

**CHICAGO/MIDWEST CHAPTER  
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES**

**2013 CRYSTAL PILLAR HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE  
& HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENTS**

**CATEGORY 1 NEWS**

**Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Wildcat Weekly

**School:** Neuqua Valley High School

**Main Entrants:** Elise Kozal & Emily Perlstein

**Honorable Mentions**

**Entry:** Reliving the War

**School:** Deerfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Zack Jones

**Student Team:** Thomas Douglas, Jake Porento, Amy Yi

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**CATEGORY 2 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** She's in the Band

**School:** Deerfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Jeff Haney

**Student Team:** Thomas Douglas, Jake Porento, Amy Yi

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Project Lead the Way

**School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Thomas Lekai

**Student Team:** James Messer, Chris Tessarolo, Justin Herr

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Jeff Haney A&E Composite

**School:** Deerfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Jeff Haney

**Student Team:** Thomas Douglas, Jake Porento, Amy Yi

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** NOH8

**School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Thomas Lekai

**Student Team:** Matt Weidner, Eliot Raymond, Justin Herr, James Owen, Jack Coombs

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### **CATEGORY 3      LONG FORM—FICTION/NON-FICTION**

#### **Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** The Robert and Rosie Show **School:** Milwaukee Entertainment Summer Camp

**Main Entrant:** Sammy Ketcham

**Student Team:** Kyle Johnston, Miranda Campanga, Sarah Kick, Valerie Lighthart, Melissa Harvancik

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Stress: The Elephant in the Room      **School:** Lake Forest High School

**Main Entrant:** Strawn Dixon

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Leonard's Lament      **School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Peter Chung

**Student Team:** Matt Weidner, Abe Solberg, Catherine Goetze

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Learning on Autopilot      **School:** Neuqua Valley High School

**Main Entrant:** Carly Naughton

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### **CATEGORY 4      SPORTS**

#### **Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Bulldog Football      **School:** Riverside Brookfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Andrew Pilewski

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Warrior Basketball      **School:** Deerfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Max Cotton

**Student Team:** Thomas Douglas, Jake Porento, Amy Yi

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### **CATEGORY 5      PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

#### **Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Redefining Success      **School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Peter Chung

**Student Team:** Chris Tessarolo

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Scarlet Documentary      **School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Catherine Goetze

**Student Team:** Peter Chung, Abe Solberg



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**CATEGORY 8      WRITING**

**Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Blind Beauty

**School:** Deerfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Marnie Kritzman

**Student Team:** Thomas Douglas, Jake Porento, Amy Yi

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Teacher Negotiations

**School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Catherine Goetze

**Student Team:** Peter Chung, Eliot Raymond

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**CATEGORY 9      PUBLIC SERVICE (PSAs)**

**Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Radon PSA 2012

**School:** Riverside Brookfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Stasha Morales

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Radon PSA 2013

**School:** Riverside Brookfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Tom Szydlo

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Self-Esteem

**School:** Hyde Park High School

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**CATEGORY 10      COMMERCIALS**

**Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Mayan Gold

**School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Peter Chung

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Try Extra

**School:** Julian High School

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**CATEGORY 11 ANIMATION/GRAPHICS/SPECIAL EFFECTS**

A Tie—Two Crystal Pillar Winners

**Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Ian J - Payphone

**School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Sam Powell

**Student Team:** Matt Weidner, Abe Solberg, Catherine Goetze

**Crystal Pillar Winner**

**Entry:** Graduation

**School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Matt Weidner

**Student Team:** Peter Chung, Sam Powell

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** Double Vision

**School:** Riverside Brookfield High School

**Main Entrant:** Marie Morgenthaler

**Honorable Mention**

**Entry:** It's the Great Pumpkin, Barrington

**School:** Barrington High School

**Main Entrant:** Peter Chung

**Student Team:** Matt Weidner, Sam Powell

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