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### **C-SPAN ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF “STUDENTCAM”; A NATIONWIDE STUDENT VIDEO DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION**

*Forty-five student winners explore range of political issues and compete for  
\$25,000 in cash awards; Winning entries to air on C-SPAN*

**WASHINGTON (March 31, 2006)** – C-SPAN announced today the winners of “StudentCam”, a national competition that invites middle and high school students to produce a documentary exploring a current political topic using C-SPAN programming. The competition was sponsored by C-SPAN Classroom, [www.c-spanclassroom.org](http://www.c-spanclassroom.org), a free membership service dedicated to support educators’ use of C-SPAN programming in their classes or for research.

Dustin Gillard and Anthony Hernandez, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at Austin High School in Austin, Minn., are the grand prize winners and recipients of a \$3,000 cash award for their video titled “Anywhere, USA” which explores the timely issue of immigration. The documentary is available online and will air on C-SPAN on Monday, April 10 at 6:50 a.m. ET. The winners were announced today during C-SPAN’s “Washington Journal,” a daily viewer call-in program. Charter Communications is the school’s cable service provider.

“C-SPAN Classroom is making StudentCam an annual competition because we want to give our viewers an opportunity to hear about the issues that are important to students,” said Joanne Wheeler, vice president of education relations at C-SPAN. “We were thrilled with the quality of entries and diversity of topics, ranging from immigration to federal wiretapping and video game violence.”

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Two first prize winners, each receiving a cash award of \$1,000, are:

**First Prize: Middle School**

Caitie Adams, Hillary Wood & Anna Viterisi  
“Science or Faith: Intelligent Design in Public Schools”  
8<sup>th</sup> grade, Lora Batchelor Middle School  
Bloomington, Ind.  
Cable Provider: Insight Communications

**First Prize: High School**

Scott Hemphill  
“Is the Death Penalty Dead?”  
11 th grade, Broken Arrow Senior High School  
Broken Arrow, Okla.  
Cable Provider: Cox Communications

The StudentCam competition also named eight second prize winners who each receive a cash award of \$750 and 14 third prize winners who are awarded \$500 each. Twenty students received honorable mentions and will receive cash prizes of \$250 each. Winning videos will air each weekday from April 10 through April 21 at 6:50 a.m. ET on C-SPAN. A complete list of winners and documentaries are available online at [www.studentcam.org](http://www.studentcam.org)

The videos were judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and evaluated based on the thoughtful examination of the contest theme, quality of expression, adherence to the 10-minute time limit, the balance of views presented and use of C-SPAN programming.

**About C-SPAN Classroom**

C-SPAN Classroom, [www.c-spanclassroom.org](http://www.c-spanclassroom.org), is a free membership service dedicated to support educators’ use of C-SPAN programming in their classes or for research. The service has a membership of more than 19,000 educators who receive teaching guides for C-SPAN programs and access to a toll-free hotline for viewing tips and classroom strategies. C-SPAN Classroom has reached more than 1 million students since its inception in 1987.

**About C-SPAN**

C-SPAN, the political network of record, was created in 1979 by America’s cable companies as a public service. C-SPAN is currently available in 89.8 million households. For more information about C-SPAN, visit [www.C-SPAN.org](http://www.C-SPAN.org).