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**THE FOUNDATION OF
THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES
ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
STUDENT TELEVISION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

April 20, 2005 – The Foundation of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced today regional winners of the Student Television Award for Excellence recognizing outstanding television journalism by high school students. Now in its third year, the Student Award for Excellence is part of the National Student Television program which encourages and supports journalism skills among students.

Student producer/writer teams from around the nation submitted entries in seven categories: News Arts & Entertainment/Cultural Affairs; Documentary; Public Affairs/Community Service/Public Service; Sports; Technical Achievement; and Writing. All entries were originally broadcast, cablecast, or Web cast within the eligibility period from February 1, 2004 to January 31, 2005.

Regional winners will now be eligible for recognition at the national level. A blue-ribbon panel, chaired by Av Westin, Executive Director of the Foundation, will select seven national awardees. These national winning entries will be presented with their awards at a ceremony to be held on June 15th at the Time Warner headquarters in New York City. Time Warner is the sponsor of the National Student Television Award for Excellence.

Winners from the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter are:

HONORABLE MENTION: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Entry Title: Two Photographs

Primary Student Name : Dominic Santos

Additional Production Crew: Isaiah Dufort

Sponsoring High School or Producing Organization: SF Art & Film for Teenagers, San Francisco

Brief Description : Nostalgia. Longing. Regret. A young man relives a ruined love affair amidst the canals of Venice.

Faculty Advisor or Adult Coordinator: Ronald Chase

HONORABLE MENTION: DOCUMENTARY

Entry Title: Through the Fence

Primary Student Applicant; Joshua Kretchmer

Additional Production Crew; Jessica Galvin, Majlie de Puy Kamp, Kim Chi Ho, Matt Reynolds

Sponsoring High School or Producing Organization: Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, CA

Brief Description : THROUGH THE FENCE is a Tamalpais High School student Documentary investigating the causes of segregation in Bay Area schools. Through research and interviews students ponder whether segregation is primarily caused by government legislation or deep-rooted social problems.

Faculty Advisor or Adult Coordinator: Mike Goldstein, Sharilyn Scharf, David Tarpinian

HONORABLE MENTION: NEWS

Entry Title: Qualified Teachers (at Waianae Intermediate School)

Primary Student Applicant: Kathleen Butay

Additional Production Crew: Samuel C , Ashley Guerrero

Sponsoring High School or Producing Organization: Wai`anae 54 News at Wai`anae Intermediate School, Wai`anae, HI

Brief Description: Qualified teachers are hard to come by, especially for schools in rural areas who have not met NCLB requirements for 3-4 years. Distance, teacher shortages, and cultural differences are just a few of the reasons for the lack of qualified teachers.

Faculty Advisor or Adult Coordinator: Linda Ginoza

WINNER: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Entry Title: The Winner

Primary Student Applicant: Samantha Yu

Additional Production Crew: Dominic Santos

Sponsoring High School or Producing Organization: SF Art & Film for Teenagers, San Francisco

Brief Description: A film adaptation of D H Lawrence's The Rockinghorse Winner. A young boy's innocence falls victim to a family that values money above all else. This is the second film by Samantha Yu, 18, who immigrated to America at age 4.

Faculty Advisor or Adult Coordinator: Ronald Chase

WINNER: DOCUMENTARY

Entry Title: Shortchanging the Children

Primary Student Applicant: Justin Hirigoyen

Additional Production Crew: Lucas Guilkey, Jessica Carsten, Miles Lassi

Sponsoring High School or Producing Organization: Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, CA

Brief Description : SHORTCHANGING THE CHILDREN is a Tamalpais High School student documentary project examining the effects of the No Child Left Behind Act on two Bay Area elementary schools at opposite ends of the socio-economic spectrum.

Faculty Advisor or Adult Coordinator: Mike Goldstein, Sharilyn Scharf, David Tarpinian

WINNER: TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Entry Title: Smog in the Air

Primary Student Applicant; Joe Shapiro

Additional Production Crew; Lucia Dillman, Rex Nowak, Griffin Harrison

Sponsoring High School or Producing Organization: Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, CA

Brief Description : Tamalpais High School academy student project SMOG IN THE AIR is a collection of quotations combined with found images juxtaposing racism of the past with racism of the present.

Faculty Advisor or Adult Coordinator; Mike Goldstein, Sharilyn Scharf, David Tarpinian

The Foundation of the National Television Academy is the education arm of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The Foundation's mission is the recognition and reward of excellence in television through educational programs including National Student Television as well as university scholarships. The chair of the Foundation of the National Television Academy is Stanley S. Hubbard, chairman of Hubbard Broadcasting, vice chair is **Dennis Swanson**, chief operating officer and executive vice president of the Viacom Station Group, the president is Peter O. Price, President of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the executive director is Av Westin

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