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**Area 9 Cable Council & Altice of CT Announce the Winners of the
2023 Access Awareness Awards (AAA) for Students Gr K–12**

The **Educational Access Awareness Awards** honor original student video productions that have been broadcast throughout the school year on Altice’s Educational Access Channel 78. The Area 9 Cable Council (A9CC) and Altice sponsor this contest yearly to encourage students to develop video production and storytelling skills by creating access television shows relevant to their school and community. Student videos are recognized in eight separate categories - Adult Assisted (Elementary), Animation/Stop Motion, Experimental, Documentary (High School), General Interest Story, Narrative/Fiction Entries, News Shows, Public Service Announcements, and School News Story.

This year marked a return to the formal A9CC & Altice Access Awareness Awards. Our Video production school programs became the “eyes and ears” of the schools during the course of the pandemic and have remained an important part of our school communities. We had numerous student videos submitted at the school level and many went on to compete in the contest with projects from across Fairfield County. The competition recognizes student excellence at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels. An "Eddy" (Ed Access Trophy) will be presented to the school for each winning project and will be presented to students and schools who participated in the creation of **First, Second, and Third** Place projects.

Additionally, three John M. Repicky Awards will be presented this year. The *John M. Repicky Award* was established in 2010 to recognize Mr. Repicky for his more than twenty-five years of selfless service to the Area 9 Cable Council's Education and Government Committees. The *Repicky Award* honors the best overall project in each level (Elementary, Middle, and High School) with a \$1000 award for the high school winner and \$500 for the Middle and Elementary School winning entries.

2023 AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD

“Platon”

By Jude Antoniou
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

MIDDLE SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD

Saxe News: The Outdoor Space

By _____

Saxe Middle School, New Canaan
Instructor: George Petrakopoulos

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD

“Tri-State Welcome 2023”

By _____

South School, New Canaan

Instructor: Ronna Van Veghel

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL – ANIMATION / STOP MOTION

First Place - “Patch”

By Olivia Marotta

New Canaan High School

Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

Second Place - “A Battle of Robots”

By Oluwaseyi Garritano

Wilton High School

Instructor: Maria Breece

HIGH SCHOOL – DOCUMENTARY

First Place - “Platon”

By Jude Antoniou

New Canaan High School

Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

Second Place - “For the Thrill”

By Quinn Minozzi

Wilton High School

Instructor: Maria Breece

Third Place - “A World of Pink”

By Jacqueline Franco

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

HIGH SCHOOL – EXPERIMENTAL

First Place - “In Order to Create Chaos”

By Lila Caruso

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

Second Place - "Solitude"

By Rory McCarthy
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

Third Place - "Second Voice"

By Gianna Amatuzzi and Genevieve Frucht
Staples High School
Instructor: Nicole Moeller

HIGH SCHOOL – GENERAL INTEREST STORY

First Place - "Press Box"

By Emily Fox and Sydney Sibilia
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Roman Cebulski

Second Place - "Wilton High Driving Campaign"

By David Unruh and Thomas Rogozinski
Wilton High School
Instructor: Maria Breece

Third Place - "About the Wait"

By Julia Randolph
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

HIGH SCHOOL – NARRATIVE/FICTION

First Place - "Homecoming"

By Ellenor Breitenbach and Isabella Nardis
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: David Pisani

Second Place - "When They Strike"

By Jacqueline DiCenzo and Hannah McCall
Wilton High School
Instructor: Maria Breece

Third Place - "Anonymous"

By Patrick Russo
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

HIGH SCHOOL – NEWS SHOW

First Place - “Today from the Heart: March 2023”

Multimedia Journalism Class
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

Second Place - “The Morning Announcements”

NCTV 78, Advanced TV Broadcasting Class
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Roman Cebulski

Third Place - “Warrior Episode”

Morning Warrior Club
Wilton High School
Instructor: Kevin Slater

HIGH SCHOOL – PSA

First Place - “Light Night”

By Keira Frascella
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: David Pisani

Second Place - “Media Productions: Distracted Driving”

By Ethan Bailey
Wilton High School
Instructor: Maria Breece

Third Place - “Health PSA”

By Oscar Sales and Lucas Fischel
Staples High School
Instructor: Jennifer Cirino

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

MIDDLE SCHOOL –PSA

First Place - “Behind Closed Doors”

By Isabella Nedder, Maisie Pascal and Camilla Pazmino
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: David Pisani

Second Place - “Empty Plates”

By Maria Walsh and Lily Wise

Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: David Pisani

MIDDLE SCHOOL – NEWS SHOW

First Place - “The Stuart Scoop: 6th Grade Edition”

By 6th Grade Technology Class
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Deanna George

MIDDLE SCHOOL – SCHOOL NEWS STORY

First Place - “Saxe News: The Outdoor Space”

By _____
Saxe Middle School, New Canaan
Instructor: George Petrakopoulos

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ADULT ASSISTED

First Place - “SSTV Broadcast Show”

By _____
South School, New Canaan
Instructor: Ronna Van Veghel

Second Place - “Miller Driscoll Morning Show”

By Miller Driscoll TV Club
Miller Driscoll School, Wilton
Instructors: Bryan Ennis and Skip Ploss

Third Place- “News from the Heart: The Groundhog Edition”

By Colby Thaler, Ella Briganti, Anya Ackerson and Caroline Peyton
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Kathy Dunn

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ANIMATED/STOP MOTION

First Place -“The Polar Bear Express”

By Miya Bu and Elsa Zheng
Cider Mill School, Wilton
Instructors: Nicole Ryan and Joe Pullia

Second Place -“Winter Ice Cream”

By Teagan Creighton and Sahana Kaushik

Cider Mill School, Wilton
Instructors: Nicole Ryan and Joe Pullia

Third Place - “Experimental Fictional Tale”

Cider Mill School, Wilton
By Marko Giuliani, George Kalluklauam, Joshua Kalluklauam, Francesco Astrologo
Instructors: Nicole Ryan and Joe Pullia

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – NARRATIVE/FICTION

First Place - “The Dangerous Site”

By Sophia Hatvani and Angeles Contreras
Cider Mill Elementary, Wilton
Instructors: Nicole Ryan and Joe Pullia

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL NEWS STORY

First Place - “Tri-State Welcome 2023”

By _____

South School, New Canaan
Instructor: Ronna Van Veghel

Second Place

“Breaking news: 2nd Grade Butterfly Project”

By Caroline Peyton and the 2nd Grade
Sacred Heart Greenwich, Greenwich
Instructor: Kathy Dunn