



2021 NATAS Chicago/Midwest Chapter

2021 High School Scholarship Winners

Stella Balaskas from Glenbrook North High School
Attending Syracuse University -- Broadcast and Digital Journalism
Silver Circle Scholarship

Zachary Cameron from Riverside Brookfield High School
Attending Ball State University -- Telecommunications Broadcast Engineering
Board of Governor's Scholarship

Dominick Liacone from Neuqua Valley High School
Attending Ball State University -- Digital Sports Production
Silver Circle Scholarship

STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS **High School Crystal Pillar Recipients and Nominees**

1 - Newscast

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: CPTV

School: Crown Point High School

Student Entrants: Sarah Frey, Jon Lieber, Sebastian Zieniewicz, Blake Pysh

Nominees

Entry Title: BHS-TV Black History Month 2021

School: Barrington High School

Student Entrants: Anna Hauk, Maliha Amin, Anne Thyfault, Miah Lumme, Austin Molinaro

Entry Title: BHS-TV Pride Episode 2020

School: Barrington High School

Student Entrants: Anna Hauk, Anne Thyfault, Finn Haight, Miah Lumme, Olivia Elias

Entry Title: Spartan News Now

School: Glenbrook North High School

Student Entrants: Daniel Bruns, Raquel Press, Ryan Lezak, Stella Balaskas

2 – News Report – Serious News

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Teachers Demand Full Remote

School: Riverside Brookfield High School

Student Entrant: Michael DeLeonardis

Nominees

Entry Title: Simultaneous Hybrid Learning Pilot

School: Deerfield High School

Student Entrants: Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg, Simon Blaustein

Entry Title: COVID College Experience

School: Glenbrook North High School

Student Entrants: Raquel Press, Stella Balaskas

3 – News Report -- Light News

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Mason's Story

School: Geneva High School

Student Entrant: Jacob Wood

Nominees

Entry Title: Pandemic Performance

School: Geneva High School

Student Entrant: Jaimee Beyer

Entry Title: Holiday Windows

School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School

Student Entrant: Eliana D'Astici

Entry Title: Senior Season

School: Geneva High School

Student Entrant: Tessa Balc

4 – Arts & Entertainment/Cultural Affairs

(Two Crystal Pillars in category 4)

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Magicians in the Shutdown

School: Deerfield High School

Student Entrants: Jack Gordon, Simon Blaustein, Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: BHS Winter Wonderfest

School: Barrington High School

Student Entrants: Anna Hauk, Sahil Mittal

Nominees

Entry Title: Black In America

School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School

Student Entrant: Tori Wright

Entry Title: The Show Must Go On: Fall Play Goes Video

School: Maine South High School

Student Entrant: Gavin White

5 - Music Video

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Formula

School: Glenbrook South High School

Student Entrants: Hannah Stettler, Maya Mladenovic, Talia Massarelli

Nominees

Entry Title: Dreamer

School: Glenbrook South High School

Student Entrants: Natalie Dziurdzik, Tina Moran

Entry Title: Walls

School: Wheaton Academy

Student Entrant: Matthew Johnston

Entry Title: Ribs by Lorde Music Video

School: Neuqua Valley High School

Student Entrant: Nicole Straczynski

6 - Short Form – Fiction

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Dear Future Self

School: Glenbrook South High School

Student Entrant: Kevyn Kerwin

Nominees

Entry Title: OFF

School: Glenbrook South High School

Student Entrant: Quinn Monagan

Entry Title: Possible Realities

School: Deerfield High School

Student Entrants: Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg, Simon Blaustein

7 – Short Form – Non Fiction

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Drive-In Movie Theater

School: Deerfield High School

Student Entrants: Simon Blaustein, Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg

Nominees

Entry Title: Making of Clue

School: Riverside Brookfield High School

Student Entrant: Michael DeLeonardis

Entry Title: Megan Butler

School: Glenbrook South High School

Student Entrants: Ella Durchin, Jane FitzGibbon, Omar Shoreibah

Entry Title: Nikola Marjov

School: Glenbrook South High School

Student Entrants: Jillian Pryor, Matthew Burke, Tommy Steil

Entry Title: Peggy Kullman: Behind the Art
School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Charlie Kullman, James Scott, Quinn Monagan, Sophie Cotton

8 – Sports Story or Segment

(Two Crystal Pillars in category 8)

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Max Iida
School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Tina Moran, Sophie Cotton

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Sheena Graham
School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: George Sladoje, Jane FitzGibbon

Nominee

Entry Title: Riding It Out - Javonte Rucker's Comeback Story
School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrants: Kenna Tolman, Madison Cavin

9 – Sports Program

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Titan Sports: Resilience
School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Sophie Cotton, Jane FitzGibbon, Michael Cunningham, George Sladoje

Nominee

Entry Title: The Battle of The Blue Bloods
School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrant: Joe Sullivan

10 – Sports – Live Event

Crystal Pillar

No Recipients

11 - Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Pandemic Pandemonium
School: Glenbrook North High School
Student Entrant: Mariel Mudrik

Nominees

Entry Title: Cerebral Palsy PSA
School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrant: Ethan Eisenberg

Entry Title: A Call From Radon
School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrant: Kenna Tolman

Entry Title: Achromatic
School: Glenbrook North High School
Student Entrant: Mariel Mudrik

Entry Title: Wear A Mask PSA
School: Glenbrook North High School
Student Entrants: Nikki Baerson, Stella Balaskas

Entry Title: Social Distancing
School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrant: Preston Davidson

Entry Title: Pick up the Phone
School: Maine West High School
Student Entrant: Nitya Nair

12 - Public Affairs/Community Service

(Two Crystal Pillars in category 12)

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Signs of Suicide
School: Geneva High School
Student Entrant: Tessa Balc

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: BHS Pride Student Stories
School: Barrington High School
Student Entrant: Anne Thyfault

Nominees

Entry Title: The Cancer Support Center: Surviving and Thriving in COVID-19
School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrants: Benjamin Turnquest, Eliana D'Astici

Entry Title: BLM in the Burbs
School: Deerfield High School
Student Entrants: Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg, Simon Blaustein

13 – Magazine Program

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: **Wildcat Weekly**
School: Neuqua Valley High School
Student Entrants: Sam Appelbaum, Dominick Liacone, Alexis Muoghalu, Lauren Verdun

Nominees

Entry Title: DHS-TV News 9-18-20
School: Deerfield High School
Student Entrants: Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg, Simon Blaustein

Entry Title: Glenbrook South Report Episode #2
School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Omar Shoreibah, Preston Davidson, Halle Sanders

14 - Commercials

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Smartfood Commercial

School: Deerfield High School

Student Entrants: Aidan Culver, Simon Blaustein, Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg

Nominees

Entry Title: Jonquil Lane

School: Riverside Brookfield High School

Student Entrant: Elena Miers

Entry Title: Quaker Oats Old Fashioned Oats

School: Deerfield High School

Student Entrants: Jack Gordon, Michael San Jose, Sam Brody-Goldberg, Simon Blaustein

Entry Title: Sprite Commercial

School: Glenbrook South High School

Student Entrant: Omar Shoreibah

Entry Title: Simply by Sam

School: Maine West High School

Student Entrant: Maya Gherman

15 - Director

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: LATE! a silent film

School: Mount Carmel High School

Student Entrant: Noah Sanchez

Nominees

Entry Title: A Bag's Life

School: The Prairie School

Student Entrant: Wyatt Knoell

Entry Title: Cook This - Firehouse Subs

School: Riverside Brookfield High School

Student Entrant: Zach Cameron

Entry Title: Making Of Clue

School: Riverside Brookfield High School

Student Entrant: Michael DeLeonardis

16 - Editor

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Liam Briese Editing Reel

School: Neuqua Valley High School

Student Entrant: Liam Briese

Nominees

Entry Title: Editing Reel - Aidan Parnell

School: Neuqua Valley High School

Student Entrant: Aidan Parnell

Entry Title: Editing Reel- Benjamin Turnquest
School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrant: Benjamin Turnquest

Entry Title: LATE! a silent film
School: Mount Carmel High School
Student Entrant: Noah Sanchez

17 - Photographer

Crystal Pillar

Entry Title: Liam Briese Photography Reel
School: Neuqua Valley High School
Student Entrant: Liam Briese

Nominees

Entry Title: Ellie Compton Cinematography Reel 2021
School: Maine South High School
Student Entrant: Elizabeth Compton

Entry Title: Simon Blaustein - Photography Reel
School: Deerfield High School
Student Entrant: Simon Blaustein

Entry Title: Talia Massarelli Photography Composite
School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrant: Talia Massarelli

18- Talent

Crystal Pillar

No Recipients