



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 PILLAR

- 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: Macullum 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 (2)

- 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

10 – 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 PILLARS (2)

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

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

NOMINEE

- 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: Maine South High School
Student Entrant: Nicole Scimeca
- Entry Title: Jarritos Commercial
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 PILLARS (2)

- Student Entrant: Nicole Scimeca
School: Maine South High School
- 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 PILLARS (2)

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

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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.

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