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**Area 9 Cable Council & Altice of CT Announce the Winners of the  
2026 Access Awareness Awards (AAA) for Students Gr K–12**

The **Educational Access Awareness Awards** honors 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 Optimum 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 eleven separate categories - Adult Assisted, Animation/Stop Motion, Documentary (High School), Experimental, General Interest Story, Narrative/Fiction Entries, News Shows, Public Service Announcements, Sports Highlight Reel (High School), School News Story, and Sports Play-by-Play (High School).

Video production programs play a vital role in our communities, supporting and celebrating the great work that happens every day within our schools. We received many student video submissions at the school level. The top three videos from each district in each category then advanced to the AAA contest, a Fairfield County-wide competition celebrating student excellence in video production across elementary, middle, and high school levels. An "Eddy" (Ed Access Trophy) will be presented to the school for each winning project and medals 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 entry and \$500 for the Middle and Elementary School winning entries to be used by the winning districts to purchase resources for their video production programs within each school.

# 2026 AWARDS

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## **HIGH SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD**

**“Wilton Public Schools”**

By: Will Debernardis

Wilton High School

Instructor: Maria Breece

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD**

**“Germany 1947”**

By Elle Schroeder

Middlebrook Middle School - Wilton

Instructor: Marni Lindquist

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – JOHN M. REPICKY AWARD**

**“Girls On The Run”**

By Ella Rossi

Long Lots Elementary

Instructor: Samantha Hubbard

# HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

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## HIGH SCHOOL – ADULT ASSISTED

### **First Place - “Unified Sports”**

By Taylor Szabo  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

### **Second Place - “Day in a Life”**

By Maxfield Steckel  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

### **Third Place - “Wilton Town Talks with Kiernan Feltz”**

By Kiernan Feltz  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

## HIGH SCHOOL – ANIMATION / STOP MOTION

### **First Place - “Black Hole”**

By Olivia Franco  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: David Pisani

### **Second Place - “World of Strings”**

By Alex Makrynasiros  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

### **Third Place - “Cowgirl”**

By Alex Makrynasiros  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

## HIGH SCHOOL – DOCUMENTARY

### **First Place - “Compassion in Action”**

By Maria Walsh  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

### **Second Place - “The American Red Cross”**

By Izzy Nedder  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Leah Principe

**Third Place - "Secrets of Ballet"**

By Kiki Horsburgh  
New Canaan High School  
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

**HIGH SCHOOL – EXPERIMENTAL**

**First Place - "The Eye of Childhood"**

By Maisie Pascal  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: David Pisani

**Second Place - "Nonna's Sunday Sauce"**

By Sophia Sibilgia  
New Canaan High School  
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

**Third Place - "Unattainable"**

By Analyse Almonacy  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Ellyn Stewart

**HIGH SCHOOL – GENERAL INTEREST STORY**

**First Place - "Profile: Trifecta Stepper"**

By Claire Kavanagh and Katie McQuillan  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Leah Principe

**Second Place - "Profile: Greenwich Special Olympics"**

By Charlie Caffray and Michaela O'Brien  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Leah Principe

**Third Place - "Vital Stretch"**

By Sandino Bocuzzo  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

**HIGH SCHOOL – NARRATIVE/FICTION**

**First Place - "Short-Sighted"**

By Will Debernardis  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

**Second Place - "20/20 Vision"**

By Maisie Pascal  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: David Pisani

**Third Place - "Mirror Mirror On The Wall"**

By Molly Monohan and Kiki Horsburgh  
New Canaan High School  
Instructor: Jennifer Sinski

**HIGH SCHOOL – NEWS SHOW**

**First Place - "Today From The Heart"**

By Advanced Media Studies Class  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Leah Principe

**Second Place - "The Morning Announcements"**

By NCTV 78 / Advanced TV Broadcasting Class  
New Canaan High School  
Instructor: Roman Cebulski

**Third Place - "Morning Warrior"**

By Morning Warrior Club  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

**HIGH SCHOOL – PSA**

**First Place - "The Invisible Journey"**

By Izzy Nedder  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Leah Principe

**Second Place - "What's Up Wally-Speed Cameras"**

By Class  
Greenwich High School  
Instructor: Sean Mayo

**Third Place - "Eyes On The Road"**

By Antonios Vlahakis  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

## **HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL NEWS STORY**

### **First Place - “Wilton Public Schools”**

By Will Debernardis  
Wilton High School  
Instructor: Maria Breece

### **Second Place - “Profile: Campus Ministry”**

By Mya Gayle and Meghan O'Leary  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Leah Principe

### **Third Place - "Profile: The King Street Chronicle"**

By Bella Boone and Meghan O'Leary  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Leah Principe

## **HIGH SCHOOL – SPORTS HIGHLIGHT REEL**

### **First Place - “Rams Sports Report, 9/24/25”**

By PJ Neville  
New Canaan High School  
Instructor: Roman Cebulski

## **HIGH SCHOOL – SPORT PLAY-BY-PLAY**

### **First Place - “Senior PxP Reel”**

By PJ Neville  
New Canaan High School  
Instructor: Roman Cebulski

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS**

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## **MIDDLESCHOOL – DOCUMENTARY**

### **First Place - “The Wonderful World of Orangutans”**

By Sam Robin  
Middlebrook Middle School -Wilton  
Instructor: Marni Lindquist

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL – GENERAL INTEREST STORY**

### **First Place - “Germany 1947”**

By Elle Schroeder  
Middlebrook Middle School -Wilton  
Instructor: Marni Lindquist

**Second Place - "Profile of a Memory Facility"**

By Mary Meagher and Noelle Oshana  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Deanna George

**MIDDLE SCHOOL –PSA**

**First Place - "Al's Angels"**

By Hollis Koch and Marin Ware  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Deanna George

**Second Place - "Eye of the Storm"**

By Shannon Foley, Ava Rizzo, and Paula Tonkovich  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Deanna George

**MIDDLE SCHOOL –NEWS SHOW**

**First Place - "The Stuart Scoop: 5th Grade Edition"**

By Class 5-1  
Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Deanna George

**Second Place - "Middlebrook News Week 5"**

By Wang  
Middlebrook Middle School -Wilton  
Instructor: Marni Lindquist

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS**

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## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ADULT ASSISTED**

**First Place - “Lower School News from the Heart: February edition”**

By Class

Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Ryan Oquendo

**Second - “SSTV Morning Announcements”**

By SSTV Class

South Elementary School, New Canaan  
Instructor: Ronna Van Veghel

**Third - “The Miller-Driscoll Morning Show - Monday, March 23rd”**

By Miller Driscoll TV Club

Miller Driscoll Elementary -Wilton  
Instructor: Timothy Ley

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ANIMATION/STOP-MOTION**

**First Place - “An Average Week of Robots”**

By Chase Bittinger

Long Lots Elementary - Westport  
Instructor: Samantha Hubbard

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL NEWS STORY**

**“Girls On The Run”**

By Ella Rossi

Long Lots Elementary  
Instructor: Samantha Hubbard

**Second Place - “Breaking News: Butterflies”**

By Class

Sacred Heart Greenwich  
Instructor: Ryan Oquendo

**Third Place - “Cider Mill School Tour”**

By Dottie Billingham and Samiya Atree

Cider Mill - Wilton  
Instructor: Nicole Ryan

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GENERAL INTEREST STORY**

**First Place - “Space invaders! Look out!!”**

By Lucy Apton

Kings Highway Elementary - Westport

Instructor: Tara Doyle

**Second Place - “Fall Favorites”**

By Cora Lask and Layla Perkel

Long Lots Elementary - Westport

Instructor: Barbara Eilertsen

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – NARRATIVE FICTION**

**“TOAST”**

By Hazel Crockett and Charlotte Visconti

Kings Highway Elementary - Westport

Instructor: Tara Doyle

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PSA**

**First Place - “KHS Goals”**

By Cameron Kim, Ava Giambanco, and Timothy Sheehy

Long Lots Elementary - Westport

Instructor: Tara Doyle

**Second Place - “Save The Birds”**

By Leon Breece

Miller Driscoll Elementary -Wilton

Instructor: Tim Ley