

Students Earn Nominations for the NATAS Emmy Award Ceremony

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Students from across the Agua Fria Union High School District will showcase their filmmaking, photography, broadcasting, and journalism talents at the annual Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Student Production Awards.

The ceremony will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, at Chateau Luxe, 1175 E. Lone Cactus Drive, Phoenix. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. with a job and career fair, followed by the awards program at 2 p.m. Admission is free for nominated students and their advisors. Tickets for all other guests are \$35.

The Student Production Awards highlight excellence in high school journalism, broadcasting, film, and media arts. Several students from Verrado, Desert Edge, Canyon View, Millennium, and Agua Fria earned nominations this year.

Agua Fria received nominations in multiple categories. For High School Photographer, Anthony Vazquez Tovar was nominated. For the feature report, *Meet Mrs. Fowler*, Vazquez was nominated for director, Elena Casillas for reporter, Lmi Ramirez for lighting designer, and Michael Hamilton for photographer.

Canyon View was also recognized. For Sports Story, Kaylani Tucher was nominated for videographer and editor. For the promotional video *The Jaguar Way*, Travis Rull was nominated for editor. Piper MacArthur earned a nomination for videographer/editor for the PSA *Healthy Eating*. Garrett Williams was nominated for graphic artist in *Fight to the Finish*.

Desert Edge earned recognition for several short-form projects. For *Our Effect on Clothing*, Naomi Dumouchel was nominated as writer, producer, editor, and photographer. For *Already Written*, Leslie Rodriguez was nominated as editor, talent, writer, and photographer. For the

commercial *Nike*, Princess Ruiz was nominated for talent and editor, while James DeHart was nominated for photographer.

Millennium was honored in Arts/Entertainment/Cultural Affairs for their work on the Arizona Latino & Cultural Center. Brian Wade received nominations for director and talent, while Daniella Navarro earned recognition as director and editor.

Verrado was credited in several categories, including its project *Crumbs*, which received multiple nominations. Cohen Cantrell was recognized in lighting design, photography, writing, and directing. Rio Brown was nominated as producer, editor, and writer. Alexis Acosta earned a nomination as producer.

The film *Failed Film Career of Nash Flimstine* also stood out. Nathan Fugitt was nominated for producer, writer, director, sound designer, photographer, and editor. Ava Cassidy earned a nomination for director. Ezra De Paz was nominated as producer and talent. Michael Myers earned recognition as a composer, and Lauren Fugitt was nominated for lighting design.

Beyond film, Verrado's Viper football coverage earned recognition. Ivan Quinones was nominated for editor, and Cohen Cantrell received a nomination for photographer. The production *If You Give a Teen a Soda* also received nominations, with Denver Smith recognized as editor and Kai Smith as director.

More information on the Student Production Awards is available at rockymountainemmy.org.