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Area 9 Cable Council & Altice of CT Announce the Winners of the 2024 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.

2024 AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD

“The Sentence”

By Danielle Westgate

Wilton High School

Instructor: Maria Breece

MIDDLE SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD

“Brain Fog”

By Margot Gannon

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: David Pisani

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD

“Good Morning South”

By The South School TV Broadcast Crew
South School, New Canaan
Instructor: Ronna Van Veghel

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL – ANIMATION / STOP MOTION

First Place - “The Sentence”

By Danielle Westgate
Wilton High School
Instructor: Maria Breece

Second Place - “The Little Present”

By Victoria Fromzel
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

Third Place - “Stuck”

By Olivia Marotta
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

HIGH SCHOOL – DOCUMENTARY

First Place - “Spreading Wings”

By Daphne Fallon
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

Second Place - “Leading with Love”

By Emily Sedgwick
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

Third Place - “Shoulder Check”

By Grace Villar
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

HIGH SCHOOL – EXPERIMENTAL

First Place - “The Art of Living”

By Jude Antoniou
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

Second Place - “Sillage”

By Clare Murray and Amy Walsh
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

Third Place - “Chrysalism”

By Emily Sedgwick
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

HIGH SCHOOL – GENERAL INTEREST STORY

First Place - “The Art of Cooking”

By Natasha Arakal
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

Second Place - “Wilton High Fire Department”

By Henry Mangum
Wilton High School
Instructor: Maria Breece

Third Place - “A Seat for Everyone”

By Julia Beaudry and Maria Walsh
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

HIGH SCHOOL – NARRATIVE/FICTION

First Place - “The End _The Beginning”

By Apollonia Antoniou and Jude Antoniou
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

Second Place - “Shadows of Deception”

By Margaret Marshall, Henry Stein, Yanfer Martinez & EJ Kollitides
New Canaan High School
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

Third Place - “Whatever It Takes”

By Lexi Parsons and Ellie Furman

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: David Pisani

HIGH SCHOOL – NEWS SHOW

First Place - “The Morning Announcements”

By NCTV 78, Advanced TV Broadcasting Class

New Canaan High School

Instructor: Roman Cebulski

Second Place - “Morning Warrior”

Morning Warrior Club

Wilton High School

Instructor: Donald Allers

Third Place - “Inklings ‘On the Wreckord’”

Advanced Journalism - Inklings

Staples High School

Instructor: Mary Elizabeth Fulco

HIGH SCHOOL – PSA

First Place - “Dual Reality”

By Lila Caruso

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

Second Place - “Stress”

By Jack Schwartz, Allison Cancro, Pranav Pothukuchi and Sanchit Arora

Staples High School

Instructor: Nicole Moeller

Third Place - “The Color Music Brings”

By Clara Bonomo

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: David Pisani

HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL NEWS STORY

First Place - “Antonia”

By Wowie Walker and Georgia Lillis

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: Leah Principe

Second Place - “On the Wreckord - Inklings: World Language Week”

By Inklings News

Advanced Journalism

Instructor: Mary Elizabeth Fulco

Third Place - “Mr. Lowery”

By Payton Sfreddo and Nina Ventura

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: Leah Principe

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

MIDDLE SCHOOL – PSA

First Place - “Brain Fog”

By Margot Gannon, Guistina Lowenstine, and Madeline Heissan

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: David Pisani

Second Place - “Social Media & Mental Health”

By Viola Vettorino, Antoinette von Schweickhardt, and Copley Yaeger

Sacred Heart Greenwich

Instructor: David Pisani

Third Place - “Women in Sports”

By Mikaela Pazmino, Katheine Petrillo, and Lindsay Schwind

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

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ADULT ASSISTED

First Place - “Miller Driscoll Morning Show”

By Miller Driscoll TV Club
Miller Driscoll School, Wilton
Instructors: Bryan Ennis and Tim Ley

Second Place - “2nd Grade News Flash”

By Whole Class
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Kathy Dunn

Third Place - “Breaking News: Chicks”

By Whole Class
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Kathy Dunn

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PSA

First Place - “KHS Buddy Bench”

By Brayden Levy, Shane Warshaw, Alexander Wilson, Jude Hix
Kings Highway Elementary - Westport
Instructors: Tara Doyle

Second Place - “Be Quiet in the Halls”

By Amy McCabe, Aleena Gill, Keira Wax, and Hailey Kazen
Cider Mill - Wilton
Instructors: Nicole Ryan and Joseph Pullia

Third Place - “Kids Need to Share”

By Joann Vincent and Evan Twinker
Cider Mill - Wilton
Instructors: Nicole Ryan and Joseph Pullia

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - NEWS SHOW

First Place - “Good Morning South”

By The South School TV Broadcast Crew
South School, New Canaan
Instructor: Ronna Van Veghel

Second Place - “News from the Heart”

By Whole Class
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Kathy Dunn

Third Place - "Husky News"

By Whole Class
Hindley Elementary - Darien
Instructor: Dee Attisani

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL NEWS STORY

First Place - "A Day in the Lower School"

By Whole Class
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Instructor: Kathy Dunn

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GENERAL INTEREST STORY

First Place - "Women's History Month: Community Highlight"

By Harper Bell and Madeline Olsen
King Highway - Westport
Instructor: Tara Doyle

Second Place - "Cheetah Vision Special: Women's History Community Highlight"

By Jack Bell and Sable Shurman
Kings Highway - Westport
Instructors: Tara Doyle