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52ND MICHIGAN STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

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LIVE-STREAMED MAY 14-17, 2020
DAFT thanks Mary Beth Castorri for her generous donation honoring the memory of her husband and partner Ron Castorri, a Detroit-based filmmaker, producer and very proud Wayne State University film school graduate.

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This Year’s Audience Choice Awards are dedicated to Ron.
52nd Michigan Student Film Festival
Streaming Episodes & Awards

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May 14th  K-8, Music Videos & Animation - Host: Mike Conrad

Grand Prize
- Go! (Music Video) - Brogan Loewen, Gloria Brown, Connor Smith, Romeo Keyser, De’Quan Jones (Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium)
- The Beauty of Diversity (Animation) - Olha Kozak (Byron Center HS)

Castorri Audience Choice Award
- Blast Off - Nathan Fillmore (Addams Elementary, Royal Oak)

May 15th  PSAs, News/Sports & Experimental - Host: Ted Houser

Grand Prize
- One Drink Changes Everything (PSA) - Bianca Kajy, Alice Plummer, Julie Wilkins (Pankow Center)
- Burn Bright (Experimental) Kyle Conroy (Careerline Tech Center)
- Parking Lot News Story (News/Sports) - Becca Hamilton (Lake Orion High School)

Castorri Audience Choice Award
- It Will Be (PSA) - Madison Strachan (Troy Athens High School)

May 16th  Documentaries - Host: Jamila Taylor

Grand Prize
- The Michigan Arctic Grayling Initiative - Abby Bright, Grayce Bright, Grace Joo, Madison Strachan (Troy Athens High School)

Castorri Audience Choice Award
- For What We’re Worth: A Look into the Gender Pay-Gap - Hanna Frassetto (Royal Oak High School)

May 17th  Narrative Film - Hosts: Mike Conrad, Ted Houser, Jamila Taylor

Co-Grand Prize
- ALEX - Spencer Haydo (Vicksburg High School)
- A Shadow of a Doubt - Adrian Sjoblom (Pankow Center)

Castorri Audience Choice Award
- Wrong Number - Jacob Johr (Lake Orion High School)

Special Awards:
- Educator of the Year: Scott A. Galeski, founder Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
- Poster Contest
  Grand Prize: Daytona Irwin (William D. Ford Tech Center--Wayne Westland)
  Honorable Mention: Christiana Zona (Henry Ford II High School)
  Honorable Mention: Kaitlyn McCarty (William D. Ford Tech Center--Wayne Westland)

Special thanks to Don Schulte, DAFT’s webmaster, Adam Burns, Social Media, Trailer/Show Reel-Editor, Dan Schulyer and Michelle Lawton Mullen of Buddy’s Pizza, Bill Wolbrink & the staff and students at Careerline Tech Center (Holland) and the amazing team at the Detroit Institute of Arts and its magnificent Detroit Film Theatre:
- Elliot Wilhelm, Larry Baranski, Emily Boyer, Matthew Breneau, Jody Huellmantel, Catherine Lauerman and Margaret Thomas
Welcome to the 52nd Michigan Student Film Festival! On March 11th, just three days before DAFT’s annual full-day assembly of media pros and teachers for Round 1 judging at Lawrence Technological University, we had to make the call to move all the entries and evaluations online due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Our judges rallied and over the weekend, over 60 judges carefully reviewed nearly 300 hundred entries—many devoting much more time to their comments than would normally be permitted in a 7-hour day. Thank you judges and special thanks to Jody Gaber and her team at LTU who had done so much preparation—and special thanks to Dan and Michelle and the Buddy’s Pizza family who was ready to feed our judging team as they have done for so many years—and for once again designing and donating this year’s awesome t-shirts.

The quality of production, script-writing and insight from Michigan’s young filmmakers continues to astound our judging panel. The school programs and their excellent instructors (many new to DAFT this year) show their untiring support in providing students the foundation for achieving their dreams of producing their own artwork. Over the past 52 years, DAFT’s alumni have moved on to great things—even this spring director Dan Scanlon of Pixar’s Onward, screenwriter Dan Casey of Fast & Furious 9 and writer/director brothers Brett and Drew Pierce with their indie horror drive-in hit The Wretched are all doing DAFT proud.

Thanks everyone for making our four nights of live-streaming a huge success, especially Larry, Elliot, Emily, Margaret, Jody, Catherine and the whole team at the DIA and Detroit Film Theatre for supporting this venture as we celebrate our 30 year partnership. Special thanks to Mary Beth Castorri and our partner colleges: College for Creative Studies, Lawrence Technological University, Motion Picture Institute, Specs Howard School of Media Arts and University of Detroit Mercy.

Congratulations all students and teachers who produced films and submitted them. Remember, it’s important to keep submitting your films to festivals. Check out Film Freeway—the films are already uploaded there, so why not shop them around?

If you missed our May 14-17 streaming, catch all four episodes on www.daftonline.org. And we’ll see you in-person next year back at the Detroit Film Theatre. Stay safe!

Kevin Walsh
DAFT President
Festival Co-Chair with Kathy Vander

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Judging and Awards
52nd Michigan Student Film Festival

Recognized by the American Film Institute as the longest-running K-12 student film festival in the nation, the Michigan Student Film Festival was founded by the non-profit DAFT (Digital Arts, Film and Television) as a showcase for Michigan students to demonstrate their skills and to network with one another and industry professionals.

The Judging Process
March 14-17th, first-round judging took place online with over 60 judges viewing entries from across the state. After each viewing, every judge completed a digital review form which will be returned to the students—rarely done in film festivals. The second round of judging makes overall recommendations of the follow levels of awards based upon judges’ feedback:

- **Merit Certificate** - Commendation for undertaking and completing a media production.
- **Honor Certificate** - Cited for a higher than average level of quality in their content and/or technical achievement.
- **Excellence Certificate** - Cited for an outstanding level of quality in their content and/or technical achievement.
- **Best of Show Certificate and Trophy** - Chosen from the Excellence level to represent the best student work at the Festival screening.

Recommended Excellence and Best of Show contenders were sent on to the final round hosted by Specs Howard School of Media Arts to determine the Best of Show reel for the four-day streaming—May 14-17, 2020 on Facebook Live.

The 52nd Michigan Student Film Festival is supported primarily through a generous grant from Mary Beth Castorri, honoring her late-husband producer Ron Castorri. The MCACA grant requires matching funds which is gathered through DAFT student, adult and institutional memberships and festival entry submission fees of $12 per entry. We also wish to thank generous financial support from the Michigan Film and Digital Media Office.

Scholarships: We thank our partner colleges for the generous support of full and partial scholarships for our students, including:

- College for Creative Studies (Detroit) - three $2,000 annual scholarships
- Lawrence Technological University (Southfield) - a $2,500 annual scholarship
- Motion Picture Institute (Troy) - four $3,750 scholarships
- Specs Howard School of Media Arts (Southfield and Farmington Hills) - a full one-year scholarship
- University of Detroit Mercy (Detroit) - a $500 annual scholarship

Special Prizes: Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to offer additional prizes to be announced at the festival, including:

**Senior Level (9-12 grade)**
- $250 ProCam Gift Cards for top PSA, Animation, Music Video, Experimental and News/Sports
- $500 cash for Best Narrative Film
- $500 cash John Prusak Visionary Award for Best Documentary

**Both Levels: Elementary/Junior & Senior**
- 4 Ron Castorri Audience-Choice Award - $125 ProCam Gift Card
- 12 Raffle Prizes - $50 cash
**Blast Off**
Music Video
Nathan Fillmore
Addams Elementary School
Teacher: Lori Fillmore

**Feelings**
Animation
Jordan McDonald

**Grand Trail – Obsidan**
Animation
Jordan McDonald
Bates Academy (Detroit)
Teacher: Illya Tolbert

**Hurt**
Animation
Sovay Livingstone
Power Middle School (Farmington)
Teacher: Michele Estebon

**Jump Cat**
Animation
Maddie Taylor-Schirmang
University Liggett (Grosse Pointe)
Teacher: Tony Shopinski

**Living With Boys**
Narrative Film
Elina Villemure, Youssef Fadel, Dom Barrett, Milo Smith, Corbin Wong,
Owen Villemure, Emmett Wong
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Make It Count**
Documentary/Event
Romeo Jennison, Madison Krogol, Maxwell King, Konnor Turner, Romeo Keyser
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Bake Constructive, Not Destructive**
Public Service Announcement
Michael Chen, Georgio Koja, Christian Wilson
Baker Middle School (Troy)
Teacher: Colin Quinn

**Changing Palettes**
Other (including experimental)
Cayden Grew, Zack Grew
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Christmas Marble Run**
Other (including experimental)
John Burns, Patrick Peterson, Timothy Peterson
Long Meadow Elementary School (Rochester)
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Food Waste PSA**
Public Service Announcement
Noah Miller
Troy-Larson Middle School
Teacher: Todd Heugh

**Is Making a WNMS Episode Easy?**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Nia Mackerl, Mia Tanacea
Novi Middle School
Teacher: Brad Miller

**Kichen Princess**
Animation
Kamilah Moore
Bates Academy (Detroit)
Teacher: Illya Tolbert

**Objects in the Mirror**
Narrative Film
Alayna Arms
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

**Tails of Red**
Documentary/Event
Konnor Turner, Cayden Grew, Justin Thacker
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**The Lottery**
Narrative Film
Ronith Raman
Larson Middle School (Troy)
Teacher: Todd Heugh

**The Ripple Effect**
Public Service Announcement
Milo Smith, Cayden Grew, Conrad Walter, Connor Smith, Noah Harrison,
De’Quan Jones
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Marble Run 8**
Other (including experimental)
John Burns
Long Meadow Elementary School (Rochester)
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Memory Lane**
Animation
Sovay Livingstone
Power Middle School (Farmington)
Teacher: Michele Estebon

**Social Media Impact on Middle School Students**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Emma Adams, Lindsey Levine
Novi Middle School
Teacher: Brad Miller

**Ultimate Jaguar Crew**
Animation
David McKinney, Jaden Moore, Gavin Ringer, Langston Prutt,
Langston Moore, Kharon Thompson, London Lane, Daniel Wilson
Bates Academy (Detroit)
Teacher: Illya Tolbert, Celeste Turner

**Unconditionally Caroline**
Other (including experimental)
Elina Villemure, Calvin Johns, Romeo Keyser
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Your Phone is Controlling You**
Public Service Announcement
Ian McKee, Arpit Bharadwaj, Mithun Mithun Nandhakumar,
Anthony Molotky
Baker Middle School (Troy)
Teacher: Colin Quinn

**Eat It - Music Video**
Music Video
Derek Blackwell, Dylan Colussi, Sean Kue
Baker Middle School (Troy, MI)
Teacher: Colin Quinn
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Narrative Film
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FV Panok Center/Clinton Twp
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Adulting is Hard
Public Service Announcement
Emily Penrose
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

ALEX
Narrative Film
Spencer Haydo
Vicksburg High School
Teacher: Troy Smith

BG sting - Ringing (Official Video)
Music Video
Adrian Sjoblom
FV Panok Center/Clinton Twp
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Blue Water Area on Rails
Documentary/Event
Jared Bryson
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley Murphy

Burn Bright
Other (including experimental)
Kylie Conroy
Careerline Tech Center (Holland)
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

Caesar Rodney
Music Video
Zachary Sinutko, Anna Dorflinger, Ellen Bedford
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Choices Matter
Public Service Announcement
Meekel Riney
OSTC Southwest (Wixom)
Teacher: Stephen Williams

Christmas Without You
Music Video
Zachary Sinutko, Kevin Zavala Gonzalez
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Community Albums: Animation
Animation
Community Albums Team
Detroit School of Arts High School
Teacher: Josh Mulligan, Donald Walker

Disposable
Narrative Film
Leila Hilf, Mia Pollak, Minju Hong, Cole McCarthy, Luke Bernard
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamal

DNA
Narrative Film
Camari Garrison, Romeo Keyser, Romance Keyser, Meadow Giacco, Noah Turner, Youssef Fadel, Shantynae Atwater, Damian Hougabook, Kya Garner-Minnick, Caden Drew, Elina Vilembre, Connor Smith, Dequan Jones, Gloria Brown, Brogan Loewen, Kamryia Brown, Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

Don't Blind Yourself
Public Service Announcement
Sophia DiPiazza
Careerline Tech Center (Holland)
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

Endless Sleep
Narrative Film
Aria Grudzinski
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Fearless: The Memoir of Mirek Kumeisha
Documentary/Event
Cameron LeBouch
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

For What We're Worth: A Look Into the Gender Pay Gap
Documentary/Event
Hannah Frassetto
Royal Oak High School
Teacher: Mike Conrad

GO!
Music Video
Brogan Loewen, Gloria Brown, Connor Smith, Romeo Keyser, DeQuan Jones
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

GRIT Obstacle Training
Other (including experimental)
Kevin Zavala Gonzalez, Andrii Pashynk, Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Happiness
Other (including experimental)
Chloe Kiriluk
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamal

Hornet Nation - 1.29
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Elijah Fredrick, Keely Johnson, Adair Jost, Natalie Kolano, Will Mayo, Noelle Murphy, Frank Parkinson, Sam Scarlett, Brendan Shinavie, Collin Wagner, Travis Woodman Saline High School
Teacher: Nathan Bush

How To: Broadcast Scriptwriting
Other (including experimental)
Ryan Hammond, Jacob Johr
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Hunger
Narrative Film
Dominic Sarafa, Kaya Donat
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamal

Inside the NCAA
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kalee Kniess
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

It Takes a Tribe
Documentary/Event
Carsten Higbie, Markus Wiegel
University Liggett School
Teacher: Mark Higbie

It Will Be
Public Service Announcement
Madison Strachan
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns
SENIOR/BEST OF SHOW

Just Say No
Public Service Announcement
Wyeth Tocco
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Let’s Unplug
Animation
Caillie Prins
Careerline Tech Center (Holland)
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

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News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kaleena Kniess, WDBC Staff
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Lost and Found
Narrative Film
Arjun Purohit, Can Karayalcin
Greenhills School (Ann Arbor)
Teacher: Johnson Cheng

Lovestruck, Head Over Heels
Narrative Film
Cole McCarthy, Leila Hilf, Mia Poljak, Minju Hong, Maia Houston
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

No Slur Zone
Other (including experimental)
Kalee Kniess
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

One Drink Changes Everything
Public Service Announcement
Julia Wilkins, Alice Plummer, Bianca Kajy
FV Panekow Center/Clinton Twp
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Parking Lot News Story
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Becca Hamilton
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Smoking Isn’t Glamorous
Animation
Olha Kozak
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

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Other (including experimental)
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Drew Biggert, Lucas Barron, Kimberly Schamberger, Elijah Fredrick, Keely Johnson,
Adair Jost, Natalie Kolano, Will Mayo, Noelle Murphy, Frank Parkinson,
Sam Scarlett, Brendan Shnauer, Collin Wagner, Travis Woodman
Saline High School
Teacher: Nathan Bush

The Beauty of Diversity
Animation
Olha Kozak
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

The Continual Struggle
Documentary/Event
Brayden Munster, Sophia DiPiazza,
The Nate Conkel, Kaleb McClain,
Kylie Conroy, Seth Anderson,
Wil Vandoeselaar
Careerline Tech Center (Holland)
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

The Journey of a Lifetime
Documentary/Event
Frank Parkinson
Saline High School
Teacher: Nathan Bush

The Michigan Arctic Grayling Initiative
Documentary/Event
Abby Bright, Grace Bright, Grace Joo, Madison Strachan
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

The Mirror
Narrative Film
Cyanna Nicolai
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

Willy’s Great Escape
Narrative Film
Tyler Harding
Independent
Teacher:

Wrong Number
Narrative Film
Jacob John
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

You Know the Outcome
Public Service Announcement
Taylor Bays, Duncan MacEwen
Vicksburg High School
Teacher: Troy Smith
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Late Night Television
Other (including experimental)
Milind Mulki
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

LCHS Charity Week 2020
Promotional Video
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Adrian Sjoblom
FV Pankow Center/Clinton Twp
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Leave Your Phone Alone
Public Service Announcement
Jasmine Williams
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

Lock Down
Narrative Film
Amanda Brittnan
Royal Oak High School
Teacher: Mike Conrad

Look Within Our Generation
Public Service Announcement
Madison Kirk
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

Mario Party Panic!
Other (including experimental)
Benjamin Willoughby, Carter Liss
Vicksburg High School
Teacher: Troy Smith

Mean Streets
Narrative Film
Camiari Garrison, Calvin Johns, Meadow Ciaccio, Noah Turner, Pallas Ramirez, Youssef Fadel, Romance Keyser, Romeo Keyser, Dominic Barrett
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

MFG Day - Romeo Engine Plant
Documentary/Event
Karissa Billock, Lila Libby, Luke Jackman, Dustin Daniel
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephanie Harbison

MFG Day - Summit Plastics
Documentary/Event
Cameron LeBoulch, Seth Packan, Ashley Reynolds, Grace Buchare
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephanie Harbison

MIP (Minor in Possession)
Public Service Announcement
Dustin Daniel
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephanie Harbison

Motherhood: Now Get Back to Work
Documentary/Event
Gray Fons
Royal Oak High School
Teacher: Mike Conrad

Music
Narrative Film
Kayla Kruse
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephanie Harbison

National Association of Media Literacy visits WSU with PBS Student Reporting Labs
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Justin Stewart
FV Pankow Center/Clinton Twp
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

News On The March
Documentary/Event
Tommy Dilger
Eisenhower High School (Shelby Twp)
Teacher: Josephine Braun

Not Like the Others
Narrative Film
Riley Klumb
Utica Center for Science and Industry
Teacher: Mike Allore

OK Google
Narrative Film
Taylor Bays, Duncan MacEwen
Vicksburg High School
Teacher: Troy Smith

One Diverse Universe
Animation
Julia Wilkins, Jamieson Verkest
FV Pankow Center/Clinton Twp
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Optimism
Narrative Film
Anna Dorflinger
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Pink Out
Public Service Announcement
Jadyn ‘JJ’ Burks, Lydia Lehr
Dearborn High School
Teacher: Adam Rauscher

RECYCLE
Public Service Announcement
Austin Budai, Dylan Yacoub
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

Sad Vaping
Public Service Announcement
Ethan Webb, Billy Quinn
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

See Me
Public Service Announcement
Amelia Kucharski, Michelle Mosqueda, Corbin Ramey, Cassidy Brohl, Emily Ellis
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephanie Harbison

See The Stars
Other (including experimental)
Audrey Parks
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Seeing the Good
Documentary/Event
Elina Villemure, Calvin Johns, Cayden Grew, Zack Grew
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

SHS Today 1.22
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Max Burchill, John Harrell, Adair Jost, Tina Pham, Riley Purvis, Kimberly Schamberger, Ellie Mahalak, Drew Biggert, Lucas Barron
Saline High School
Teacher: Nathan Bush

Steps to Help the Environment
Public Service Announcement
Mariana Lopez, Melanie Sorquira Munoz
West Bloomfield High School
Teacher: Jennifer Williamson

SuperLosers Mockumentary
Narrative Film
Matthew Cornejo and Sam Eipperle
Marysville High School
Teacher: Lesley Murphy

TEAM 121
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Zack Grew
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski
Tell the World How Lovely is the Earth
- Devon Lane, Bryan Hosley
- Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Boogeyman
- Ethan Webb, Billy Quinn
- Carlson High School
- Teacher: Patrick Morrow

The Chase
- Shelby Reynolds, Ashley Reynolds
- Romeo High School
- Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Cost of Drinking
- Whitley Kinnard
- Lake Orion High School
- Teacher: Roger Smith

The Good in Me
- Gage Brewer-Duff, Zachery Crew
- Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
- Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

The High Road
- Mei Ling Marzonie, William Kirk
- Saran McDonald, Connor Piziali
- Dearborn High School
- Teacher: Adam Rauscher

The Lawman
- Tommy Dilger
- Eisenhower High School (Shelby Twp)
- Teacher: Josephine Braun

The Money Tree
- Wyeth Tocco, Tierney Tocco
- Ethan Tocco
- Romeo High School
- Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Runoff
- Zachary Sinutko, Aidan Haggarty
- Shaelie McClain, Jason Kemp
- Troy Athens High School
- Teacher: Adam Burns

The Test
- Leila Hilt, Cole McCarthy, Mia Pollak, Gianna Gallette, Maddie Coopes
- Detroit Country Day School
- Teacher: Brett Salamin

The Voicemail
- Ryan Hammond
- Lake Orion High School
- Teacher: Roger Smith

The Walker Literacy Center
- Audrey Parks
- Troy Athens High School
- Teacher: Adam Burns

This is Ted
- Jacob John
- Lake Orion High School
- Teacher: Roger Smith

Till Death Do Us Part
- Ashley Reynolds, Grace Buchare, Kyle Gilbert
- Romeo High School
- Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Train News Package
- Ethan Webb, Billy Quinn
- Carlson High School
- Teacher: Patrick Morrow

Trump Visit (Localized News Story)
- Delaney Rogers, Becca Hamilton
- Ryan Hammond
- Lake Orion High School
- Teacher: Roger Smith

Vape Documentary
- Ethan Webb, Billy Quinn
- Carlson High School
- Teacher: Patrick Morrow

Vaping PSA
- Ethan Webb, Billy Quinn
- Carlson High School
- Teacher: Patrick Morrow

Voluspa
- Elijah Lewis, Carter Liss
- Noah Bittenbender
- Vicksburg High School
- Teacher: Troy Smith

Your Actions Affect Everyone
- Adrian Sjoblom
- FV Pankow Center/Clinton Twp
- Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Your Eyes Won’t Let my Thoughts go Back to Sleep
- Anthony Antovski, Ben Eschenburg, Greta Karamuca
- Romeo High School
- Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Your Mistakes will Haunt You. Don’t Drink.
- Jenna Marcath, Erica Marsh, Jaden Stroud, Theresa O’Connor
- Romeo High School
- Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Nostalgia
- Victoria Irish, Eman Alnakash, Abbass Karnib
- Dearborn High School
- Teacher: Adam Rauscher

Skate and Destroy
- Max Neal
- Henry Ford II High School (Sterling Heights)
- Teacher: Lisa Grunewald

The Fire
- Kyla Childs, Kara Sandelin
- Vicksburg High School
- Teacher: Troy Smith

White Stripes
- Myrtilia Maguire, Lily Paul, Mecca Terrell, Saarah Fattouh
- Groves High School
- Teacher: Self-Taught
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**Drinking Guilt**
Public Service Announcement
Aria Grudzinski, Sydney Amato, Jeremiah McGarry
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Faces of LO: Jason Blazo**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Ryan Hammond, Delaney Rogers, Jacob John
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Field of Dreams Event Recap**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Jose Hernandez, Janae Fields, Alante Jenkins
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

**Groovy Ska Fun Time**
Music Video
Kalee Kniess
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Have a Nice Day**
Narrative Film
Damion Ty, Elijah Fischer, Victoria Irish, Kate Roman, Abbass Karnib, Kate Roman
DeARBorn High School
Teacher: Adam Rauscher

**I Miss You**
Other/Including Experimental
Kara Penzak, Claire Gerrard
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**I’m Ok**
Music Video
Gabe Fuller, Kyla Childs
Vicksburg High School
Teacher: Troy Smith

**Inner Peace**
Other (including experimental)
Keagan Ellisworth
Vicksburg High School
Teacher: Troy Smith

**It Wasn’t Worth It**
Public Service Announcement
Shania Newsom
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

**Kaeleigh’s Short Film**
Narrative Film
Kaeleigh Hadley
Ovid Elsie High School/Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**Lake Orion vs. Adams District Basketball Semifinals**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kobe Manzo
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Late Night Interview**
Other (including experimental)
Milind Mulki
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

**Making Friends**
Music Video
Elina Villemure, Pallas Ramirez, Calvin John, Zack Grew, Romance Keyser
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Michael For Mr. Athens**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Seamus Mahoney, Michael Awwad, Ryan Benesch
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Mr. Positive**
Public Service Announcement
Gannon Scheer
Wixom High School
Teacher: Stephen Williams

**Myriad**
Narrative Film
Morgan Weststrate
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

**Off Your Game**
Public Service Announcement
Courtney Deroche
Wixom High School
Teacher: Stephen Williams

**On & On**
Music Video
Elliot Corbin, Angel Delich, Justin Stewart
FV Pankow Center/Clinton Twp
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

**Oxford vs. Lake Orion (Special Olympics Basketball) (Excerpt from live broadcast)**
Documentary/Event
WDBC Staff
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Positivity Project**
Documentary/Event
Ethan Webb, Billy Quinn
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

**Pride**
Narrative Film
Kyle Lee, Silvia Negrut, Grace Redman
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett M Salamin

**Protect your head**
Public Service Announcement
Austin Budai and Dylan Yacoub
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppe

**Quit the Juul**
Public Service Announcement
Alea Czepeska, Leann Tishbein
Eisenhower High School
Teacher: Josephine Braun

**Rage Quit**
Narrative Film
Benjamin Heerlyn
Vicksburg High School
Teacher: Troy Smith
Reaching Out
Public Service Announcement
Isabella Johnson, Isabella Lee
Eisenhower High School
Teacher: Josephine Braun

Recycling PSA
Public Service Announcement
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DAFT would like to remember Nettie Kravitz, who died in December 2019 at age 95. Nettie was a colorful character and an outstanding person – a teacher, a thinker, an activist, a friend and benefactor.

Nettie was a founding member of what was then called Detroit Area Film Teachers in 1972 and remained a member until her recent passing. She believed in its core mission of media literacy and remained interested in the films young people created. Nettie held a BFA from Temple University and an MFA from Wayne State University.

She taught junior high through college, ending her career at Oakland Community College teaching Women’s Studies and Early American Literature. She was beloved by many for her wit and intelligence and dedication to social justice. DAFT honored her at the 50th MSFF.
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Michael Puffpaff - Ovid Elsie High School/Clinton County RESA
Colin Quinn - Baker Middle School (Troy)
Adam Rauscher - Dearborn High School
Brett Salamin - Detroit Country Day School
Tony Shopinski - University Liggett School
Brooke Smith - Fitzgerald High School
Roger Smith - Lake Orion High School
Troy Smith - Vicksburg High School
Brian Stackpoole - Grosse Pointe North High School
Illya Tolbert - Bates Academy (Detroit)
Julie Vanderlaan - Byron Center High School
Donald Walker - Detroit School of Arts High School
Christine Wilder, - Bishop Foley Catholic High School
Stephen Williams - OSTC Southwest (Wixom)
Jennifer Williamson - West Bloomfield High School
Bill Wolbrink - Careerline Tech Center (Holland)
Congratulations to Scott A. Galeski, DAFT’s 2020 Educator of the Year, a retired police detective who now serves the Downriver Detroit area as a Truant Officer. Scott is also an award-winning independent filmmaker.

“Years ago Scott combined his police work with film making and founded the DDSFC where he recruits kids that are at risk, disadvantaged, outcasts, juvenile delinquents and the abused. The program is mainly funded out of pocket by Scott and the kids pay nothing. If they do not have transportation, Scott arranges rides for them. He recruits students from every walk of life, kids who would never have become close friends if it were not for this program. Once in the program he demands good attendance, grades and behavior in and out of school and they tow the line. He has become more than a disciplinarian or a mentor to these kids, he also is a father figure. Scott makes them realize their lives matter.”

-- Nominator, Lisa Adams

Previous DAFT Michigan Film Educators of the Year

2019 - Michael Kaufman, Frederick V. Pankow Center
2018 - Roger Smith, Lake Orion
2017 - Kurt Mayry, MPI
2016 - Brian Stackpoole, Grosse Pointe North
2015 - John Wood, Detroit School of the Arts
2014 - Julie Vanderlaan, Byron Center
2012 - Kara Clayton, Thurston
2011 - Chris Weagel, CMN TV
2010 - Tom Ludwig, Education for the Arts
2009 - Steve Julin, Media Power
2008 - Kevin Walsh, West Bloomfield
2007 - Vic Spicer, DAFT
2006 - Randy Calcaterra, Boyne ISD
2005 - Kurt Doelle, Dearborn

2004 - Maureen McCarthy, SCOOP, Detroit
2003 - Joe Elliott, Utica Henry Ford II
2002 - Fred Attebury, retired WSU
2001 - Jamie Stewart-Laidlaw, Shrine, Royal Oak
2000 - Elaine Shapiro, Troy
1999 - Annette Frank, Dearborn
1998 - Donna Learmont, Bloomfield Hills
1997 - Dick Rockwell, Royal Oak
1996 - Dean Cobb, Farmington
1995 - Margaret Culver, Farmington
1994 - Len Radszewski, Huron Valley
1993 - Russ Gibb, Dearborn
1992 - John Prusak, William D. Ford Career Tech Center