



**The San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of
The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
Announces the Recipients of the 2023-2024
REGIONAL STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

The Board of Governors of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023-2024 Regional Student Television Production Awards for Excellence.

Entries were submitted by high schools with media programs in the chapter's region - Visalia to the Oregon border including Reno, Nevada and Hawaii - for work done during the 2023-2024 school year.

The "Award for Excellence," an engraved glass pillar, is presented to the school with each student recipient receiving a certificate. The "Award for Merit" is presented to each student in the form of a certificate. A total of 191 entries were received from 18 high schools. 13 Pillars for Excellence and 23 Certificates for Merit are being awarded.

"I'm incredibly proud of our region's thriving talent pool, consistently producing remarkable works from future broadcast journalists, filmmakers, and entertainers." said chapter Education Chair **Toby Momtaz**. "It's truly inspiring to witness our high school students being recognized and honored for their outstanding achievements in this competition.

Seven high schools will receive Pillars of Excellence, **Tamalpais High School**, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM), Mill Valley; **Wai'anae High School** Searider Productions, Wai'anae, HI; with three awards each. **Buchanan High School**, Clovis; two awards. **Franklin High School**, Elk Grove; **Gunn High School**, Palo Alto; and **Palo Alto High School**, Palo Alto; with single awards.

Certificates of Merit also going to seven high schools: **Buchanan High School**, Clovis (6); **Whitney High School** WCTV19, Rocklin (5); **Tamalpais High School**, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM), Mill Valley (4); **Redwood High School**, Visalia (3); **Wai'anae High School** Searider Productions, Wai'anae, HI (3); **Franklin High School**, Elk Grove (1); **Palo Alto High School**, Palo Alto (1).

The "Award of Excellence" Pillar recipients will move forward to a national competition between all 19 chapters of NATAS. National recipients will be announced in the Fall of 2024.

The Complete list of recipients follows:

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PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Newscast

- EXCELLENCE:** Wai'anae High School Searider Productions, Wai'anae. HI; "Searider News"
Dillon Catlett, Producer; **Denise Pawleen Cabrera**, **Avanoa Caceres-Tillis**, **Shirley Wells**, Anchors; **Natasha Maafala**, Anchor/Reporter; **Mya Dinong**, **Joelle Angelica Evasco**, Reporters; **John Allen**, Advisor
- MERIT:** Whitney High School WCTV19, Rocklin; "Unleashed," 12/13/23
Audriana Boyce, **Julia Muldong** News Directors; **Karina Pate**, **Justin Sneed**, Executive Producers; **Raneen Abdelrahman**, **Talene Abdelrahman**, Production Managers; **Rownin Cooper**, **Caden Martin**, Sports Directors; **Noah Reed**, **Carly Saunders**, Sports Producers; **Zara Begic**, Social Media Director; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

News Report - Serious News

- EXCELLENCE:** Wai'anae High School Searider Productions, Wai'anae. HI; "Gross Increase In Groceries"
Dillon Catlett, Producer; **Denise Pawleen Cabrera**, Writer/Reporter; **Avanoa Caceres-Tillis**, Photographer; **John Allen**, Advisor

News Report - Light News

No Recipients

Video Essay

- EXCELLENCE:** Gunn High School, Palo Alto; "Lifelines"
Maya Nieman, Producer/Writer/Cinematographer/Editor; **Edward Corpuz**, Advisor
- MERIT:** Buchanan High School, Clovis; "A Place to Learn & Be Seen"
Grace Persons, Producer; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor
- MERIT:** Buchanan High School, Clovis; "Art of Life"
Jillian Leslie, Producer; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

Non-Fiction - Short Form

- EXCELLENCE:** Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM); "Nickel & Dime"
David Bloom, **Audrey Lowell**, **Kai Smith**, **Esha Vaikhary**, Filmmaker; **Michael Lavezzo**, **Sharilyn Scharf**, **Jonah Steinhart**, Advisors
- MERIT:** Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM); "Behind Closed Doors"
Zoey Archibald, **Rose Dalager**, **Colette Hale**, **Dola Tibbs**, Filmmakers; **Michael Lavezzo**, **Sharilyn Scharf**, **Jonah Steinhart**, Advisors
- MERIT:** Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM); "You Are Able"
Sophie Dalager, **Henry Dehan**, **Stella Lowery**, **Will Richardson**, Filmmakers; **Michael Lavezzo**, **Sharilyn Scharf**, **Jonah Steinhart**, Advisors
- MERIT:** Whitney High School WCTV19, Rocklin; "Not Just About the Speed"
Audriana Boyce, Reporter; **Julia Muldong**, Photographer; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

Non-Fiction - Long Form

MERIT: Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto; “El Palo Alto - Living History”
Jimmy Tsai, Producer/Writer/Cinematographer/Editor; **Edward Corpuz**, Advisor

Public Affairs/Community Service

EXCELLENCE: Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM); “Guilty Until Proven Wealthy”

Skye Guyot, Chris Nieker, Will Richardson, Jane Song, Filmmakers; **Michael Lavezzo, Sharilyn Scharf, Jonah Steinhart**, Advisors

MERIT: Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM); “The Price to Learn”

Lily Freas, Sam Gregg, Nate Lazarus; Mason Le, Filmmakers; **Michael Lavezzo, Sharilyn Scharf, Jonah Steinhart**, Advisors

Arts and Entertainment/Cultural Affairs

EXCELLENCE: Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM); “Amana”

Julian Goodman, Mason Le, Kai Smith, Niki Wallin, Filmmakers; **Michael Lavezzo, Sharilyn Scharf, Jonah Steinhart**, Advisors

MERIT: Wai'anae High School Searider Productions, Wai'anae, HI; “Makahiki Season”

Natasha Maafala, Writer/Reporter, **Shirley Wells**, Photographer; **Joelle Angelica Evasco**, Editor; **John Allen**, Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School WCTV19, Rocklin; “Jamming with Jazz Band”

Charlize Tumulak, Reporter; **Guntaas Kaler**, Photographer; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

Music Video

EXCELLENCE: Buchanan High School, Clovis; “Mossy Cobblestones”

Grace Persons, Producer; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

EXCELLENCE: Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto; “Happy Birthday”

Lily McCue, Producer/Writer/Cinematographer/Editor; **Edward Corpuz**, Advisor

Fiction - Short Form

EXCELLENCE: Buchanan High School, Clovis; “Dear, Darla”

Noreen Marquez, Grace Nishanian, Producer; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

MERIT: Buchanan High School, Clovis; “1,407 Miles”

Grace Persons, Producer; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

Fiction - Long Form

No Recipients

Sports Story or Segment

MERIT: Redwood High School, Visalia; “Jennah the Gem”

Ashtyn Cripps, Photographer/Editor; **Johnson Hannah, Erik Navarro**, Photographers; **Elijah Ochs**, Special Effects/Animation; **William Henshaw**, Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School WCTV19, Rocklin; “A Singlet for a Flag Belt”

Audriana Boyce, Reporter; **Julia Muldong**, Photographer; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

Sports Program

No Recipients

Live Sporting Event/Game

No Recipients

Public Service Announcement (PSA)

MERIT: Franklin High School, Elk Gove; "Let Go of Tobacco"

Jelani Escorpiso, Writer & Animator; **Brad Clark**, Advisor

MERIT: Redwood High School, Visalia; "Be a Life Saver"

Hannah Johnson, Director/Photographer/Editor; **William Henshaw**, Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School WCTV19, Rocklin; "We Are All Built Different"

Talene Abdelrahman, Photographer; **Raneen Abdelrahman**, Editor; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

Commercial

MERIT: Buchanan High School, Clovis; "Boba Silog Commercial"

Joshua Alcober, Producer; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

MERIT: Wai'anae High School Searider Productions, Wai'anae, HI; "Aina Mo Fina"

Denise Pawleen Cabrera, Producers; **Dillon Catlett**, Editor; **John Allen**, Advisor

CRAFTS

Animation/Graphics/Special Effects

EXCELLENCE: Franklin High School, Elk Gove; "The Dragon Keeper"

Nicole Salluce, Animator; **Brad Clark**, Advisor

MERIT: Buchanan High School, Clovis; "Mossy Cobblestones"

Grace Persons, Animator; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

Audio/Sound

No Recipients

Director

EXCELLENCE: Youth Beat at KDOL-TV, Oakland; "Star Crossed - There's Nothing Left For You." Episode 3

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MERIT: Buchanan High School, "Clovis; 1,407 Miles"

Grace Persons, Director; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

Editor

MERIT: Redwood High School, Visalia; "Hannah Editing"

Hannah Johnson, Editor; **William Henshaw**, Advisor

MERIT: Wai'anae High School Searider Productions, Wai'anae, HI; "Gross Increase In Groceries"

Avanoa Caceres-Tillis, **Dillon Catlett**, **Denise Pawleen Cabrera**, Editors; **John Allen**, Advisor

Photographer

EXCELLENCE: Youth Beat at KDOL-TV, Oakland; "Panther Skate"

Jordan Cummings, **Kristian Morales**, **Ally Williams**, Videographers; **Sagesse Graham**, Advisor

Talent – News or Sports

No Recipients

Talent Performer

No Recipients

Writer

EXCELLENCE: Wai'anae High School Searider Productions, Wai'anae, HI; “Makahiki Season”

Joelle Angelica Evasco, Natasha Maafala, John Allen, Advisor

MERIT: Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM);
“My Personal Statement”

Margot Katzman-Tranah, Writer; **Michael Lavezzo, Sharilyn Scharf, Jonah Steinhart,** Advisors

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