



C-SPAN ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2011 STUDENTCAM VIDEO DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION

Record number of entries

Top three winning videos address Congressional partisanship, FEMA, and net neutrality

(WASHINGTON, March 9, 2011) – C-SPAN today is announcing winners in the network’s 2011 StudentCam video documentary competition: 141 students from across the country are winning a total of \$50,000, including one grand prize winner, two first prize winners, eight second prize winners, 16 third prize winners, and 48 honorable mentions.

The national competition, now in its seventh year, invites middle school (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) to produce a five-to-eight minute documentary, with this year's topic focusing on “Washington, DC, through my lens.” With entries coming from 1,481 students in 40 states and D.C., C-SPAN received a record 1,069 videos, marking a 6% increase over the number of submissions for last year’s Student Cam.

“The winning videos were those that best explained what the students learned about how the federal government works, and how the government’s decisions have an impact on the students on a local level,” says Joanne Wheeler, C-SPAN vice president of education relations.

Grand prize winner Carl Colglazier, an eighth grade homeschool student at Trinity Academy in Cary, NC, focused his documentary on Congress, partisanship, and compromise. He will receive \$5,000. Colglazier is a repeat winner in the competition. Last year, he won 2nd prize in the middle school category for his documentary, “Wasting Waste.”

First Prize High School winner and Aplington Parkersburg High School junior Matthew Wicks’s, “After the Storm,” a video about FEMA’s response to a tornado in the community of Parkersburg, IA, will receive \$3,000. First Prize Middle School winners Melissa Yu, Katy Becker, and Sara Atkins also will receive \$3,000 for their video about net neutrality. The Farragut Middle School eighth graders are from Knoxville, TN.

The top 27 videos will air on C-SPAN, one each day, starting Friday, April 1, at 6:50am ET, followed by an interview with the winning student at 8:30am ET during “Washington Journal.” Air times are subject to change.

C-SPAN Classroom sponsors the StudentCam competition. The documentaries were judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and are evaluated based on the thoughtful examination of the competition’s

theme, quality of expression, adherence to the time limit, inclusion of varying sides of the documentary's topic, and incorporation of C-SPAN programming.

For the 2011 competition, the top five topics students chose for explanation are: (1) education; (2) economy; (3) immigration; (4) health care; and (5) environment.

The 75 winning videos may be viewed at www.c-span.org/studentcam and can be used in a broadcast news story with attribution to C-SPAN. To schedule an interview with the students or with C-SPAN education relations staff, please contact Adrienne Hoar at 202.626.7985 or Tamara Robinson at 202.626.6129.

About C-SPAN Classroom

C-SPAN Classroom, www.c-spanclassroom.org, is a free membership service dedicated to support educators' use of C-SPAN programming in their classrooms. C-SPAN Classroom has reached more than one million students since its inception in 1987.

About C-SPAN

Created by the cable TV industry and now in over 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three public affairs television networks in both SD and HD; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington DC and nationwide via XM Satellite Radio; and a video-rich website which hosts the C-SPAN Video Library. Visit <http://www.c-span.org/>.

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