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## **TELEVISION ACADEMY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 39<sup>TH</sup> COLLEGE TELEVISION AWARDS**

### **Student Productions from Colleges Nationwide Vie for Top Honors in Television's Most Prestigious Student Competition**

**(NoHo Arts District, Calif., Jan. 14, 2019)** – The Television Academy Foundation today announced nominees for the 39<sup>th</sup> *College Television Awards* which recognizes and rewards excellence in student-produced programs.

"Television's most prestigious student competition has been enhanced for 2019. Redefined categories reflect the serialized nature of television and an expanded professional development summit offers students the opportunity to visit and engage with top entertainment studios and network with industry professionals," said Madeline Di Nonno, chair of the Television Academy Foundation. "Our goal with the *College Television Awards* is to honor exceptional student work and leverage our platform to highlight the next generation of creators and executives within the industry. Congratulations to all the nominees!"

The 25 nominees were selected from over 600 productions submitted by 174 colleges and universities nationwide. Designed to emulate the Emmys<sup>®</sup>, the student entries are judged online by active Television Academy members. Television stars will present top honors to students at the awards ceremony on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at the Television Academy's Saban Media Center in North Hollywood, California, where each winning project will receive a \$3000 cash prize.

Three student-produced projects were nominated in each of eight categories: drama, comedy, animation, nonfiction, promotional, news, sports, and variety. One winner will be announced in each category. In addition, the *College Television Awards* announced the awardee for the Loreen Arbus Focus on Disability Scholarship, which recognizes a student-produced project that best portrays disability topics and issues, or helps emerging artists with a disability gain recognition.

Tickets for the 39<sup>th</sup> *College Television Awards* will be available for purchase beginning February 21, 2019, at [TelevisionAcademy.com/RSVP-CTA](http://TelevisionAcademy.com/RSVP-CTA). Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students with ID.

The nominees for the 39<sup>th</sup> *College Television Awards*, representing 17 colleges and universities, are listed below:

**Animation Series:**

***In a Heartbeat*** (Ringling College of Art & Design)  
Beth David, Producer  
Esteban Bravo, Director, Writer

***The Rose Garden*** (Ringling College of Art & Design)  
Nina Gerstenhaber, Producer, Director, Writer

***The Wishing Cranes*** (Ringling College of Art & Design)  
Thomas Anderholm, Producer, Director, Writer

**Comedy Series:**

***Everything's Fine: A Panic Attack in D Major*** (Columbia University)  
Taylor Ortega, Producer  
Zack Morrison, Director, Writer

***Pickle*** (Chapman University)  
Peter Henckel, Producer  
Grant Moore, Director, Writer

***Tree #3*** (American Film Institute)  
Iris Xuan Yang, Producer  
Sydney Meadow, Writer  
Omer Ben Shachar, Director, Writer

**Drama Series:**

***Baby I'm Yours*** (Chapman University)  
Marisa Messina, Producer  
Hadley Hillel, Director, Writer  
Noah Feinberg, Writer

***Esta es tu Cuba*** (Chapman University)  
John Sayage, Producer  
Brian Robau, Director  
Daniel Klein, Writer

***Neemkomok'*** (American Film Institute)  
Shanshan Sun, Producer  
Douglas Cushnie, Director, Writer

**Nonfiction or Reality Series:**

***Fear Builds Walls*** (ArtCenter College of Design)  
Charlie McCarthy, Producer  
Rudy Gold, Director, Writer

***Native Voices: The Struggle for Life and Land*** (American University)  
Kent Wagner, Producer, Director, Writer

***Out of the Pills*** (Ithaca College)  
Eric Barr, Producer  
Casey McCracken, Producer, Director  
Rebecca van der Meulen, Producer  
Christian Schuepbach, Writer  
Megan Trapani, Writer

**Variety:**

***The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual EVVY Awards*** (Emerson College)  
Victoria Bartkavage, Producer  
Amelia Channin, Producer  
Gemma Guerrazzi, Producer  
Mateo Solis, Producer  
Tristan Flanagan, Director  
Samantha Yates, Writer  
Joe Zappulla, Writer

***The Blackout's Quarter Update*** (Northwestern University)  
Peter Condie, Producer  
Noah Frick-Alofs, Producer  
Kathryn Karnaze, Producer  
Max Kliman, Producer  
Willa Barnett, Director  
Ryder Chasin, Director  
Grace Dowling, Director  
Charlie Heveran, Director  
Jake Daniels, Writer  
Alex Fecteau, Writer

***SCADurday Night Live*** (Savannah College of Art and Design)  
Nick Golden, Producer  
Carson MacKenzie Smith, Producer  
Lexy Pazul, Director

Ana Bernot-Reilly, Writer  
Katie Beyoglides, Writer  
Joe Casper, Writer  
Ellis Cox-McAllister, Writer  
Courtney Fortner, Writer  
Cynea Gamble, Writer  
Karlie Kyser, Writer  
Viktor Rodriguez, Writer  
Loic Suberville, Writer  
Cannon Wise, Writer  
Nilufer Yuce, Writer

**Commercial, PSA or Promo:**

***GE – One More Giant Leap*** (Brigham Young University)

Jason Murray, Producer  
Jedediah Thunell, Director  
Anthon Chase Johnson, Writer

***Pests Do Not Mess with the Orkin Man*** (Brigham Young University)

Chris Petersen, Producer, Director, Writer  
Seth Mollerup, Director, Writer  
Bentley Rawle, Director

***Weird*** (Savannah College of Art and Design)

Maegan Mann, Producer  
Demi Waldron, Producer  
Olivia O’Hara, Director  
Mason Douglass, Writer

**News:**

***Cronkite News*** (Arizona State University)

Hayley Brand, Producer  
Azucena Martinez, Producer  
Ben Jacobs, Director  
Terra Pinckley, Director  
Kevyn Gessner, Writer

***Montclair News Lab: Hurricane Recover Mission to Puerto Rico*** (Montclair State University)

Natalie De La Rosa, Producer  
Mariano Arocho, Producer, Director, Writer  
Laura Galarza, Producer, Director, Writer  
Babee Garcia, Producer, Director, Writer  
Madison Glassman, Producer, Director, Writer  
Genesis Obando, Producer, Director, Writer

Madijuene Traore, Producer, Director, Writer

***UM-TV Newsvision: Tragedy in Parkland*** (University of Miami)

Kelly Saberi, Producer

Rebekah Chung, Producer, Writer

Amanda Herrera, Producer, Writer

Aaron Agrasanchez, Director

**Sports:**

***Molloy Volleyball: A Cinderella Story*** (Molloy College)

Matthew Considine, Producer, Director, Writer

***Sooner Sports Pad: Fall '17 Debut Show*** (University of Oklahoma)

Matthew Welsh, Producer

Torii Bicondova, Director

***Sports Desk*** (University of Miami)

Luis Gonzalez, Producer

Valerie Ferrante, Producer

Amanda Fuentes, Producer

Amanda Herrera, Director

Isaiah Kim-Martinez, Writer

Jihad Shatara, Writer

**Loreen Arbus Focus on Disability Scholarship Winner:**

***Woman of Steel*** (Florida State University)

Chris Violette, Producer, Director, Writer

**About the Television Academy Foundation**

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs, such as [The Interviews: An Oral History of Television Project](#), [College Television Awards](#) and [Student Internship Program](#), the Foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices our industry represents and to create more opportunity for television to reflect all of society. For more information on the Foundation, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation](http://TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation).

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