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**Area 9 Cable Council & Altice of CT Announce the Winners of the Fourteenth Annual Educational Access Awareness Awards (AAA) for Students Gr K–12**

The **Educational Access Awareness Awards** honor original student video productions that have been broadcast throughout the school year on Cablevision's Educational Access Channel 78. The Area 9 Cable Council (A9CC) & Cablevision sponsor this contest yearly to encourage students to develop video production and storytelling skills by creating access television shows relevant to their school and community. Student videos are recognized in seven separate categories - Animation/Stop Motion, Creative Open Entries, Community/School Stories, Documentaries, Narrative Open Entries, News Shows (High School only), and Public Service Announcements.

This year, numerous student videos were submitted at the school level and many went on to compete in the contest with projects from across Fairfield County. The competition recognizes student excellence at the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels. An "Eddy" (Ed Access Trophy) will be presented to the school for each winning project listed below. A certificate of recognition will also be presented to each student who participated in the creation of **First**, **Second**, and **Third** Place projects.

The *John M. Repicky Award* was established in 2010 to recognize Mr. Repicky for his more than twenty-five years of selfless service to the Area 9 Cable Council's Education and Government Committees. The *Repicky Award* honors the best overall project in each level (Elementary, Middle, and High School) with a \$500 equipment package.

**2017 AWARDS**

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**HIGH SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD**

**"Graphin' Time" – New Canaan High School**

Bhaskar Abhiraman – Grade 12

Jennifer Sinski – Instructor

**MIDDLE SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD**

**"Inside the 8th grade: Drama" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Karina Adams, Naomi Buccieri, Kristina Desai, Cecilla Duncan, Sydney Duncan – Grade 8

David Pisani – Instructor

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD**

**"ECHO: Operation Eagle" – Long Lots Elementary School, Westport**

Curtis Sullivan, Deneil Betfarhad, Benjamin Buchalter – Grade 5

Philip Sullivan – Grade 3

Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

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# HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

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## HIGH SCHOOL – ANIMATION / STOP MOTION

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **"Top Shell" – New Canaan High School**

Rachel Driver – Grade 10  
Quincy Connell – Grade 9  
Jennifer Sinski – Instructor

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **"Hello" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Olivia Andrews – Grade 9  
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **"Eldorado" – New Canaan High School**

Sydney Britt – Grade 11  
Jennifer Sinski – Instructor

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## HIGH SCHOOL – CREATIVE OPEN ENTRY

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **"Graphin' Time" – New Canaan High School**

Bhaskar Abhiraman – Grade 12  
Jennifer Sinski – Instructor

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **"365" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Christina DeConcini – Grade 11  
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **"Switzerland" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Lily DeConcini – Grade 9  
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

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## HIGH SCHOOL – COMMUNITY/SCHOOL STORY

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **"The Other Half of our Teachers" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Carly Haines – Grade 9  
Julia Herzig – Grade 11  
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**"NCHS Color Run" – New Canaan High School**

Christian Parrott – Grade 11

Roman Cebulski – Instructor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**"Student Profile: Delia" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Maggie Davis – Grade 12

Margo Muccia – Grade 10

Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

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**HIGH SCHOOL – DOCUMENTARY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**"A Home, Not A Hospital" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Quinn Butler, Juliette Guice, Kendall Newman – Grade 12

Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**"What It Takes To Be Special" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Jackie Prata – Grade 9

Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**"Our Moral Imperative" – Weston High School**

Michael Bogaev – Grade 11

Geoffrey Brencher – Instructor

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**HIGH SCHOOL – NARRATIVE OPEN ENTRY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**"Edgar Price in Silent Knight" – New Canaan High School**

Jack Dunn – Grade 11

Jennifer Sinski – Instructor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**"Moonlight Piano" – Staples High School, Westport**

Anton Mahr, Alison Lindsey-Noble, Wesley Zielke – Grade 11

Justin Nadal – Instructor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**"The Game" – Staples High School, Westport**

Benjamin O'Donnell & Gabriel Cohen – Grade 9

Ryan Smith – Grade 10

Justin Nadal – Instructor

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## HIGH SCHOOL – NEWS SHOW

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

#### **"The Morning Announcements: Compilation Video" – New Canaan High School**

Jack Dahill, Katie Ferguson, Madeline Friedland, Alice Gelhaus, Max Levasseur,  
Scott Luntz, Austin Pelli, Chiara Rapuano, Matt Schlegel – Grade 12  
Shafer Jones, Dom Maitino, Sean Manzella, Quinn McMahon, Freia Mierendorf,  
Annie Minaglia, Christian Parrott, Luke Pelli, Luca Triant – Grade 11  
Kaitlyn Mulcahy – Grade 10  
Roman Cebulski – Instructor

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

#### **"Today From The Heart: November 2016 Edition" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Maddie McLane, Ellen Pucel, Maggie Davis, Tasha Adison – Grade 12  
Ava Bloom, Christina DeConcini, Megan Doherty, Sloane Kratzman, Jillian Larkin, Ellie McKenney,  
Olivia Monahan, Charlotte Sheehan, Maggy Wolanske - Grade 11  
Lily Brown, Madeleine Galper, Lexi Herrmann, Margo Muccia, Lorraine Rinaldi,  
Ryan Smith, Anna Snopkowski, Olivia Wise - Grade 10  
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

#### **"Good Morning Staples: December 2017" – Staples High School, Westport**

Max Kaplan, Michelle Lopez, Aidan "Eggplant" Reilly, Lauren Stack – Grade 12  
Jack Caldwell, Katie Zager – Grade 11  
Tim Luciano, Cameron Lynch, Samantha Pacillio, Jose Rodriguez, Austin Sholes – Grade 10  
Gabriel Cohen, Ben Gross – Grade 9  
Justin Nadal – Instructor

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## HIGH SCHOOL – PSA

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

#### **"No Going Back" – Weston High School**

Michael Bogaev, Nathan Katz, Andrew Harwood, Alex McCall – Grade 11  
Geoffrey Brencher – Instructor

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

#### **"Every Drop Counts" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Christine Plaster – Grade 9  
Kaitlin Reilly – Grade 11  
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

#### **"Building Hope" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Sophia Georgas – Grade 9  
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL – ANIMATION / STOP MOTION

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**"Romeo & Juliet in a Lego Star Wars Stop Motion Animation" – Bedford Middle School, Westport**

Michael Carusone – Grade 8

Lauren Bullock – Instructor

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**"World's Aparts" – Coleytown Middle School, Westport**

Sydney Griffiths, Ava Flynn, Charlotte D'Anna – Grade 7

Rob Rogers – Instructor

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL – CREATIVE OPEN ENTRY

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**"Top 10 Best Ways to Break the 4th Wall" – Coleytown Middle School, Westport**

Brendan McGinley – Grade 7

Rob Rogers – Instructor

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**"Westport From Above" – Coleytown Middle School, Westport**

Brandon Malin – Grade 8

Rob Rogers – Instructor

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**"Health Video" – Bedford Middle School, Westport**

Maya Sampath – Grade 8

Lauren Bullock – Instructor

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL – COMMUNITY/SCHOOL STORY

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**"Inside the 8th grade: Drama" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Karina Adams, Naomi Buccieri, Kristina Desai, Cecilla Duncan, Sydney Duncan – Grade 8

David Pisani – Instructor

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**"Inside the 8th grade: A Capella" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

MaryGrace Farrell, Sasha Heaven, Grace Hong, Le-Anne Johnson, Olivia Lockwood – Grade 8

David Pisani – Instructor

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**"Flag Frenzy" – Bedford Middle School, Westport**

Isabelle Ormsby – Grade 6

Deb Perry – Instructor

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL – DOCUMENTARY

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

#### **"Mindfulness" – Bedford Middle School, Westport**

Issy Gryspeerdt – Grade 8

Lauren Bullock – Instructor

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

#### **"BAM Exposed" – Bedford Middle School, Westport**

Will Hayes & Josh Gordon – Grade 6

Deb Perry – Instructor

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

#### **"Smoking" – Coleytown Middle School, Westport**

Ryan Stevenson – Grade 7

Rob Rogers – Instructor

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL – NARRATIVE OPEN ENTRY

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

#### **"Ralphie" – Coleytown Middle School, Westport**

Brandon Malin, Zack Hossain – Grade 8

Rob Rogers – Instructor

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

#### **"Rubber the Robot" – Bedford Middle School, Westport**

Hannah Fiarman & Joy Xu – Grade 6

Deb Perry – Instructor

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

#### **"Mindfulness: The Health Channel" – Bedford Middle School, Westport**

Samantha Webster & Maizy Boosin – Grade 8

Lauren Bullock – Instructor

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL – PSA

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

#### **"Cyberbully" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Olivia Lockwood, Emily Newton, Mary O'Connor – Grade 8

David Pisani – Instructor

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

#### **"Make The Click" – Sacred Heart Greenwich**

Isabelle Pipher, Sofia Pye, Beth Yeager – Grade 8

David Pisani – Instructor

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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ANIMATION / STOP MOTION

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**"Changes in Life" – Saugatuck Elementary School, Westport**  
Tessa Cassell, Chloe Francis, Reilly Costello, Paloma Slowik – Grade 5  
Eric Lawrence – Instructor

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**"Penguin Happy Dance" – Saugatuck Elementary School, Westport**  
Caroline Roschen & Maia Gubitz – Grade 5  
Eric Lawrence – Instructor

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – CREATIVE OPEN ENTRIES

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**"ECHO: Operation Eagle" – Long Lots Elementary School, Westport**  
Curtis Sullivan, Deneil Betfarhad, Benjamin Buchalter – Grade 5  
Philip Sullivan – Grade 3  
Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**"The Brain Swap" – Long Lots Elementary School, Westport**  
Grant Mandel, Andrew Keisman, Mason Delorier – Grade 3  
Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**"Dance in the Dark" – Saugatuck Elementary School, Westport**  
Madeleine O'Neill, Gabriela de Brito, Flora Williams, Camryn Harris – Grade 5  
Eric Lawrence – Instructors

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – COMMUNITY/SCHOOL STORY

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**"You Can Make A Difference" – Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport**  
Neva Mermagen, Elise Eisenberger, Alannah Morris, Harrison Putman – Grade 5  
Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp, Emily Soler – Instructors

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**"CES-TV - 10/20/16" – Coleytown Elementary School, Westport**  
Connor Ng, Katerina Markova, David Sabino, Trey Wilson, Will Rabacs, Josh Jordan – Grade 5  
Pam Syndercombe & Eileen Carroll – Instructors

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**"Miller-Driscoll Morning Show" – Miller-Driscoll Elementary School, Wilton**

A. Blake Baumel, Adithi Belur, Kevin Berghaus, Holly Bonomo, Jack Cook, Hans Greene, William Gehrman, Pieper Markowski, Riley McMahon, Anshika Saagi – Grade 2  
Ben Cannavino, Rosalie Hauser, Kate Jackson, Sadie Sherman, Nicholas Tong – Grade 1  
Kanira Baskar, George DuBrock, Sophie Duvall, Kurt Jeschke, Ian Shaner, Ryder White – Grade K  
Skip Ploss & Bryan Ennis – Instructors

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DOCUMENTARY**

**(No Entries)**

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – NARRATIVE OPEN ENTRIES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**"The Big Talent Show" – Long Lots Elementary School, Westport**

Max Piterbarg & Alp Pakel – Grade 5  
Grant Hill – Grade 4  
Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**"ECHO: Gravity" – Long Lots Elementary School, Westport**

Curtis Sullivan, Ben Buchalter – Grade 5  
Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**"Friendship Issues" – Saugatuck Elementary School, Westport**

Carley McGarry, Kaya Arava, Shivali Kanthan – Grade 5  
Eric Lawrence – Instructors

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PSA**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**"It's a Brand New Day" – Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport**

Jack Kiely, Jake Futterman, Ashley Podziba, Juan Nieves, Annie Gabriele – Grade 5  
Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp, Emily Soler – Instructors

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**"Be Kind" – Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport**

Julia Fabian, Lailah Abbed, Elise McCormick – Grade 5  
Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp, Emily Soler – Instructors

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**"Giant Pandas" – Saugatuck Elementary School, Westport**

Ezra Learsy-Cahill, Sophia Lancin, Sage Franklin – Grade 5  
Eric Lawrence – Instructors