



**The San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of
The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
Announces the Recipients of the 2024-2025
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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 227 entries were received from 19 high schools. 21 Pillars for Excellence and 23 Certificates for Merit are being awarded.

"Our judges, all professionals in the industry, were absolutely thrilled by the level of work students are producing in our region." said chapter Education Chair **Kari Barber**. "This high level of work is truly a testament to the incredible educators and mentors these students have and their own curiosity and creativity."

Eleven high schools will receive Pillars of Excellence, **Buchanan High School**, Clovis (5); **Whitney High School/WCTV19**, Rocklin (4); **Tamalpais High School/Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM)**, Mill Valley (3); **H.P. Baldwin High School**, Maui, HI (2); **Franklin High School**, Elk Grove (1); **Johansen High School/VPN**, Modesto (1); **Kauai High School**, Kauai, HI (1); **Moanualua High School**, Honolulu, HI (1); **Monterey High School**, Monterey (1); **Novato High School/Marin School of the Arts**, Novato (1); **Wai'anae High School/Searider Productions**, Wai'anae, HI (1)

Certificates of Merit also be going to eleven high schools: **Whitney High School WCTV19**, Rocklin (5); **Buchanan High School**, Clovis (3); **Redwood High School**, Visalia (3); **Tamalpais High School/Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM)**, Mill Valley (3); **Franklin High School**, Elk Grove (2); **Moanualua High School**, Honolulu, HI (2); **Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology**, Reno, NV (1); **Johansen High School/VPN**, Modesto (1); **Kauai High School**, Kauai, HI (1); **Menlo-Atherton High School**, Atherton (1); **Novato High School/Marin School of the Arts**, Novato (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 2025.

The Complete list of recipients follows:

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PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Newscast

EXCELLENCE: Wai'anae High School/Searider Productions; "Searider News"

Natasha Maafala, Producer; **Hi'ilani Alama**, **Angela Faye Rose Dupa**, **Kukalia Pililaau**, **Shayna Rodrigues**, **Elijah Yockeman**, Anchors; **Riell Patricio**, Weather Report; **Ace Cassidy**, Writer; **John Allen**, Advisor

MERIT: Buchanan High School, Clovis; "Buchanan News Network"

Brooke Sharpe, Producer; **Malania Lopez**, Producer/Anchor; **Carlie White**, Producer/Camera
Diego Anderson, Anchor/Camera/Editor; **Mason Plitt**, **Reese Shervem**, Cameras;
Antonio Tuttle, Camera/Editor; **Jack Beauchamp**, **Emily Addis**, **Isaac Perry**, Editors;
Laura Malcolm, **Rachel Williams**, Interviewers; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School/WCTV19; "Unleashed Newscast"

Kaylee Garcia, **Aly Herl**, **Audrey Loschiavo**, **Brooke McKean**, **Emilie Moriswala**,
Brianna Palmer, **Grace Tang**, Staff Editors; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

Headline News - No award

Hard News Report

EXCELLENCE: Whitney High School/WCTV19; "Shaping the Future"

Kaitlyn Leu, Reporter; **Guntaas Kaler**, **Emilie Moriswala**, **Charlize Tumulak**, Photographers;
Ben Barnholdt, Advisor

Feature News Report

EXCELLENCE: Whitney High School WCTV19; "Dance Sister Duo"

Elizabeth Papkov, Reporter; **Elena Surber**, Photographer; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

MERIT: Buchanan High School, Clovis; "Faith At The End Of The World"

Ryan Lev, **Jameson Tadlock**, Producers; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School/WCTV19; "Following the Rules of the Road"

Kaitlyn Leu, Reporter' **Emilie Moriswala**, Photographer; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

Solo Storyteller

EXCELLENCE: H.P. Baldwin High School; "The art of noticing"

Emma Jane Roy, Story Teller; **Trisha Roy**, Advisor

Non-Fiction - Short Form

EXCELLENCE: Buchanan High School, Clovis; "Gejeian Farms"

Austin Gejeian, Producer' **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

EXCELLENCE: Tamalpais High School/AIM; "Dreams Displaced"

Jackson Burton, **Will Clapp**, **Felix Fulton**, **Ava Wilshire**, Filmmakers; **Sharilyn Scharf**, Advisor

MERIT: Buchanan High School, Clovis; "The Last Ride"

Emily Addis, **Brooke Sharp**, **Carlie White**, Producers; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

MERIT: Tamalpais High School/AIM; "A Penny at a Time"

Rose Dalager, Ayla Koch-Bergren, Cali McCormack, Chris Nieker, Filmmaker;
Sharilyn Scharf, Advisor

Public Affairs/Community Service

EXCELLENCE: Kauai High School; "Olelo: Ka Puuwai o Ka Poe"

Lohgan Hanna, Producer; **Leah Aiwohi,** Advisor

Interview/Disucssion - No Award

Arts/Entertainment/Cultural Affairs

MERIT: Tamalpais High School/AIM; "Daniel"

Zadie Foksett, Stella Raffo-Day, Esha Vaikhary, Peter Vernali, Filmmakers; **Sharilyn Scharf,**
Advisor

MERIT: Tamalpais High School/AIM; "The Function"

David Allan, Hudson Boose, Oscar Freau, Jacob Stoelting, Filmmakers; **Sharilyn Scharf,**
Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School/WCTV19; "The Sikh's Thanksgiving"

Emilie Moriswala, Reporter; **Kaitlyn Leu,** Photographer; **Ben Barnholdt,** Advisor

Magazine Program

EXCELLENCE: Moanalua High School; "Now Loading News"

Stephanie Uy, Executive Producer; **Melia Reincke,** Managing Editor; **Austin Zavala,** Teacher

Music Video

MERIT: Redwood High School; "Melody Gone Wrong"

Autumn Batti, Producer; **Hannah Johnson, Jesus Rivera Lopez,** Filmer; Editor; **Lily Seargeant,**
Crew; **Jared Calvillo,** Singer; **William Henshaw,** Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School/WCTV19; "Fight the Dangers"

Aayush Gautam, Adrian Jesus, Vahey Tamazyan, Producers; **Dheven Dhillon,** Actor;
Ben Barnholdt, Advisor

Fiction - Short Form

EXCELLENCE: Novato High School/Marin School of the Arts; "The Wooden Heart"

Noam Rignault Clement, Writer/Director/Camera/Editor; **Philip Chidel,** Advisor

MERIT: Franklin High School; "A Fleeting Star"

Yenni Vu, Writer/Director/Animator; **Ziqian Nancy Huang,** Animator; **Anh-Thy Le,**
Animator/Lighting/FX; **Anjali Kumar,** Ink & Painting; **Jeremiah Haynes,** Production Manager;
Madison Hunter, Additional Backgrounds; **Brad Clark,** Advisor

MERIT: Novato High School/Marin School of the Arts; "We Were on a Break"

Jack Alvarado, Writer/Director/Director of Photography; **Philip Chidel,** Advisor

MERIT Redwood High School; “The Orbit”

Jesus Rivera Lopez, Director/Writer; **Lily Seargeant**, Actor; **Johnson Hannah**, Editor;
William Henshaw, Advisor

Fiction - Long Form - No Award

Sports Story

EXCELLENCE: Tamalpais High School/AIM; “Dirt Track Dreams”

David Allan, **Zoey Archibald**, **Liam Keane**, **Alex Olesky**, Filmmakers; **Sharilyn Scharf**, Advisor

MERIT: Whitney High School/WCTV19; “Champion To Coach”

Jane Landon, Reporter; **Kaylee Garcia**, Photographer; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

Live Sporting Event/Game - No Award

Promotional Video

EXCELLENCE: Johansen High School/VPN; “Modesto City Schools Early Childhood Education”

Breyden Horstman, Producer/Director; **Nicolas Garcia**, Advisor

MERIT: Johansen High School/VPN; “Be The Change”

Amelia Medearis, Producer/Director; **Nicolas Garcia**, Advisor

Public Service Announcement (PSA)

EXCELLENCE: Franklin High School; “Empowering the Silence”

Ziqian Nancy Huang, Writer/Director/Animator; **Brad Clark**, Advisor

EXCELLENCE: Whitney High School/WCTV19; “One Pill Can Kill”

Alyssa Arevalos, Producer; **Brooke McKean**, Director; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

MERIT: Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology; “JTNN PSA”

Alisa Kuznetsova, Producer/Animator/Talent; **Robert Zorn**, Advisor

MERIT: Franklin High School; “A Shared Warmth”

Yenni Vu, Writer/Director/Animator; **Brad Clark**, Advisor

MERIT: Redwood High School; “A Note of Kindness”

Hannah Johnson, Director/ Film/Editor; **Jesus Rivera Lopez**, **Lily Seargeant**, Actors;
William Henshaw, Advisor

Commercial

EXCELLENCE: H.P. Baldwin High School; “Game Changers”

Emma Jane Roy, Producer; **Trisha Roy**, Advisor

EXCELLENCE: Whitney High School/WCTV19; “Spirit Wear”

Audrey Loschiavo, Producer; **Brianna Palmer**, Director; **Ben Barnholdt**, Advisor

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT

Animation/Graphics/Special Effects

EXCELLENCE: Monterey High School; “Wacky Thing Called Life”

Solomon Sloan, Animator; **Martha Tonkin**, Advisor

MERIT: Menlo-Atherton High School; “Illumination”
Charlotte Anthony, Animator; **Mitzi Ulloa**, Advisor

Audio/Sound

EXCELLENCE: Buchanan High School, Clovis; “Gejeian Farms”
Austin Gejeian, Audio; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

MERIT: Moanalua High School; “Tell Me The Truth”
Brooke Beltran, Audio; **Mark Ikenaga**, Advisor

Director

EXCELLENCE: Buchanan High School, Clovis; “Gejeian Farms”
Austin Gejeian, Director; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

Editor

EXCELLENCE: Buchanan High School, Clovis; “Gejeian Farms”
Austin Gejeian, Editor; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

MERIT: Kauai High School; “Olelo: Ka Puuwai o Ka Poe”
Lohgan Hanna, Editor; **Leah Aiwohi**, Advisor

MERIT: Moanalua High School; “Tell Me The Truth”
Brooke Beltran, Editor; **Mark Ikenaga**, Advisor

Photographer

EXCELLENCE: Buchanan High School, Clovis; “Gejeian Farms”
Austin Gejeian, Cinematographer; **Daniel Pearce**, Advisor

EXCELLENCE: Tamalpais High School/AIM; “Omar AL-ALami Compilation: The Matthew Turner,
Shaping the Board, Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”
Omar Al-Alami, Cinematographer; **Sharilyn Scharf**, Advisor

Talent – New or Sports - No award

Talent – Performer - No award

Writing - No award

Each student will receive an embossed certificate. The Pillars of Excellence are for the schools to display. Students receiving the ‘Award of Excellence’ may purchase personalized pillars. Information at <https://emmysf.tv/students-2/order-student-production-award-pillars/>

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