



2022 HIGH SCHOOL CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNERS & 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

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: QuickCUT 11-19-22 • School: Crown Point High School
Student Entrants: Madeline Degenhart, Christopher Gloff, Rocco Jann, Eddie Finn, Hailey Lloyd, Claire Patena

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Black History Month Episode 2022 • School: Barrington High School
Student Entrants: Anna Hauk, Anne Thyfault, Parker Henry
- Entry Title: Season 7 Episode 15 - Jan 24 • School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrants: Kenna Tolman, Isabel Kelsh, Tyler Abrams, Gabi Mitchell, Jay Krueger
- Entry Title: CPTV Newscast • School: Crown Point High School
Student Entrants: Claire Patena, Christopher Gloff, Rocco Jann, Eddie Finn

2 - NEWS REPORT - SERIOUS NEWS

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: New 5G Wireless Network Rollout Delayed • School: Crown Point High School
Student Entrant: Christopher Gloff

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: 100 Years From Now • School: Crown Point High School
Student Entrant: Rocco Jann
- Entry Title: School Safety • School: Metea Valley High School
Student Entrant: Al Lauren Lane

3 – NEWS REPORT – LIGHT NEWS

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: The Hope Wall • School: Maine West High School
Student Entrant: Brooke Capper

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: The Speaker Guy • School: Crown Point High School
Student Entrants: Sophie Shelton, Isabel Kelsh
- Entry Title: Bravehearts Horseback Riding • School: Barrington High School
Student Entrants: Parker Henry, Anna Hauk
- Entry Title: Koaster Kids • School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrant: Kenna Tolman

4 – ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL AFFAIRS

CRYSTAL PILLARS

- Entry Title: TikTok is Eating YouTube Alive • School: Deerfield High School
Student Entrants: Jack Gordon, Sam Brody, Cole Bernstein

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Our Crown • School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrant: Kyla Emory, Patrice St. Jean
- Entry Title: Maine East High School Presents: Mamma Mia! • School: Maine East High School
Student Entrants: Adam Syukur, Ron Vincent Macam, Jeremiah Rejuso, Terrenz Chua
- Entry Title: Dishing With Delight • School: Riverside Brookfield High School
Student Entrant: Makayla Angshed

5 - MUSIC VIDEO

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Sweet Dreams • School: Maine South High School
Student Entrant: Nicole Scimeca

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Don't Touch My Hair • School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrant: Langston Fantroy
- Entry Title: 911 • School: Huntley High School
Student Entrant: Blake Buczkiewicz
- Entry Title: Jealousy, Jealousy • School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrant: Mason Hockett
- Entry Title: Good Riddance • School: Maine South High School
Student Entrant: Nicole Scimeca

6 - SHORT FORM - FICTION

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Free Time • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Omar Shoreibah, Josh Patt, Noah Collins, Michael Cunningham, Tommy Casey

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Be Careful What You Wish For • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Maya Mladenovic, Kara Yoo, Katie Pastor, Tommy Casey
- Entry Title: The Games We Play • School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrant: Layla Lanier

7 - SHORT FORM - NON FICTION

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Queerness in Media • School: Vernon Hills High School
Student Entrant: Ariel Shifrin

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Kicker • School: Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Student Entrants: Eliyah Hobson, Ella Aceves, Jane Ermshler, Ashley Rosales
- Entry Title: Libraries of the Past: Terry Blue's Honor Flight Journey •
School: Maine West High School
Student Entrant: Ben Pluta

- Entry Title: A Look Inside Stoner Farms • School: Neuqua Valley High School
Student Entrant: Macallum Steen

8 – SPORTS STORY OR SEGMENT

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Raising the Bar • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Aidan Manning, Kevin Mahoney, Hank Leahy

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: On Thin Ice • School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrants: Julia Miller, Jeffrey Podjasek, Sonali Lulla
- Entry Title: Special Olympics Basketball: Barrington vs Hersey •
School: Barrington High School
Student Entrants: Sahil Mittal, Parker Henry
- Entry Title: Windy City Curling • School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrants: Kenna Tolman, Tyler Abrams
- Entry Title: Dani Friedman • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Omar Shoreibah, Michael Cunningham, Leah Hides

9 – SPORTS PROGRAM

CRYSTAL PILLARS

- Entry Title: MSL Championship Pregame Show • School: Barrington High School
Student Entrants: Austin Molinaro, Chris Kilayko
- Entry Title: Crossover Sports • School: Riverside Brookfield High School
Student Entrants: Sam Egan, Jake O'Brien

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Titan Basketball • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrants: Hannah Stettler, Katie Pastor, Leah Hides, Talia Massarelli
- Entry Title: Girls Talk Sports • School: Maine West High School
Student Entrants: Lindsey Kulesza, Nitya Nair, Damian Liakopolous, Christa Sullivan

1

0 – SPORTS – LIVE EVENT

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: WA vs Ridgewood Feb 9 2022 • School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrants: Carlton Arthurs, Noah Taritas, Brennan Van Meter, Nate Wilding

NOMINEE

- Entry Title: RBHS vs. OPRF Boys Basketball Regional Championship •
School: Riverside Brookfield High School
Student Entrants: Sam Egan, Jake O'Brien, Asa Simpson

11 - PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (PSAS)

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Ruse Burglary • School: Maine South High School
Student Entrants: Eden Wening, Lucia Urbain, Jake Ottolino

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Mental Health PSA • School: Riverside Brookfield High School
Student Entrant: Carter Cozzi

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Helping Paws • School: Riverside Brookfield High School
Student Entrant: Makayla Angshed
- Entry Title: Sing Your Own Song • School: Barrington High School
Student Entrants: Anna Hauk, Parker Henry
- Entry Title: ITA Superhero Day • School: Indian Trail High School
Student Entrant: Nobert Otieno
- Entry Title: Military Sexual Assault PSA • School: Riverside Brookfield High School
Student Entrant: Elena Miers

12 - PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

CRYSTAL PILLARS

- Entry Title: American Legion Post 738 • School: Deerfield High School
Student Entrants: William Love, Sam Brody-Goldberg, Cole Bernstein, Jack Gordon

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Focal Point : Riverside Floodwall • School: Riverside Brookfield High School
Student Entrant: Elena Miers

13 - MAGAZINE PROGRAM

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: The Mane • School: Metea Valley High School
Student Entrants: Al Lauren Lane, Roshini Ashrit, Ani Apresyan, Zara Saleem

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: DHS-TV News Episode 7 • School: Deerfield High School
Student Entrants: Sam Brody-Goldberg, Cole Bernstein, Jack Gordon
- Entry Title: Wildcat Weekly • School: Neuqua Valley High School
Student Entrants: Ashley Robinson, Charlie Rook, Hannah Kestenberg, Gianna Ptaszek
- Entry Title: Season 7 Episode 8 • School: Wheaton Academy
Student Entrants: Kenna Tolman, Isabel Kelsh, Zachary Gardner, Wesley Kersey, Zachary Gatto

14 - COMMERCIAL

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Otterbox • School: Neuqua Valley High School
Student Entrant: Michael Lee

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: School of Rock Park Ridge School • School: Maine South High School
Student Entrant: Nicole Scimeca
- Entry Title: Jarritos Commercial School • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrant: Omar Shoreibah
- Entry Title: Goldfish Cheezeit War • School: Maine West High School
Student Entrant: Abby Wilson
- Entry Title: Daniel Wellington Watch Commercial • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrant: Brandon Sam

15 - DIRECTOR CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Entry Title: Free Time • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrant: Omar Shoreibah

NOMINEES

- Entry Title: Blockbusters • School: Glenbrook South High School
Student Entrant: Noah Collins
- Entry Title: Scooby Doo the LEADgend of the Pencil Man • School: Barrington High School
Student Entrants: Parker Henry, Anna Hauk, Austin Molinaro, Anne Thyfault

16 - EDITOR CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Student Entrant: Nicole Scimeca • School: Maine South High School

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Student Entrant: Omar Shoreibah • School: Glenbrook South High School

NOMINEES

- Student Entrant: Austin Molinaro • School: Barrington High School
- Student Entrant: Jacob Swanson • School: Glenbrook South High School

17 - PHOTOGRAPHER

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Student Entrant: Hank Leahy • School: Glenbrook South High School

NOMINEE

- Student Entrant: Omar Shoreibah • School: Glenbrook South High School

18- TALENT

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Student Entrant: Christopher Gloff • School: Crown Point High School

CRYSTAL PILLAR

- Student Entrant: Rocco Jann • School: Crown Point High School

NOMINEES

- Student Entrant: Sahil Mittal - Sports Composite • School: Barrington High School
- Student Entrant: Eddie Finn - Sports Talent • School: Crown Point High School

FACULTY ADVISORS

Jeff Doles, Barrington High School; Brent Barber, Chris Gloff, Crown Point High School; Brett Schwartz, Deerfield High School; Julie Benca, Glenbrook South High School; Mark Ciesielski, Homewood-Flossmoor High School; Alyssa Gilleland, Huntley High School; Jane Rider, Indian Trail High School; Phillip Ash, Maine East High School; Mason Strom, Maine South High School; Rebecca Orr, Maine West High School; Nick Grijalva, Metea Valley High School; John Gelsomino, Will Schaub, Lisa Traut, Neuqua Valley High School; Gary Prokes, Riverside Brookfield High School; Sandy Martin, Vernon Hills High School; Matt Hockett, Wheaton Academy.



**NATAS CHICAGO
FOUNDATION**
EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP

2022 NATAS High School Scholarship Recipients

The Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the TV Academy has a non-profit Foundation arm that awards scholarships to college seniors and graduate students studying journalism, broadcast television, production and communications. We are pleased to present our 2022 high school scholarship benefactors and their recipients:

Silver Circle Scholarship

Robert (Nolan) Hamilton from Prospect High School

Robert will be attending Butler University majoring in Journalism & Creative Media.

Silver Circle Scholarship

Ashley Robinson from Neuqua Valley High School

Ashley will be attending the School of Media & Public Affairs at George Washington University.

If you are interested in donating in memory of an individual or wish to fund a full scholarship, please write or e-mail the TV Academy office for more information. The Foundation has 501(c)(3) tax status and donations are tax-deductible. E-mail address: rcowing@emmyonline.tv Mailing address: NATAS Scholarship Fund, c/o Columbia College Chicago, 33 E. Ida B. Wells Drive, Ste. 535, Chicago, IL 60605. Donations can also be made at tinyurl.com/natasgive.



NATIONAL
ACADEMY
OF TELEVISION
ARTS & SCIENCES

CHICAGO / MIDWEST
CHAPTER
