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Area Nine Cable Council and Cablevision of Connecticut Announce the Winners of the Eighth Annual Access Awareness Awards for Students Grades K – 12

The **Educational Access Awareness Awards** honor original student television productions cablecast during the school year on Cablevision Educational Access Channel 78. Designed to encourage students to develop video production and storytelling skills by creating access television shows relevant to their school and community, the **Educational Access Awareness Awards** are designed 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 five separate categories - Public Service Announcement, Community/School Stories, News, Documentary, and Open Entries.

This year, more than three hundred student videos were submitted at the school level and many went on to compete in a contest with projects from across Fairfield County. The competition recognizes student excellence at the Elementary School, Middle School, and High School level. An "Eddy" (Ed Access Trophy) will be presented to the school for each winning project. A certificate of recognition will be presented to students 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 Nine Cable Council's Educational and Government Committees. The *Repicky Award* recognizes the highest-scoring project in each level (Elementary School, Middle School, and High School) with a \$1,000 equipment package.

Awards 2011-2012

John M. Repicky Award – High School "Carol of the Bells" – Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Lucy Adams – Grade 12 Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

John M. Repicky Award – Middle School "Red Riding Dog" – Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

> Georgina Cahill – Grade 8 Kiki Carozza – Instructor

John M. Repicky Award – Elementary School "Christopher Columbus" – Long Lots Elementary School, Westport

Bailey Blaikie, Hannah Bolandian, Isabella Jagenberg, Jory Teltser, Elisabeth Tonsberg, Logan Varsano – Gr 5

Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

HIGH SCHOOL - COMMUNITY/SCHOOL STORY

1st Place

"Staples Wrestling" - Staples High School, Westport

Noel Berry – Grade 11 Michael Zito – Instructor

2nd Place

"Colleen Henn Profile" - Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Diana White – Grade 12 Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

3rd Place

"Weston Band Performs for Staples High" - Staples High School, Westport

Brad Payne – Grade 11 James Honeycutt – Instructor

HIGH SCHOOL - DOCUMENTARY

1st Place

"Carol of the Bells" - Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Lucy Adams – Grade 12 Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

2nd Place

"The Forgotten Coast" – Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Diana White – Grade 12 Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

3rd Place

"Live from the Media Lab" - Staples High School, Westport

Zachary Sansted – Grade 12 James Honeycutt – Instructor

HIGH SCHOOL - NEWS

1st Place

"Today From The Heart" – Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Caroline Antonacci, Nicole Bloom, Margo Bugniazet, Rose Rinaldi, Diana White – Grade 12
Erin Manning – Grade 11
Bianca Chiappelloni, Christie Huchro, Sydney Walker – Grade 10
Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

2nd Place

"Good Morning Staples" - Staples High School, Westport

Jessica Coelho, Matthew George, Charles Greenwald, Ana Horn, Danielle Kosinski, Michael McGahern, Kyle Mikesh, Vasilios Tziolis – Grade 12 • Brad Payne – Grade 11

Ian Barsanti, Tyler Crowder, Wyatt Davis, Tyler Finley, Cole Gendels, Robert Giannone, Patrick Lesch, Jack Massie, Jake McGibney, Matthew Willis – Grade 10 • Max Bortniker, Brandon Ernst – Grade 9

James Honeycutt – Instructor

3rd Place

"The Morning Announcements" - New Canaan High School

Caitlin Dwyer, Rami Hamdan, Erika Jenson, Tessa McKinley, Thomas Rochlin, Taylor Wilson – Grade 12

Brendon Baker, Erik Jager, Courtney Leopold – Grade 10

Roman Cebulski – Instructor

HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN ENTRIES

1st Place

"Winnie's Tea Party" - Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Nicole Bloom – Grade 12 Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

2nd Place

"The Bicycle" - Greenwich High School

Ryan Butler – Grade 11 Richard Detmer – Instructor

3rd Place

"Important Things" - Staples High School, Westport

Jake Shore – Grade 10 James Honeycutt – Instructor

HIGH SCHOOL - PSA

1st Place

"A Mother's Plea" – Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Amanda Crowell – Grade 10 Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

2nd Place

"Stop the Trend" - Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Gaby Lopez and Sheila Moran – Grade 9 Ellyn Stewart – Instructor

3rd Place

"Express Yourself" - Greenwich High School

Victoria Stein – Grade 11 Richard Detmer – Instructor

MIDDLE SCHOOL - COMMUNITY/SCHOOL STORY

1st Place

"Teachers" - Coleytown Middle School, Westport

Julia Brower & Miranda Wright – Grade 7

Deb Perry – Instructor

2nd Place

"CSH 360 News" - Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Lucy Alderson-Smith, Lydia Currie, Riley Doyle, Corina Gonzalez-Molina, Caleigh Kupersmith, Alexandra Lilly, Francesca Narea, Victoria Paternina, Grace Sutherland, Cynthia Thomas – Grade 8

Kiki Carozza & Kim Raisbeck – Instructors

3rd Place

"How to Prepare for a Test" – Bedford Middle School, Westport

Amelia Hunt & Kelly Iannacone – Grade 7 Lauren Bullock – Instructor

MIDDLE SCHOOL - DOCUMENTARY

1st Place

"Parade Parade" - Coleytown Middle School, Westport

Claire Dinshaw – Grade 7 Deb Perry – Instructor

2nd Place

"SNCC and Freedom Schools" - Weston Middle School

Elfine Dexter, Taylor Greene, Cassondra Kelly – Grade 7 Peggy Jorgensen – Instructor

3rd Place

"Splatter Paint" - Bedford Middle School, Westport

Erika MacDonald & Tia Pogue – Grade 7

Lauren Bullock – Instructor

MIDDLE SCHOOL - PSA

1st Place

"Don't Text and Drive" - Coleytown Middle School, Westport

Grace Foster, Alice Hickson, Lauren Prangley – Grade 7 Deb Perry – Instructor

2nd Place

"Fire Safety" - John Read Middle School, Redding

Valentina Ortiz, Matthew Socci, Chase Yankowski – Grade 5 Kerry McKay & Evelyn Reeve – Instructor

3rd Place

"Cyberbullying" - Coleytown Middle School, Westport

Ida Bolkan, Emy Shah, Kait Smithson, Madi Timmons – Grade 7
Deb Perry – Instructor

MIDDLE SCHOOL - OPEN ENTRIES

1st Place

"Red Riding Dog" - Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Georgina Cahill – Grade 8 Kiki Carozza – Instructor

2nd Place (Tied)

"Pet Fire Safety" - John Read Middle School, Redding

Casey Daignault, Carolyn Higgins, Heidi Hoffman, Annika Westgate – Grade 5 Evelyn Reeve – Instructor

2nd Place (Tied)

"Sportsmanship" - Coleytown Middle School, Westport

Brandon Harrington, Griffin O'Neill, Anthony Sahagian – Grade 7 Deb Perry – Instructor

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - COMMUNITY/SCHOOL STORY

1st Place

"The History of Patches" - Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport

Nina Barandiaran & Emma Straight – Grade 5 Kelley Auringer, Jon Herbst, Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp – Instructors

2nd Place

"Dying to Meet You" - Long Lots Elementary School, Westport

Seren Becker & Cristina Gomes – Grade 5 Rebecca Laus – Instructor

3rd Place

"Friendship" - Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport

Isabella Cardello, Julianna Raho, Avery Reiner – Grade 5 Kelley Auringer, Jon Herbst, Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp – Instructors

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DOCUMENTARY

1st Place

"Christopher Columbus" - Long Lots Elementary School, Westport

Bailey Blaikie, Hannah Bolandian, Isabella Jagenberg, Jory Teltser, Elisabeth Tonsberg, Logan Varsano – Gr 5

Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

2nd Place

"Harriet Tubman" - Long Lots Elementary School, Westport

Casey Cohen & Jory Teltser – Grade 5
Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

3rd Place

"Steve Jobs" - Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich

Clay Garrett & Sophia Georgas – Grade 4 Kathleen Dunn – Instructor

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL — OPEN ENTRIES

1st Place

"Letters from Camp" - Long Lots Elementary School, Westport

Sophie Attkiss, Bailey Blaikie, Casey Cohen, Charlotte Cohen, Zachary Debrino, Sorcha Maddison, Claudia Marmello, Sowbhasri Sureshsrinivas, Isabelle Wilkowski – Grade 5

Barbara Eilertsen – Instructor

2nd Place

"Be True to Yourself" - Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport

Nina Armstrong, Kai Dasbach, Kiara Shey, Evan Shorrock – Grade 5 Kelley Auringer, Jon Herbst, Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp – Instructors

3rd Place

"Express Yourself" - Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport

Lexi Levins, Maria Maisonet, Sophie McCabe, Alexis Tuccinardi – Grade 5 Kelley Auringer, Jon Herbst, Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp – Instructors

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PSA

1st Place

"Be Safe" - Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport

Jacob Hammer, Anisa Prasad, Sirina Prasad – Grade 5 Kelley Auringer, Jon Herbst, Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp – Instructors

2nd Place

"Sports Bring People Together" - Greens Farms Elementary School, Westport

Ned Dane, Theo Gabor, Luke Welch – Grade 5 Kelley Auringer, Jon Herbst, Nicole Moeller, Suzanne Propp – Instructors

3rd Place

"Library Fairy" - Long Lots Elementary School, Westport

Seren Becker, Lindsey Dry, Isabelle Jagenberg, Michelle Miele, Alexa Schwartz – Grade 5 Rebecca Laus – Instructor