



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES  
CHICAGO / MIDWEST CHAPTER

**2026 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS  
CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNERS & NOMINEES**

**CATEGORY 1 - NEWSCAST**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

CPTV Newscast January 29, 2026

**Crown Point High School**

Ariana Pantoja  
Rana Stevens  
Gabe Trevino  
Aiden Hielema  
Jayla Miller

**NOMINEE**

Raider Nation News: Season 10, Episode 13

**Huntley High School**

Jocelyn Jones  
Dylan Fekete  
Addison Stone  
Addyson Zay  
Kaylee Coleman

**CATEGORY 2 - HEADLINE NEWS**

No nominees

**CATEGORY 3 - HARD NEWS REPORT**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

CPHS Students Fear ICE Coming to Northwest Indiana

**Crown Point High School**

Jayla Miller  
Vanessa Cervantes  
Aiden Hielema

**NOMINEES**

ICE Walkout

**Homewood-Flossmoor High School**

Laila Dyer  
Declan Klyn

Senate Enrolled Act 1 Affects Crown Point Community School Corporation Funding

**Crown Point High School**

Ariana Pantoja

**CATEGORY 4 - FEATURE NEWS REPORT**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Dreams Deferred

**Homewood-Flossmoor High School**

**Laila Dyer**

**NOMINEES**

Special Olympics Basketball

**Harold L. Richards High School**

**Alayna Quintana**

**Grace Tresch**

**James Aguirrie**

Theater Communications Class at Maine East High School

**Maine East High School**

**Sargon Esha**

**Miguel De Loyola**

Life with Cerebral Palsy

**Huntley High School**

**Ashton Friggieri**

A Dancer's Cancer Battle

**Geneva High School**

**Julia Leiderman**

**CATEGORY 5 - ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

A Behind-the-Scenes Look at DHS-TV

**Deerfield High School**

**Eila Arkin**

**NOMINEES**

Painted in Color

**Glenbrook South High School**

**Chase Kornblet**

**Luke Matteo**

**Owen Cummings**

**Bailey Johnson**

Students Experience Ojibwe Culture on Lac du Flambeau Immersion Trip

**Wauwatosa West High School**

**Lan Nguyen**

**Kiera Ihm**

Six - The Musical

**Deerfield High School**

**Blair Deutsch**

Fantastic Feasts and Where to Find Them: La Marina Mariscos

**Maine West High School**

**Nolan Bain**

**Yezmeen Talbert**

**Alex Trejo**

Behind the Curtain - A Rosa Nevin Story

**Glenbrook South High School**

**Emma Lovric**

**Bekah Vogt**

**Sophia Shevitz**

**Stavroula Mihos**

**CATEGORY 6 - MUSIC VIDEO**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

My Life

**Neuqua Valley High School**

**Maddux Johnson**

**NOMINEE**

Make it Through by Frances Dela Cruz

**Maine West High School**

**Lucy Pluta**

**Karina Ramirez**

**Noah Becker**

**Frederick Vis**

**Mevis Membribes**

**CATEGORY 7 - FICTION: SHORT FORM**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

A Legal

**Neuqua Valley High School**

**Christopher Devor**

**Yousef Abutaleb**

**NOMINEES**

The Program

**Glenbrook South High School**

**Lexie Benedetti**

**Kendrick Lee**

**Ellory Moran**

**Teddy Kullman**

Over Everything

**Maine South High School**

**Luke Compton**

**Dominic Wynne**

The Masterpiece

**Glenbrook South High School**

**Freya Pederson**

**Ellory Moran**

The Stranger

**Riverside Brookfield High School**

**Liam Enright**

What Lies Past the Edge

**Lake Forest High School**

**Gonzalo Zarazaga**

**CATEGORY 8 - NON-FICTION: SHORT FORM**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Band Camp to Game Day: Building Wildcat Pride

**Libertyville High School**

**Luke Bucciero**

**Liam Kahn**

**NOMINEES**

The Burnout

**Glenbrook South High School**

**Lexie Benedetti**

**Renzo Lopez**

**Jonah Zaltz**

**Ellory Moran**

Jim Cook's Honor Flight

**Maine West High School**

**Frederick Vis**

**Lucy Pluta**

**Jackson Glunt**

**Mevis Membribes**

**Ivan Ochoa**

Luca: A Magician in the Making

**Maine East High School**

**Miguel De Loyola**

**Daniel Siwy**

**Sargon Esha**

**Gael Zamudio**

**CATEGORY 9 - SPORTS STORY**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Bulldogs Forever

**Riverside Brookfield High School**

**John Isaacson**

**Jacob Garcia**

**Alexandra McQueeney**

**NOMINEE**

Making Weight: The Hidden Risks Behind the Scale

**Harold L. Richards High School**

**Grace Tresch**

**Nuha Hammad**

**CATEGORY 10 - SPORTS PROGRAM**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Basketball Gamenight

**Crown Point High School**

**Gabe Trevino**

**Braydon Zamojski**

**NOMINEES**

Dog Pound Chalk Talk and Dirt

**Crown Point High School**

**Gabe Trevino**

**Braydon Zamojski**

**Luke Bazin**

**Cameron Qualls**

The Playbook - Head Coach Talk Show: Playoff Special

**Riverside Brookfield High School**

**Aiden Schoeff**

**Colin Cimino**

**CATEGORY 11 - LIVE SPORTING EVENT/GAME**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

CP vs Chesterton Boys Basketball Broadcast

**Crown Point High School**

**Gabe Trevino**

**Braydon Zamojski**

**Luke Bazin**

**NOMINEES**

Football - Stevenson vs. Libertyville

**Libertyville High School**

**Luke Bucciero**

**Liam Kahn**

**Ethan Audette**

**Evan Dietz**

**Max Shores**

**Chethan Nickerson**

RBTV 2025-26 Sports Reel

**Riverside Brookfield High School**

**Mason Myslinski**

**Dakota McGoniagle**

**Aiden Schoeff**

**Colin Cimino**

**Kai Hendricks**

The Rivalry

**Lyons Township High School**

**Emily Schuler**

**Jay Jaffre**

**Matthew Badrov**

**Aidan Brandstedt**

**Filip Sokolowski**

**CATEGORY 12 - PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA)**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Filtered Out

**Maine West High School**

**Kallie Vanadia**

**Mikko Espino**

**NOMINEES**

Listen Before It's Too Late  
**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
Charlotte Pinnick

Trapped - for Blankspaces  
**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
Liam Enright

Sleep PSA  
**Glenbrook South High School**  
Bailey Johnson  
Brendan Long  
Kendrick Lee

**CATEGORY 13 - PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Elevate 208 Series  
**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
Charlie Rodis  
Mason Myslinski  
Kai Hendricks

**NOMINEE**

The Hallie Way  
**Deerfield High School**  
Austin Blumberg

**CATEGORY 14 - MAGAZINE PROGRAM**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNERS (2)**

VTV Holiday Show  
**Homewood-Flossmoor High School**  
Declan Klyn  
Laila Dyer

Bulldog Dispatch  
**Harold L. Richards High School**  
Grace Tresch  
Alondra German  
Grady Gilhooly

**NOMINEES**

The Mane - Season 10  
**Metea Valley High School**  
Isabella Nevarez  
Matthew Bigham

Wildcat Weekly  
**Neuqua Valley High School**  
Hannah Aurilio  
Kaylee Donnahue  
Luke Townsend

**CATEGORY 15 - COMMERCIAL**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

U92 - Catch the Rad

**Lyons Township High School**  
**Johnathan Jaffre**

**NOMINEES**

Gatorade

**Homewood-Flossmoor High School**  
**Declan Klyn**  
**Myles Ellis**  
**Aeneas Allen**

PS2

**Homewood-Flossmoor High School**  
**Aidan Klauk**  
**Anthony Reynoso**

Alani Commercial

**Harold L. Richards High School**  
**Alondra German**  
**Gwen Fortier**  
**Mia Devivo**

Prom Theme Reveal 2025

**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
**Mason Myslinski**  
**Grace Stanley**

Mike's Hot Honey: What Can I Do to Spice My Food?

**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
**Charlie Rodis**

**CATEGORY 16 - DIRECTOR**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNERS (2)**

Kaleidoscope Factory

**Glenbrook South High School**  
**Nathan Martinez**

What's Left Inside of Us

**Lake Forest High School**  
**Gonzalo Zarazaga**

**NOMINEES**

Mason Myslinski Director Reel

**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
**Mason Myslinski**

Emily Schuler - Director

**Lyons Township High School**  
**Emily Schuler**

The Stranger  
**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
Liam Enright  
Andres Pinela

Over Everything  
**Maine South High School**  
Luke Compton

Come Together – Neuqua Valley High School Variety Show  
**Neuqua Valley High School**  
Luke Townsend

**CATEGORY 17 - EDITOR**  
**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Drive  
**Batavia High School**  
Charlotte Johansen

**NOMINEES**

Liam Enright Editor Compilation  
**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
Liam Enright

Luca Mariani Editor Reel  
**Glenbrook South High School**  
Luca Mariani

BHS Christmas Episode  
**Barrington High School**  
Weston Mui

Curie Football season recap  
**Curie Metropolitan High School**  
Daimian Perez

**CATEGORY 18 - PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNERS (2)**

Jacob Garcia Photography Reel  
**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
Jacob Garcia

2025 Photography Composite  
**Glenbrook South High School**  
Luca Mariani

**NOMINEES**

Liam Enright Photographer Compilation  
**Riverside Brookfield High School**  
Liam Enright

Weston Mui Cinematography Reel  
**Barrington High School**  
Weston Mui

**CATEGORY 19 – TALENT: NEWS OR SPORTS**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

Gabe Trevino Sports Talent Reel

**Crown Point High School**

**Gabe Trevino**

**NOMINEES**

Ariana Pantoja Talent Reel

**Crown Point High School**

**Ariana Pantoja**

Anchor Reel: Jocelyn Jones

**Huntley High School**

**Jocelyn Jones**

Cha'Bria Riley and Demetrius Henry

**Harold L. Richards High School**

**Cha'Bria Riley**

**Demetrius Henry**

Rana Stevens Talent Reel

**Crown Point High School**

**Rana Stevens**

**CATEGORY 20 - WRITER**

**CRYSTAL PILLAR WINNER**

The Program

**Glenbrook South High School**

**Ellory Moran**

**Kendrick Lee**

**Lexie Benedetti**

**Teddy Kullman**

**NOMINEE**

The Stranger

**Riverside Brookfield High School**

**Liam Enright**

**Andres Pinela**