Hawai‘i students shine at national video competition
Island schools nab 20 percent of Student Television Network awards

HONOLULU – Students from Hawai‘i schools returned to the Islands with 20 percent of the 196 total awards given out at the 14th annual Student Television Network (STN) Convention in Anaheim, CA, held March 28-31. The complete list of Hawai‘i results begins on the next page.

All but one of the Hawai‘i schools that took home awards are public schools. Kamehameha Schools Maui, which won two awards, was the sole Hawai‘i private school in attendance. All of them participate in PBS Hawai‘i’s HIKI NŌ student news network.

Approximately 3,000 middle and high school students from across the U.S. gathered to compete in on-site, time-restricted contests in video journalism, television production, filmmaking, music videos, commercials, and public service announcements.

As in the last few STN competitions, the number of awards won by Hawai‘i schools was notably high in comparison to states with larger populations, such as California, Florida and Texas.
Two neighbor island middle schools led the Hawai‘i awards count – Kaua‘i’s Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School and Maui Waena Intermediate School, with seven awards each. Veteran student video production high schools Moanalua and Wai‘anae took home wins in major overall categories.

“Without a doubt, the stellar performance by Hawai‘i schools at STN is due to the work our schools have done with HIKI NŌ and PBS Hawai‘i,” said Kevin Matsunaga, Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School media teacher and STN regional board member. “Our Hawai‘i media teachers have worked tirelessly, as well, and the outstanding work their students have done at these competitions is proof that HIKI NŌ is making a huge difference in the lives of our students.”

“HIKI NŌ offers students the ideal preparation for this national competition and it also readies them for different professional paths – by teaching them to work their way through challenges and deliver quality work on tight deadlines,” said Leslie Wilcox, PBS Hawai‘i President and CEO.

“This national recognition is yet another testament of the quality work being produced by our HIKI NŌ students and the dedication of their media teachers and mentors,” stated Kathryn Matayoshi, Hawaii State Department of Education Schools Superintendent. “These opportunities would not be possible without the commitment and partnership with PBS Hawai‘i. The teamwork and use of technology needed to create these quality productions align with the Department’s mission to help our students connect with their communities and be lifelong learners.”

**2017 Student Television Network – Hawai‘i Winners:**

**CONVENTION RE-CAP**
1st Place – Moanalua High School  
2nd Place – Waipahu High School  
Honorable Mention – Maui High School

**SPOT FEATURE—MIDDLE SCHOOL**
2nd Place – Maui Waena Intermediate School  
3rd Place – Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School

**MOVIE TRAILER—MIDDLE SCHOOL**
2nd Place – Maui Waena Intermediate School  
Honorable Mention – Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School

**“TELL THE STORY”**
Honorable Mention – Waiakea High School  
Honorable Mention – Wai‘anae High School

**NAT. SOUND PACKAGE—MIDDLE SCHOOL**
1st Place – Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School  
Honorable Mention – Maui Waena Intermediate School
NAT. SOUND PACKAGE—HIGH SCHOOL
Honorable Mention – Moanalua High School
Honorable Mention – Wai‘anae High School

COMMERCIAL—HIGH SCHOOL
3rd Place – Moanalua High School

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT—HIGH SCHOOL
1st Place – Maui High School
3rd Place – Moanalua High School
Honorable Mention – McKinley High School

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT—MIDDLE SCHOOL
2nd Place – Wai‘anae Intermediate School
3rd Place – Chiefess Kamakaheleki Middle School
Honorable Mention – Maui Waena Intermediate School

WEATHER REPORT—HIGH SCHOOL
2nd Place – Kapolei High School

SILENT FILM—MIDDLE SCHOOL
3rd Place – Maui Waena Intermediate School
Honorable Mention – Chiefess Kamakaheleki Middle School

ACTION SPORTS—HIGH SCHOOL
Honorable Mention – Kamehameha Schools Maui High

ANCHOR TEAM—MIDDLE SCHOOL
3rd Place – Chiefess Kamakaheleki Middle School

MUSIC VIDEO—MIDDLE SCHOOL
2nd Place – Maui Waena Intermediate School
Honorable Mention – Chiefess Kamakaheleki Middle School

CRAZY 8s BROADCAST NEWS MAGAZINE—MIDDLE SCHOOL
1st Place – Maui Waena Intermediate School
2nd Place – Kamehameha Schools Maui Middle
3rd Place – Wai‘anae Intermediate School

CRAZY 8s BROADCAST NEWS MAGAZINE—HIGH SCHOOL
Honorable Mention – Wai‘anae High School

CRAZY 8s SHORT FILM DOCUMENTARY—HIGH SCHOOL
3rd Place – McKinley High School

CRAZY 8s SHORT FILM FICTION—MIDDLE SCHOOL
2nd Place – Ewa Makai Middle School
3rd Place – Wai‘anae Intermediate School
FILM EXCELLENCE BEST WRITING
Waipahu High School

FILM EXCELLENCE BEST EDITING
Moanalua High School

FILM EXCELLENCE BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
Moanalua High School

FILM EXCELLENCE BEST ANIMATION
Wai’anae High School

MONTHLY BROADCAST EXCELLENCE AWARD
Wai’anae High School

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