

2018 Chicago/Midwest High School Crystal Pillar Winners and Nominees

The TV Academy created the National Student Production Award of Excellence to honor outstanding television production by high school students. It is designed to expose young enthusiasts to the substantive and ethical aspects of the television industry. **CRYSTAL PILLAR winners go on to compete in the National High School Production Awards.**

1 - Newscast

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Title: VTV **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Asante Hayes

Nominees:

Title: BHS-TV Senior Episode **High School:** Barrington **Entrants:** Cameron Cox, Ethan Madison, Veron Phillips, Ben Pokorny, Chloe Proebsting

Title: CPTV **High School:** Crown Point **Entrants:** Evan Holland, Zach Jones, Ben Land, Ellie Lockhart, Nick Morgan

Title: DHS-TV News 12-15-2017 **High School:** Deerfield **Entrants:** Noah Holubow, Bernadette Itzkow, Brett Needelman, Julian Nisenboim, Nicolas San Jose

Title: The Saber Roar 903 **High School:** Franklin **Entrant:** Bradley Mellema-Warzala

2 - News: General Assignment—Serious News

CRYSTAL PILLAR

Title: Treasure of the Traveler **High School:** Geneva **Entrant:** Katelyn Keenehan

Nominees:

Title: DHS Custodians **High School:** Deerfield **Entrants:** Noah Holubow, Bernadette Itzkow, Julian Nisenboim, Nicolas San Jose

Title: Flossmoor Fest **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Jasmine Franklin

Title: Politics in High School **High School:** Glenbrook North **Entrants:** Sebastian Aguilar, Allannah Elster

Title: Indiana House Bill 1055 **High School:** Crown Point **Entrants:** Evan Holland, Ben Land

3 - Arts and Entertainment/Cultural Affairs

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Title: Why We March **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrants:** Josie Bachus, Nora Ryan

Nominee:

Title: Shrek! The Musical **High School:** Maine East **Entrant:** Suzan Georges

4 - Music Video

NO NOMINEES/WINNERS

5 - Short Form - Fiction

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Title: The Forgotten Treasure **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Asante Hayes

Nominees:

Title: Make Believe **High School:** Neuqua Valley **Entrants:** Armin Nikravan, Matthew Thomas

Title: Lead Me Not **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrants:** Fiona Hellerman, Alison Krolopp

Title: #Metoo **High School:** Glenbrook North **Entrant:** Cameron Glass

Title: A Man's Best Friend **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Jake Goldberg

6 - Short Form – Non-Fiction

CRYSTAL PILLAR

Title: Student Stories **High School:** Barrington **Entrants:** Patrick O'Donnell, Maggie Stevanovich, Lexi Zambrzycki

Nominees:

Title: Alumni Spotlight **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Francisco Mendoza

Title: Children of the Holocaust **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrants:** Aaron Gallegos, Alison Krolopp

Title: The Return **High School:** Neuqua Valley **Entrants:** Avery Champion, Alex Galasso

7 - Sports

CRYSTAL PILLAR

Title: Jack Williams **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Zac Lueder

Nominees:

Title: Male Cheerleaders **High School:** Franklin **Entrant:** Emma Brockman

Title: RBTV Game of the Week **High School:** Riverside Brookfield **Entrants:** Caleb Schlessler, Casey Vileta

8 – Sports-Live Event

CRYSTAL PILLAR

Title: Blackout Game **High School:** Lyons Township **Entrants:** Max Abrahamson, Paul Moorehouse

Nominee:

Title: GBN vs. Deerfield Basketball **High School:** Glenbrook North **Entrants:** George Gibby, Ethan Levy, Ari Nadler, Amanda Press

9 - Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

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Title: Clean Water **High School:** Geneva **Entrant:** Isabelle Schamberger

Nominees:

Title: For Julie **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Zac Lueder

Title: Brighter Future **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrants:** Josie Bachus, Nora Ryan

Title: Fatherhood: Make the Difference **High School:** Glenbrook North **Entrants:** Jeremy Stein, Isaac Weinberg

Title: Let's Believe in Life **High School:** Percy L. Julian **Entrant:** Kameron Reynolds

10 - Public Affairs/Community Service

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Title: Pads **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrants:** Jordan Davis, Bryce Dorsey

Title: Walk A Mile **High School:** Franklin **Entrants:** Grace Paszkiewicz, Omar Shana

Nominees:

Title: Greyhound Pets of America **High School:** Franklin **Entrants:** Calvin Carmony, Nick Tenaglia

Title: The Biss Interview **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrant:** Samuel Ogali

11 – Commercials

CRYSTAL PILLAR

Title: Vans **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrants:** Alison Krolopp, Walter Snyder

Nominees:

Title: Audi Commercial **High School:** Deerfield **Entrants:** Noah Holubow, Bernadette Itzkow, Julian Nisenboim, Nicolas San Jose

Title: Anywhere You Go **High School:** Homewood-Flossmoor **Entrants:** Giffin Carter, Grace Sowacke

Title: Urban Outfitters **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrant:** Maricel Lehner

Title: Rocketfizz **High School:** Geneva **Entrants:** Jacob Miller, Isabelle Schamberger

12 - Animation/Graphics/Special Effects

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Title: The Adventures of a Keith Haring Figure **High School:** Franklin **Entrant:** Gavin Portillo

Nominee:

Title: Pez Dispensers Strike Back **High School:** Morton East **Entrants:** Sam Colon, Julio Medina, Jairo Saucedo, Abigail Villasana

13 - Director

CRYSTAL PILLAR

Title: Lip Dub **High School:** Barrington **Entrants:** Cameron Cox, Ethan Madison, Ben Pokorny

Nominees:

Title: Totally **High School:** Wheaton North **Entrant:** Aidan Merck

Title: Composite **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrant:** Kayla Kraft

Title: Lead Me Not **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrant:** Alison Krolopp

Title: Spartan News Now – Nov. 2017 **High School:** Glenbrook North **Entrant:** Ethan Levy

Title: The Wait **High School:** Riverside Brookfield **Entrants:** Beckett Nolan, Sara Vacek

Title: Wreck Havoc – Variety Show 2018 **High School:** Glenbrook North **Entrants:** Allannah Elster, Cameron Glass

14 - Editor

CRYSTAL PILLAR

Title: Accelerate More **High School:** Neuqua Valley **Entrant:** Naomi Keene

Nominees:

Title: Totally **High School:** Wheaton North **Entrant:** Aidan Merck

Title: How-To Fly the GoPro Karma Drone **High School:** Glenbrook North **Entrants:** Ethan Levy, Isaac Weinberg

Title: Boys' Basketball Intro **High School:** Lyons Township **Entrant:** Paul Moorehouse

Title: Don't Give In, Call Out **High School:** Percy L. Julian **Entrant:** Kameron Reynolds

15 - Photographer

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Title: I Can See the Way **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrant:** Aaron Gallegos

Nominees:

Title: Composite **High School:** Deerfield **Entrant:** Julian Nisenboim

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Title: Mantra Title Sequence **High School:** Riverside Brookfield **Entrant:** Shiloh Tumo Washington

Title: Without You - A Cinematography Reel **High School:** Maine East **Entrant:** Kacper Cebula

Title: Morning **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrant:** Zach Bilimoria

16 - Talent

CRYSTAL PILLARS

Title: Composite **High School:** Geneva **Entrant:** Katelyn Keenehan

Title: Composite **High School:** Glenbrook South **Entrant:** Andrew Kurland

Nominees:

Title: Composite **High School:** Barrington **Entrant:** Ben Pokorny

Title: Composite **High School:** Lyons Township **Entrant:** Max Abrahamson

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Scholarships

Seventeen years ago, the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the TV Academy created a non-profit Foundation to award scholarships to college seniors and graduate students studying journalism, broadcast television, production and communications.

Fourteen years ago, we included \$2,500 scholarships for high school students (including the Silver Circle Scholarship) who would be entering college as freshmen and whose majors would be preparing them for careers in the television industry. We are pleased to present our 2018 high school scholarship benefactors and their recipients:

Silver Circle Scholarship, in memory of Deborah Gunn:

A'Maiya Allen, Plainfield East High School, attending Howard University

Silver Circle Scholarship:

Avery Champion, Neuqua Valley High School, attending University of Colorado, Boulder

Gene Cartwright Memorial Scholarship:

Maxwell Abrahamson, Lyons Township High School, attending Ball State University

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