



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES
CHICAGO / MIDWEST CHAPTER

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

CATEGORY 1 – NEWSCAST

CPTV Newscast January 29, 2026

Crown Point High School

**Ariana Pantoja
Rana Stevens
Gabe Trevino
Aiden Hielema
Jayla Miller**

CATEGORY 2 – HEADLINE NEWS

No nominees

CATEGORY 3 - HARD NEWS REPORT

CPHS Students Fear ICE Coming to Northwest Indiana

Crown Point High School

**Jayla Miller
Vanessa Cervantes
Aiden Hielema**

CATEGORY 4 - FEATURE NEWS REPORT

Dreams Deferred

Homewood-Flossmoor High School

Laila Dyer

CATEGORY 5 - ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL AFFAIRS

A Behind-the-Scenes Look at DHS-TV

Deerfield High School

Eila Arkin

CATEGORY 6 - MUSIC VIDEO

My Life

Neuqua Valley High School

Maddux Johnson

CATEGORY 7 – FICTION: SHORT FORM

A Legal

Neuqua Valley High School

**Christopher Devor
Yousef Abutaleb**

CATEGORY 8 - NON-FICTION: SHORT FORM

Band Camp to Game Day: Building Wildcat Pride

Libertyville High School

Luke Bucciero

Liam Kahn

CATEGORY 9 - SPORTS STORY

Bulldogs Forever

Riverside Brookfield High School

John Isaacson

Jacob Garcia

Alexandra McQueeney

CATEGORY 10 - SPORTS PROGRAM

Basketball Gamenight

Crown Point High School

Gabe Trevino

Braydon Zamojski

CATEGORY 11 - LIVE SPORTING EVENT/GAME

CP vs Chesterton Boys Basketball Broadcast

Crown Point High School

Gabe Trevino

Braydon Zamojski

Luke Bazin

CATEGORY 12 - PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA)

Filtered Out

Maine West High School

Kallie Vanadia

Mikko Espino

CATEGORY 13 - PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Elevate 208 Series

Riverside Brookfield High School

Charlie Rodis

Mason Myslinski

Kai Hendricks

CATEGORY 14 - MAGAZINE PROGRAM

2 WINNERS

VTV Holiday Show

Homewood-Flossmoor High School

Declan Klyn

Laila Dyer

Bulldog Dispatch

Harold L Richards High School

Grace Tresch

Alondra German

Grady Gilholy

CATEGORY 15 – COMMERCIAL

U92 - Catch the Rad

Lyons Township High School

Johnathan Jaffre

CATEGORY 16 – DIRECTOR

2 WINNERS

Kaleidoscope Factory

Glenbrook South High School

Nathan Martinez

What's Left Inside of Us

Lake Forest High School

Gonzalo Zarazaga

CATEGORY 17 – EDITOR

Drive

Batavia High School

Charlotte Johansen

CATEGORY 18 – PHOTOGRAPHER

TWO WINNERS

Jacob Garcia Photography Reel

Riverside Brookfield High School

Jacob Garcia

2025 Luca Mariani Photography Composite

Glenbrook South High School

Luca Mariani

CATEGORY 19 – TALENT: NEWS OR SPORTS

Gabe Trevino Sports Talent Reel

Crown Point High School

Gabe Trevino

CATEGORY 20 – WRITER

The Program

Glenbrook South High School

Ellory Moran

Kendrick Lee

Lexie Benedetti

Teddy Kullman