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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.



A contingent of Hawai‘i schools took home 20 percent of the 196 prizes awarded at this year’s Student Television Network Convention, March 28-31 in Anaheim, CA.
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Two neighbor island middle schools led the Hawai'i awards count – Kaua'i's Chiefess Kamakahahelei 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 Kamakahahelei 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 Kamakahahelei Middle School

MOVIE TRAILER—MIDDLE SCHOOL

2nd Place – Maui Waena Intermediate School
Honorable Mention – Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School

“TELL THE STORY”

Honorable Mention – Waiakea High School
Honorable Mention – Wai'anae High School

NAT. SOUND PACKAGE—MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place – Chiefess Kamakahahelei 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 Kamakahahei 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 Kamakahahei Middle School

ACTION SPORTS—HIGH SCHOOL

Honorable Mention – Kamehameha Schools Maui High

ANCHOR TEAM—MIDDLE SCHOOL

3rd Place – Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School

MUSIC VIDEO—MIDDLE SCHOOL

2nd Place – Maui Waena Intermediate School

Honorable Mention – Chiefess Kamakahahei 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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