black River Falls High School

Jackson Tiedens, Solo Storyteller
Julie Tiedens, Advisor

College Arts/Entertainment/ Cultural Affairs

Faces of Siouxland

Western Iowa Tech

London Russell, Director
Chris Mansfield, Advisor

Inside The Maker (Series)

Loras College

Brant Perry, Producer
Jill Specht, Advisor

Strolling Down the Music Walk

Iowa State University

Brittany Huston, Reporter
Caleb Polking, Photographer

High School Music Video

Supercut

Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools

Harper Egge, Director

Who Am I?

Saint Cloud - Tech High School

Alex Schaefer, Producer
Andrew Bares, Director

College Music Video

6pm

Bethel University

Kyle Zwart, Producer
Emma Studenski, Producer

Kobe Vang - 9-5

Hennepin Technical College

Richard Oxley, Producer
Yang Vang, Director

P.O. Box - One Sock

Bethany Lutheran College

Colin Neville, Director

High School Sports Story

AVEV Gymnastics

Apple Valley High School

Adrianna Ortiz, Reporter
Ashley Phommasengkeo, Editor
Lesley Segura Espinoza, Photographer
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor
Ryan Franus, Advisor
Tim Sheehan, Advisor

Eastview Fan Experience

Eastview High School

Dawson Torgerson, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Ibrahim Way, Photographer
Piercen Haehnel, Photographer
Nick Fornicoia, Advisor

Ethan's Story

Aberdeen Central High School

Joseph Pierce, Producer
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Season of Memories

Ankeny High School

Ava Gifford, Photographer

High School Sports Program

At the Net & After the Buzzer

Webster City High School

Braxton Flattery, Talent - Sports Anchor
Austin Priborsky, Advisor
Mark Murphy, Advisor

High School Live Sporting Event/ Game

Football: Rochester John Marshall at Jefferson

Bloomington Educational Community Television (BEC-TV)

Lucas Krieg, Producer
Thomas Fyler, Director
Hailey Schwain, Photographer
Hannah Schwain, Photographer
Connal Krouth-Chelmo, Photographer
Amos Keronche, Photographer
Andrew Marotz, Photographer
Brayden Kinney, Photographer
John Kumpf, Photographer
Paul Fourniea, Advisor
Tom Ringdal, Advisor

Lynx Boys Basketball vs Algona

Webster City High School

Braxton Flattery, Talent - Sports Anchor
John Wilwerding, Photographer
Breanna Somvong, Photographer
Luke Holberg, Director
Austin Priborsky, Advisor
Mark Murphy, Advisor

Lynx Boys Wrestling vs Clear Lake

Webster City High School

Luke Holberg, Director
Braxton Flattery, Talent - Sports Anchor
Breanna Somvong, Photographer
John Wilwerding, Photographer
Austin Priborsky, Advisor
Mark Murphy, Advisor

Lynx Football vs Hampton-Dumont-CAL *Webster City High School*

Braxton Flattery, Talent - Sports Anchor
Alexander Turkett, Photographer
Luke Holberg, Photographer
Ivan Lopez, Photographer
Mark Murphy, Advisor
Austin Priborsky, Advisor

Lynx Volleyball vs Boone *Webster City High School*

Ivan Lopez, Director
Braxton Flattery, Talent - Sports Anchor
Luke Holberg, Photographer
Breanna Somvong, Photographer
Austin Priborsky, Advisor
Mark Murphy, Advisor

College Sports Story

Basketball CEO Means Business

Iowa State University

Caleb Polking, Reporter
Kaitlyn Nanke, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)

Behind The Spotlight

Loras College

Brady Oberfoell, Solo Storyteller
Jill Specht, Solo Storyteller

Dominic Basse Senior Profile

St. Cloud State University

Savannah Reinke, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor
Brian Stanley, Advisor

Four Years After Gymnastics Program Cut

University of Iowa

Brady Behrend, Reporter

Hawkeyes' React to National Championship Loss

University of Iowa

Michael Merrick, Reporter
Brady Behrend, Reporter
Johnny Valtman, Reporter
Jayce Bertrand, Reporter

College Sports Story continued...

RJ Enga: A Heart for Coaching

St. Cloud State University

Anna Behning, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor
Brian Stanley, Advisor

College Sports Program

DITV Before the Kickoff

University of Iowa

Brady Behrend, Producer

Fall Sports Review 2024

Iowa State University

Abby Altman, Talent - Sports Anchor
Nick Harmon, Director
Caleb Polking, Talent - Sports Anchor
Brittany Houston, Reporter
Blake Petersen, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Dylan Fobian, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Matthew Nielsen, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Henry Gonzalez, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Kaitlyn Nanke, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Chayse Roecker, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Lucas Thompson, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Brittany Huston, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Keegan Jensen, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)
Kiley Allan, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)

Husky Faceoff - St. Cloud State vs Denver

St. Cloud State University

Ryan McNamara, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor
Brian Stanley, Advisor

Husky Mag - October 1, 2024

St. Cloud State University

Noah Grant, Producer
Savannah Reinke, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

College Live Sporting Event/Game

College Hockey: Bowling Green vs Minnesota State

Bethany Lutheran College

Skylar Fisher, Producer
Santiago Tenorio, Director

MIAC Championship, Men's Hockey: BU VS St. Olaf

Bethel University

Sam Sheedlo, Producer

MIAC Playoff, Volleyball: BU VS St. Olaf

Bethel University

Paige Drew, Producer

St. Cloud State vs Boston College

St. Cloud State University

Savannah Reinke, Producer
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor
Brian Stanley, Advisor

High School Solo Storyteller

A Love Letter to the Human Spirit

SPEAK MPLS

Halimah Abdullah, Solo Storyteller
James Harris, Advisor

El Niño

Apple Valley High School

Anya Gann, Solo Storyteller
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor

College Solo Storyteller

Exploring Local: Women-Owned Businesses (Series)

Loras College

Nora Bruxvoort, Solo Storyteller
Jill Specht, Advisor

Pumpkinpalooza

Western Iowa Tech

Luke Larson, Solo Storyteller
Chris Mansfield, Advisor

So Far and Yet So Near

Augsburg University

Danielle Russell, Solo Storyteller
Jenny Hanson, Advisor

High School Writer

Bad Lip Reading of Chucky

Saint Cloud - Tech High School

Tucker Collette, Writer
Kacilynn Dobbs, Writer
Andrew Bares, Writer

Brock Anderson Composite

Aberdeen Central High School

Brock Anderson, Writer

College Writer

Annie Huynh's Comeback

Iowa State University

Henry Gonzalez, Writer

Chris Hovden Composite

Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Chris Hovden, Writer
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

In Dogged Pursuit of Readers

Iowa State University

Kaitlyn Nanke, Writer

High School Hard News Report

Desensitization of School Violence

Ankeny High School

Danny Nguyen, Reporter

One Percent Club

Aberdeen Central High School

Joseph Pierce, Reporter
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

Sexual Assault Awareness

Eastview High School

Lindsay Mello, Reporter
Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor

College Hard News Report

House Speaker Mike Johnson Attracts Protestors

University of Iowa

Johnny Valtman, Reporter
Hannah Lipski, Reporter

MSUM Network Outage

Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Chris Hovden, Reporter
Aaron Quanbeck, Advisor

Protest Closures

University of Minnesota - Hubbard School of Journalism

Eitan Schoenberg, Reporter

Tommie Community Casts Its Votes At McNeely Hall

University of St. Thomas

Adam Mueller, Reporter
Greg Vandegrift, Advisor

High School Feature News Report

Deployment

Aberdeen Central High School

Jackson Board, Reporter
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

One of Ours: Glo Vigniavo

Apple Valley High School

Dylan Moe, Editor
Jordi Fortunat, Editor
Andrew McCluskey, Advisor
Tim Sheehan, Advisor
Ryan Franus, Advisor

Student Scholarship

Eastview High School

Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor
Nick Zylstra, Multimedia Journalist (MMJ)

College Feature News Report

Dedication to Fashion

University of Minnesota - Hubbard School of Journalism

Eitan Schoenberg, Reporter

Driving Readers

University of Iowa

Jayce Bertrand, Reporter

Lunch at Val's

St. Cloud State University

Matthew Moorlach, Producer

Luke Paider, Producer

Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Meet The People Behind Fashion

Iowa State University

Jacob Rice, Reporter

Music Venue Sees Record Crowds

Iowa State University

Liam Brennan, Reporter

The Impact of a Rocori Swimmer

St. Cloud State University

Joel Eisenschenk, Producer

Jaedon Boeve, Producer

Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

High School Talent - Performer

Detective Casey Clean

Aberdeen Central High School

Tristan Cunningham, Talent - Performer

High School Talent - News or Sports

Braxton Flattery - Play by Play Announcer

Webster City High School

Braxton Flattery, Talent - Sports Anchor

Joey Pierce Composite

Aberdeen Central High School

Joseph Pierce, Talent - News Anchor

Kemiah Cook Composite

Apple Valley High School

Kemiah Cook, Talent - News Anchor

Thomas Fuchs Basketball Play-by-Play

SpudsTV

Thomas Fuchs, Jr., Talent - Sports Anchor

College Talent - News or Sports

Annie Witt Composite

South Dakota State University

Annie Witt, Talent - News Anchor

Blake Petersen Composite

Iowa State University

Blake Petersen, Talent - Sports Anchor

Noah Grant Composite

St. Cloud State University

Noah Grant, Talent - Sports Anchor

Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Olivia Stephe's Composite

St. Cloud State University

Olivia Stephe's, Talent - Sports Anchor

Derrick Silvestri, Advisor

Zach Rudeen Composite

St. Cloud State University

Zach Rudeen, Talent - Sports Anchor

Derrick Silvestri, Advisor



2025 CLASSROOM GRANT RECIPIENT

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 14 grants totaling nearly \$22,500 to local schools for media equipment in their classrooms.

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



This year's recipient is:

Maple Valley-Anthon Oto High School | Mapleton, IA

MVAOCOU High School is part of the Maple Valley Anthon-Oto Community School District, a small, rural district about 60 miles southeast of Sioux City, Iowa. The school has 20-23 broadcasting students each semester and is looking to expand it into a second class.



Currently, MVAOCOU High School has one Macbook for editing and broadcasting games. This grant for a computer will give students more access to create videos for social media and commercials. The iPad can connect to a Production Truck during games to do real time interviews with players and coaches. It will also be used to film short videos and allow an easy way to take video, pictures and edit all on one device.



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

High School Fiction - Short or Long Form Content

Blood On Your Hands

Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools

Thomas Lehman, Director
Harper Egge, Director
Tim Coleman, Advisor

Death and Taxes

Central Campus - Des Moines Public Schools

Alexander Beveridge, Director
Hunter Christenson, Director
Tim Coleman, Advisor

College Fiction - Short Form

Blessing

Bethany Lutheran College

Coleton Pringle, Director

Can I Smoke In Your Car?

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Chenxu Yu, Producer
Simon-Hoa Phan, Advisor

Eighteen Years

Loras College

Libby Perry, Director
Emily Surma, Producer
Craig Schaefer, Advisor

Entropy

University of Northwestern - St. Paul

Riles Lamar Hinson, Director
Morgan Wiebold, Producer

Momentary

University of Northwestern - St. Paul

Ian Porter, Director

Solace

Bethel University

Kyle Zwart, Producer
Lauren Puncoschar, Producer
Kathryn Kovalenko, Producer
Emma Studenski, Producer

Threshold

University of Northwestern - St. Paul

Matthew Sherrard, Director

College Fiction - Long Form

1836

Bethany Lutheran College

Joey Pasbrig, Director

Mina

Bethany Lutheran College

Tyler Pasbrig, Director

NODROPHOBIA

Augsburg University

Braden Williams, Director
Max Jacobson, Talent - Performer

Remember What's Important

Dordt University

Logan Baccam, Director

Watching Daisy

University of Wisconsin - Superior

Aidan Jones, Director
Veronica Jones, Talent - Performer
John Busse, Talent - Performer
Marciana Jones, Talent - Performer
Brent Notbohm, Advisor

High School Non-Fiction - Short or Long Form Content

Slim Sticky

Ankeny High School

James Lopez, Writer
Sam Green, Talent - Host
Caden Bahe, Producer
Patrick Asmussen, Advisor

Sydney Jones and her Musical Journey

Ankeny High School

Amber Eft, Director

The Game Dev's Guide to Procrastination

SPEAK MPLS

Henry Jennings, Director/Producer/Photographer/Editor
James Harris, Advisor
Vageesha Dharmadasa, Advisor

Treyson Green

Eastview High School

Lilly Blumb, Reporter
Jenny Dao, Photographer
Angel Thao, Photographer
Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor

College Non-Fiction - Short or Long Form Content

¿Donde' Vive?

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Annika Gothmann, Producer
Maeve Miley, Producer
Emily Cavanaugh, Producer
Lydia Mattern, Producer
Ben Hissam, Photographer
Nick McGrane, Photographer
Chenxu Yu, Editor
Ethan Wittrock, Advisor

Crafting Harmony: Saint John's Abbey Organ Builders

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Scott Spangler, Producer
Nick McGrane, Producer
Chenxu Yu, Photographer
Brendan Amaris, Photographer
Ethan Wittrock, Advisor

Dudhwaala: The Milkman

Bethel University

Luca Lombardi, Producer
Mild Du, Producer
Sarah Bakeman, Writer
Alyssa Malyon, Photographer
Madi Kremer, Photographer

Jayden Upton: Give it your all

Loras College

Dylan Ervin, Producer
Kevin Franks, Producer
Nolan Swartz, Producer
Craig Schaefer, Advisor

Munchkin

Bethany Lutheran College

Corey Peters, Director

Needful

Bethany Lutheran College

Coleton Pringle, Director

Tim Olson: Observing Oddities

Loras College

Jessen Weber, Producer
Craig Schaefer, Advisor

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High School Headline News

The 4Cast

Eastview High School

Cadence Gensmer, Talent - News Anchor
Kayla Griglak, Talent - News Anchor
Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor

College Headline News

Johnnie Bennie Campus News 9/19/2024

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Olivia Smith, Producer
Chloe Moore, Producer
Gabe Evenocheck, Director
Bernie Noria-Castillo, Director
Ethan Wittrock, Advisor

High School Newscast

Eagle Zone Live 11.14.24

Aberdeen Central High School

Joseph Pierce, Producer
Zoe Stucke, Reporter
Preston Brake, Reporter
Tristan Cunningham, Reporter
Erich Schaffhauser, Advisor

The Flash 10.30.24

Eastview High School

Ibrahim Way, Reporter
Jenny Dao, Reporter
Piper Murray, Reporter
Nick Zylstra, Talent - News Anchor
Kian Ghobadi, Talent - News Anchor
Simar Means, Editor
Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor

The Flash 12.4.24

Eastview High School

Jenny Dao, Reporter
Will Brown, Reporter
Ben Belz, Talent - News Anchor
Nicholas Fornicoia, Advisor

WCTV Season 26 Episode 651

Webster City High School

Braxton Flattery, Director
Evangeline Streigle, Director
McKaylee Winkler, Talent - News Anchor
Ivan Lopez, Talent - News Anchor
Austin Priborsky, Advisor
Mark Murphy, Advisor

College Newscast

DITV Newscast - 1.17.24

University of Iowa

Johnny Valtman, Producer
Ashley Weil, Producer
Michael Merrick, Producer
Carson Ramirez, Producer

DITV Newscast - 4.08.24

University of Iowa

Johnny Valtman, Producer
Ashley Weil, Producer
Michael Merrick, Producer
Carson Ramirez, Producer

KYOT-TV November 13 Newscast

University of South Dakota

Sydney Kolln, Producer

The Collegian Report Spring 2024 Edition

South Dakota State University

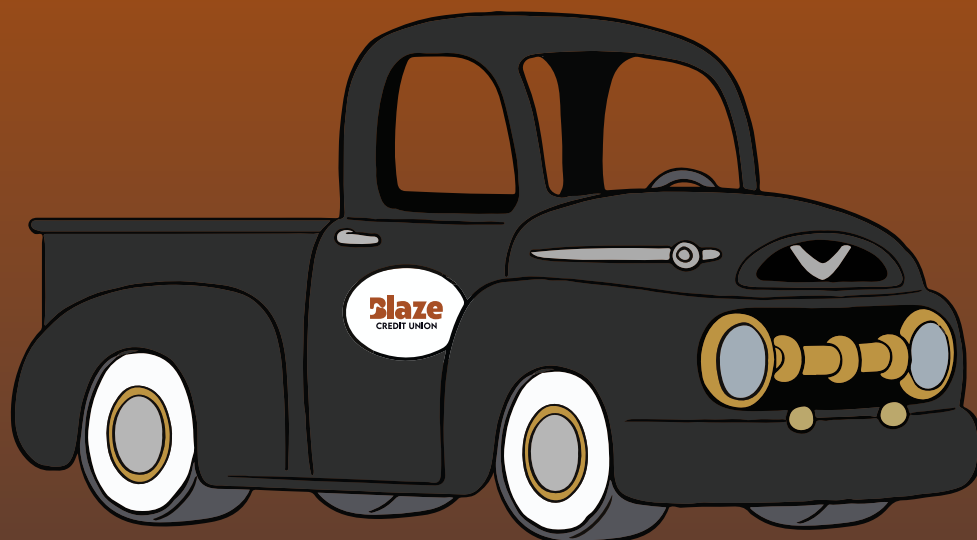
Annie Witt, Producer

UTVS News - October 15, 2024

St. Cloud State University

Samantha Roering, Producer
Mya Fryckman, Director
Derrick Silvestri, Advisor
Kahar Cainion, Advisor

Congratulations
to all of the nominees!



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