

Foothills Community Christian School

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RE: Foothills Students Earn 1st Prize, 3rd Prize and two Honorable Mention Awards in National C-SPAN Competition

GREAT FALLS, MT – Four Foothills Community Christian School video production teams have been selected as winners in this year's StudentCam documentary competition sponsored by C-SPAN. The top placing team was selected as the 1st Prize Winner in the Western Division and was also nominated as one of 16 videos for Fan Favorite Consideration. A second team earned a 3rd Prize in the West Division and two additional teams were selected as Honorable Mention. This is the fourth consecutive year Foothills teams have been honored for their entries.

The West division includes 14 Western states. 1st prize students will receive a cash prize of \$3000 for their documentary, 3rd Prize winners receive \$750 and Honorable Mention winners receive \$250. This is the 18th year of the StudentCam competition. Foothills teams were selected from among 3,000 participating students in 41 states and Washington, D.C. , Morocco and South Korea who collectively submitted 1,400 entries.

The theme this year was "How does the federal government impact your life?" The freshman duo of Kimber Koteskey and Zoe Gliko earned the West Division 1st Prize for their video, "American Rescue Plan: Economic Boost or Bust?" They were one of 4 second prize winners in the nation and their video will air on C-Span, Monday, April 18 at 6:50am EST and throughout the day. It can be viewed here <https://www.viddler.com/v/4e8fba8d/> . Their video was also one of 16 selected for Fan Favorite consideration.

Samantha DeLange and Trinity Nicholson were among 32 nationwide videos earning 3rd Prize recognition. Their video, "The STOP Act: The Solution to Every Generations Downfall can be viewed here <https://www.viddler.com/v/debae994>.

Two of the school's entries were among 97 Honorable Mention winners from across the nation. Anna Bauer, Charlotte Maher and Victoria Matti earned honorable mention for their video, "The Immigration and Nationality Act: Broken Opportunities" <https://www.viddler.com/v/21515cad> and classmates Josh Beeler, Logan Gervais, and Philip Morrison were recognized for their project, "Homeland Security: Safety for All?" <https://www.viddler.com/v/bd1248f6>.



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Four of five entries from this year's class were selected as winners and bring the school total to 10 winning entries in 4 years. Instructor Dustin Bauer commented that, "our students have done such a good job in our program and we have high expectations for our videos each year. The students did an excellent job of researching their topics and involving a variety of community and state leaders to provide perspective on these issues. We would like to thank all of our interviewees for their continuing support of our students and our program including Senator Daines, Senator Tester, Governor Gianforte, Mayor Bob Kelly, Commissioner Tryon, Representative Trebas, AG Knudsen, CBP Officer Peterson, Sheriff Slaughter and Ms. Marcia Lennick. We would also like to thank KJJC-TV and Roger Lonnquist for their community partnership support which has enabled us to improve our production capabilities."

A list of all winning schools and additional information is available here <http://www.studentcam.org/winners22.htm>. This is the sixth year Foothills students have participated in the C-SPAN competition. They are the only prize winners in the state of Montana. The C-SPAN press release is attached to this email for your convenience.

Foothills Community Christian School is a non-denominational Christian school serving grades Pre-K through 12 with a student enrollment of 205. Additional information about Foothills can be found at www.foothillschristian.org. This is also Foothills' 25th Anniversary Celebration.

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