DAFT Presents
Digital Arts Film & Television
53rd Michigan Student Film Festival
Streaming May 25th & 26th 2021
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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Today’s Audience-Choice Awards are dedicated to Ron.
53rd Michigan Student Film Festival
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For a complete list of all Best-of-Show selections, schools and students see pp. 7, 9-10

May 25th Best of Show Reel Elem/Middle School & Senior HS Level - Hosts: Mike Conrad and Jody Huellmantel

Category Prizes
- Best PSA: Ubuntu, Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
- Best Experimental Video: Eye Robot, Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
- Best Music Video Co-Winner: Rahim Elgammal-Sweater Weather, Mt. Pleasant High School
- Best Narrative Film: Umbra Manor, Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium

COVID Recognition Awards
- Senior Year, Detroit Country Day School
- Quarantine Masterpiece, Eisenhower High School
- Quiet, Byron Center High School
- Quarantine, Troy Athens High School
- Juice Time Talk Show, Romeo High School

Castorri Audience Choice Award
- Quarantine, Troy Athens High School

May 26th Best of Show Reel Elem/Middle School & Senior HS Level - Hosts: Mike Conrad and Jody Huellmantel

Category Prizes
- Best Music Video Co-Winner: UNKNOWN (House of Tragedies), Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
- John Prusak Visionary Award--Best Documentary: My Great Grandfather China Sea Phil, Eisenhower High School
- Best Animation: Keep The Night Fun, Troy Athens High School

COVID Recognition Awards
- Driveway Rocket League Highlights, Long Meadow Elementary (Troy)
- I Love You, St. Clair TEC

Castorri Audience Choice Award
- First Chair, Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium

Special Awards:
- Educator of the Year: Mike Conrad, Royal Oak High School
- Poster Contest
  - Grand Prize: Simone Grice, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest
  - Honorable Mention: Grace Latham, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest
  - Honorable Mention: Sarah West, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest

Special thanks to Don Schulte DAFT’s webmaster, Adam Burns, Social Media, Trailer/Show Reel-Editor, 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

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- Motion Picture Institute
- National Endowment for the Arts
- University of Detroit Mercy

Silver Level
- 3P Printing
- All-Access Tags
- Careerline Tech Center, Holland
Welcome to the 53rd Michigan Student Film Festival! For the second year due to the COVID crisis, we are virtual instead of in the gorgeous atmosphere of the DIA’s Detroit Film Theatre. Schools and teachers have been through the toughest circumstances in recent history, balancing in-person and virtual classes and dealing with a true energy crisis in the subject matter of the arts and technology—both hands-on programs that cannot be replicated through a Zoom screen.

DAFT listened to its teachers and our board (many of them classroom instructors as well) and made the decision to move the entry-deadline back 6 weeks to April 30th. In step with the state’s vaccinations and creative workarounds, many video programs were able to submit as many entries as ever, while other programs, particularly the county-based tech centers drawing upon students from many districts faced especially tough circumstances getting enough students on-site at the same time to complete standard classroom projects let alone produce submissions for festivals.

Once again, our judges rallied and over a weekend they carefully reviewed nearly 300 entries—many devoting much more time to their comments that each student will receive. The quality of production remains high—and we added special awards to honor entries that made the best of a tough situation with limited resources, limited cast and crew contacts as well as unforeseen circumstances on basic things like two anchors sitting beside one another wearing masks.

We once again thank our judges and teachers for providing students an invaluable foundation for achieving their dreams of producing their own artwork. Through such encouragement, DAFT’s alumni have moved on to great things—including Dan Scanlon who was nominated for an Oscar for writing/directing Pixar’s “Onward” as well as a production role in the winning Pixar animation “Soul.” Many of these alum joined our students last December and shared their paths via Zoom in our virtual Media Student Symposium that you can find on YouTube and our website.

Thanks everyone for making our two nights of live-streaming a huge success, including the DIA and Detroit Film Theatre, our partners of over 30 years. Special shout-out goes to the DFT’s projectionist, Jody Huellmantel, who served as our streaming co-host with our Educator of the Year, Mike Conrad of Royal Oak High School.

We also thank Mary Beth Castorri for her generosity in supporting the Audience Choice award that honors the memory of her husband Ron and our partnership colleges: College for Creative Studies, Lawrence Technological University, Motion Picture Institute and University of Detroit Mercy. Special thanks to our longtime partner, Specs Howard School of Media Arts.

Congratulations to 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 25-26 streaming, catch both episodes on www.daftonline.org. And we’ll see you in-person next year back at the Detroit Film Theatre. Stay safe!

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DAFT President
Festival Co-Chair with Kathy Vander

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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**

May 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 following levels of awards based upon the feedback of judges and room leaders:

- **Merit Certificate** - Commendation for undertaking and completing a media production.
- **Honor Certificate** - Cited for a higher than average level of quality in content and/or technical achievement.
- **Excellence Certificate** - Cited for outstanding level of quality in 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.

On May 25 and 26th, Best of Show selections were screened on YouTube, Facebook Live and DAFT’s website to an audience of over 1,000 live viewers—with category winners announced as well as special awards for exceptional work in COVID circumstances (limited crew, limited circumstances and safety messaging, etc.).

**Funding the Festival:** The 53rd Michigan Student Film Festival is supported primarily through a generous grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs as well Mary Beth Castorri, who honors 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 National Endowment for the Arts.

**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 $4,000 scholarships
- **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 today’s festival, including . . .

- $250 cash prizes for top PSA, Animation, Music Video, Experimental and News/Sports
- $500 cash prize for Best Narrative Film
- $500 cash prize John Prusak Visionary Award for Best Documentary
- 2 Ron Castorri Audience-Choice Award - $250 cash prizes
- 7 COVID-Circumstance Awards - $50 Gift Cards
**Elementary/Junior – Best of Show**

**Color of Love**  
Animation  
Kamilah Moore  
Bates Academy  
Teacher: Ilya Tolbert

**Dinner for 4**  
Other (including experimental)  
Mia Harbison  
Shelby Junior High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Dream Come True**  
Animation  
Mia Harbison  
Shelby Junior High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Driveway Rocket League Highlights**  
Other (including experimental)  
John Burns, Isla Burns, Anna Burns  
Long Meadow Elementary School  
Teacher: Adam Burns

**First Chair**  
Public Service Announcement  
Matthew Wilson, Kya Garner-Minnick  
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium  
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Life According to De’Quan**  
Narrative Film  
De’Quan Jones, Konner Turner, Romeo Keyser  
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium  
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**New Music Wing at Novi Middle School**  
News/Sports/Magazine Program  
Trevor Reed, Harrison Ruskin  
Novi Middle School  
Teacher: Brad Miller

**The Fox and the Turtle**  
Animation  
Penelope Campbell  
East Hills Middle School  
Teacher: Craig Campbell

**ubuntu**  
Public Service Announcement  
Konner Turner, Caroline Hubbard, Madison Krogol, Youssef Fadel, Matthew Wilson, Meadow Cioccio, Shantynae Atwater  
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium  
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**Elementary/Junior – Excellence**

**2020: A Year In Review**  
News/Sports/Magazine Program  
Shashank Madhu  
Novi Middle School  
Teacher: Brad Miller

**Holiday Season Now vs. Previous Years**  
News/Sports/Magazine Program  
Rishma Madhura, Tamanna Reddy  
Novi Middle School  
Teacher: Brad Miller

**Novi Police and Fire Youth Leadership Academy**  
Other (including experimental)  
Noah Geers, Hiro Koyama  
Novi Middle School  
Teacher: Brad Miller

**On the Road by Owen**  
Animation  
Owen Shopinski  
independent  
Teacher: Tony Shopinski

**Super Bowl Explained**  
News/Sports/Magazine Program  
Anirudh Kundurthy, Arvind Salem  
Novi Middle School  
Teacher: Brad Miller

**Elementary/Junior – Honor**

**7th Grade Electives at Novi Middle School**  
Other (including experimental)  
Shashank Madhu, Leon Xu, Leonardo Avila-Recillas  
Novi Middle School  
Teacher: Annette Frank

**Earth Day Safari (INCOMPLETE on Film Freeway)**  
Documentary/Event  
Adriana Alexander  
Keller Elementary  
Teacher: Annette Frank

**Snow Day A Mystery**  
Other (including experimental)  
Josephine Bielaczyc, Olivia Bielaczyc, Nahni Story  
Petoskey  
Teacher: Mary Bielaczyc

**Snow Day the Return**  
Other (including experimental)  
Josephine Bielaczyc, Olivia Bielaczyc, Nahni Story  
Petoskey  
Teacher: Mary Bielaczyc

**Seed Song**  
Other (including experimental)  
Julian Francis Wood  
Detroit-Home School  
Teacher: John Wood, Carol Ambrogio Wood
“This One Is Mine”: The Michigan Humane Society During COVID
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Jessica Bryson, Julia Carroll, Olivia Griffiths
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

2020-2021 Romeo High School Painted Parking Spots
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Haley Prokuda, Shelby Reynolds
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

an unnamed giraffe is looking for something
Animation
Dean McKay
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Block Party
Public Service Announcement
Carsten Higbie
University Liggett School
Teacher: Mark Higbie

Center Shot Promo
Other (including experimental)
Seth Anderson
Careerline Tech Center
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

Coney Hawk
Other (including experimental)
Joshua Kuo, Ambarish Patel
Seaholm High School
Teacher: Justin Labond

EYE ROBOT
Other (including experimental)
Noah Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, Elina Vilemure, Kya Garner-Minnick, Shantynae Atwater, Matthew Wilson, Da’Quan Jones, Konner Turner, Romeo Jennison, Connor Smith
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

Gerald R Ford Documentary
Documentary/Event
Seth Anderson, WJ VanDoeselaar
Careerline Tech Center
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

I Love You
Narrative Film
Sam Tricomo
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley A. Murphy

Juice Time Talk Show Episode 1
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Marques Shaw, Haley Prokuda, Sam Lovell, Sarah Himmelsbaugh
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Keep The Night Fun
Animation
Laura Lieshi
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Late
Narrative Film
Gianna Gallette, Jack Tynan, Alyssa Underwood, Sia Pradhan & Lauren Mocur
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

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

Moonlight Sonata
Narrative Film
Cyanna Nicolai
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

My Great Grandfather China Sea Phil
Documentary/Event
Tommy Dilger
Eisenhower High School (Shelby Twp)
Teacher: Josephine Braun

Pankow Graphic Arts - 2021
Documentary/Event
Jack Raymond Reyes Martinez
F V Pankow Center (L’Anse Creuse Public Schools)
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Play
Narrative Film
Gianna Gallette
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

Quarantine
Narrative Film
Seamus Mahone, Ryan Benesch, Michael Awwad
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Quarantine Masterpiece
Narrative Film
Tommy Dilger, Mitch Sturm, TJ Langenderfer, Collin Wold
Eisenhower High School (Shelby Twp)
Teacher: Josephine Braun

Quiet
Narrative Film
Alayna Arms
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

Rahim Elgammal - Sweater Weather ft. Sam Lau (Official Music Video)
Music Video
Brennan Mahokey
Mount Pleasant High School
Teacher: Pat Onstott

Senior Year
Narrative Film
Katie Rinke
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

Smile
Documentary/Event
Lala Sparks
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns
Senior – Best of Show, cont.

**Taking A Step Back**
Other (including experimental)
CJ Villaflor
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Tea for Two**
Narrative Film
Christopher Price, Ian Price
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**The Muggers**
Narrative Film
Jeffery Wu, Surya Alla, Michael Cui,
Akshat Patnaik
Troy High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Thread**
Narrative Film
Emily Birnbaum
Royal Oak High School
Teacher: Mike Conrad

**Time is of the Essence**
Public Service Announcement
Ethan You
Careerline Tech Center
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

**Umbra Manor**
Narrative Film
Calvin Johns, Shantynae Atwater,
Meadow Cioccio, Kya Garner-Minnick,
Matthew Wilson, Connor Smith,
Konner Turner, Milo Smith, Cayden Grew,
Camari Garrison
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**UNKNOWN (House of Tragedies)**
Music Video
Youssef Fadel, Draven Whitaker, Connor Smith,
Milo Smith, Romeo Keyser, Kya Garner-Minnick,
Cayden Grew, Mathew Wilson, Gloria Brown,
Gage Brewer-Duff
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

**VIRUS**
Narrative Film
Zach Floyd
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley A Murphy

**Senior – Excellence**

**“Silent” - Short Film**
Other (including experimental)
Trenton Morgan
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

**00002 News Package**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Tristin Ziola, Allison Reppenhagen
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**2020 Perspective from a High School Senior**
Documentary/Event
Jacqueline Hawkins
Eisenhower High School (Shelby Twp., MI)
Teacher: Josephine Braun

**2020 Presidential Primary Race**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Lady Mason
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**2021-22 Kindergarten Orientation Video**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kelsey Ureel, Josie Awe, Nicole Will
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

**A Toxic Comparison**
Public Service Announcement
Aly Kuch
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Douglas Bevier

**A True Love Poem**
Narrative Film
Aria Grudzinski, Dominic Amalfitano
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Advanced Media Production - WLTV Insider #1**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Amanda Lada, Yasmeena Aoude, Anna Hashisaka, Cecelia Carner, Riley Budai, Mikalah Geistler
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

**alone**
Narrative Film
Jason Sackfield
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Among Us IRL (Kind of)**
Narrative Film
Luke Bartholomew
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Angela’s Dinosaurs**
Other (including experimental)
Lauren Najm
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Animated Logo Assignment**
Animation
Clayton Van Houzen
Eisenhower High School, Shelby Township, MI
Teacher: Josephine Braun

**AO Productions Animation Logo**
Animation
Marquise Kewley
Eisenhower High School (Utica)
Teacher: Josephine Braun

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St. Clair TEC  
Teacher: Lesley A. Murphy

**Cracked**  
Other (including experimental)  
William Beachum  
Detroit Country Day School  
Teacher: Brett Salamin

**Death Valley**  
Narrative Film  
Kyle King  
St. Clair TEC  
Teacher: Lesley A. Murphy

**Derek Steele, Sports Announcer Reel**  
Other (including experimental)  
Derek Steele  
Lake Orion High School  
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Don’t Change**  
Music Video  
Zachary Sinutko  
Troy Athens High School  
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Don’t Drink Underage**  
Public Service Announcement  
Garrett Capanda  
Romeo High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Don’t Risk it, Turn it Off**  
Public Service Announcement  
William Gilbert, Logan Wenz  
Romeo High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Don’t Wash Away**  
Public Service Announcement  
Garrett Aud  
Troy Athens High School  
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Dragon’s Belly**  
Other (including experimental)  
Lexi Davis & Lady Mason  
Lake Orion High School  
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Drop the Keys**  
Public Service Announcement  
Jasmine Williams  
Fitzgerald High School  
Teacher: Brooke Smith

**Duckwalk**  
Other (including experimental)  
Kaeleigh Hadley, Makayla Piggott  
Clinton County RESA  
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**Dwellers**  
Narrative Film  
Blake Paciencia, Logan Sands,  
Byron Center High School  
Teacher: Julie Vanderlaan

**Each Bottle Could be Your Last Shot**  
Public Service Announcement  
Ethan Odren - Producer/Editor  
Romeo High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Eating yourself Skinny**  
Public Service Announcement  
Katie Rinke  
Detroit Country Day School  
Teacher: Brett Salamin

**Envy**  
Other (including experimental)  
Nicole Pasto, Shakintula Balusu, Lexi Clark  
Detroit Country Day School  
Teacher: Brett Salamin

**Epic Bounce**  
Narrative Film  
Aidan Reggio, Matthew Jackman  
Romeo High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Esports in the Troy School District**  
News/Sports/Magazine Program  
Jack Mayne  
Troy Athens High School  
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Faces of LO: Haley Kornburger**  
Documentary/Event  
Lexi Davis  
Lake Orion High School  
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Fairy Song**  
Other (including experimental)  
Aubrie McDonald  
Romeo High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Farrah Davidson: Momfluencer**  
Other (including experimental)  
Miranda Meyou, Abigail Mayne  
Troy Athens High School  
Teacher: Adam Burns

**Game of Choice**  
Public Service Announcement  
Stanton Ashman, Alex Gaylord  
Lake Orion High School  
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Girls Soccer Kicks Off Season**  
News/Sports/Magazine Program  
Jessica Miller, Josie Awe, Ashley Roese  
Marysville Public Schools  
Teacher: Kirk Smith

**Girls Varsity Basketball (excerpt)**  
News/Sports/Magazine Program  
WDBC Staff  
Lake Orion High School  
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Hail of Bullets**  
Narrative Film  
Tommy Dilger  
Eisenhower High School (Shelby Twp)  
Teacher: Josephine Braun

**Inside a hole in the ground you find...**  
Animation  
Dean McKay  
Romeo High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Inspiration**  
Narrative Film  
Reina Shelton  
Romeo High School  
Teacher: Stephany Harbison
It’s Bathsheba
Narrative Film
Elizabeth Kilyk and Stephanie Briggs
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley A. Murphy

Jen Speaking
Narrative Film
Tyler Harding, Gabrielle Alexander, Sofia Chehab, Anna-Lien Hook
Walled Lake Northern High School
Teacher: Whisper Andrusiak

Julie Cassel, On-Air Demo Reel
Other (including experimental)
Julie Cassel
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

JV Boys Basketball (excerpt)
News/Sports/Magazine Program
WDBC Staff
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Kaeleigh’s Short Film - This Is Me
Documentary/Event
Kaeleigh Hadley
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

Karen @ McDonalds
Animation
Amy Lin
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Douglas Bevier

Kick Butt PSA
Public Service Announcement
Conner Binge
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

Laker Update and Spectrum Social
Media Promotional Video
Other (including experimental)
Mariana Lopez
West Bloomfield High School
Teacher: Jennifer Williamson

Lessons From Reagan
Documentary/Event
Dominic DeVito
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

LO Girls’ Basketball vs. Berkley
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Julia Ames
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

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

LO-AM 11/03/20
News/Sports/Magazine Program
WDBC Staff
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Loken Fundraiser (News Story)
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Derek Steele
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Lyndon Potter, Sports Announcer Reel
Other (including experimental)
Lyndon Potter
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Make Up Your Mind
Music Video
Jackie Roach, Mead Martin, Lauren Prestage, Nicole McGinnis
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

Mama is Sleeping
Other (including experimental)
Asia Taylor
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

Mask Up for Michigan
Public Service Announcement
Brooke Ringstad, Karl Berno
FV Panek Center (L’Anse Creuse Public Schools)
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

Meryl’s Book
Narrative Film
Victoria Irish
Dearborn High School
Teacher: Adam Rauscher

Mindless
Other (including experimental)
Hassan Almaliki, Hussein Almaliki
Dearborn High School
Teacher: Adam Rauscher

Mission: Puerto Rico
Documentary/Event
Tyler Harding
Walled Lake Northern High School
Teacher: Whisper Andrusiak

Moonlight Serotonin
Narrative Film
Alayna Arms
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

My Daughter Wouldn’t Stop Crying in the Middle of the Night...
Narrative Film
Regan Skinner
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

New Abnormal
Documentary/Event
Morgan Weststrate
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

New Driver
Narrative Film
Kinsey Nelson, Madison Scott
Careerline Tech Center
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

News Package on Fowler High School
affected by Covid 19
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Makayla Piggott
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff
NK Coffee
Other (including experimental)
Kimberly Hartley
Eisenhower High School
Teacher: Josephine Braun

Noise
Narrative Film
Elizabeth Hofer, Jillian Bean
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

Not Your Typical School
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Lindsay Stanza
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Oxford/Orion FISH Food Pantry
(News Story)
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Megan Key
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Pancreatic Cancer/Mr. Loken
Documentary/Event
Derek Steele
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Pay Attention PSA
Public Service Announcement
Kendall Fowler, Kae’yanna King,
Ryan Shippy
West Bloomfield High School
Teacher: Jennifer Williamson

Personas
Narrative Film
Seamus Mahoney
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Practice Madness
Narrative Film
Aubrie McDonald
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephanie Harbison

Quaranteens
Other (including experimental)
Amanda Lada and Yasmeena Aoude
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

Quarantine Around The World
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Olivia Baeten, Mariana Bertocchi, Boa Choi
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Quiet Pt 2
Narrative Film
Alayna Arms
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

Reacting and Rating Subscribers
Sports Highlights!
Other (including experimental)
Max Ketterman
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

RO x MO
Music Video
Meadow Cioccio, Romance Keyser,
Romeo Keyser, Gloria Brown, Brogan Loewen
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

Rocky
Narrative Film
Ryan Romano
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Romance Silent Film
Other (including experimental)
Regan Vincent
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

seasonally depressed
Narrative Film
Cyanna Nicolai
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

Service: The Civilian Conservation Corps
Documentary/Event
Seamus Mahoney, Ryan Benesch,
Michael Awwad, Joey Richter
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Show Your Color
Public Service Announcement
Lila Libby
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Six Shot Story
Other (including experimental)
Tamira Jackson
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

Spring Sports Preview
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Morgan Grantling
West Bloomfield High School
Teacher: Jennifer Williamson

Spring Sports Update (News Story)
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Derek Steele
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Stay Connected Stay Safe
Public Service Announcement
Vincent Brasza, Alex Foster
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Stay Connected...Stay Healthy
Animation
Roxanne McWilliams
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Steps Toward a Greater Tomorrow
Documentary/Event
Lady Mason
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Story For English
Music Video
Kennedi Smith
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns
Summer 2020
Music Video
Ethan Pechman
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley A Murphy

The Artist
Other (including experimental)
Camille Price
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

The Astronaut and the Bee
Animation
Trinity Niesing
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie Vanderlaan

The Blanket Killer
Narrative Film
Zachary Scheidler
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Douglas Bevier

The Broken Ones
Public Service Announcement
Gloria Brown, Cayden Grew, Mia Smith
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

The Cat
Narrative Film
John Fahey
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Climate Countdown
Documentary/Event
Maria Cassel
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

The Detroit Experience Factory
Other (including experimental)
Margaret Cubitt, Ava Topacio, Abby Williams
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

The Essay
Narrative Film
Xavier Guinn
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Funny Man
Narrative Film
Neko Trocki, Alex Ton, Louis Ton, Christian Perlaska
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Hunt of Midwinter
Narrative Film
Ethan Pechman
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley A Murphy

The Rematch
Narrative Film
Timothy Thao, Tyler, Thao
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Runaway
Other (including experimental)
Conner Binge
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

The Snow Fort
Narrative Film
Sky Ueki
Novi High School
Teacher: N/A

TJ: A Hero’s Story
Narrative Film
TJ Langenderfer, Collin Wold, Mrs. Braun
Eisenhower High School
Teacher: Josephine Braun

Ukiyo
Other (including experimental)
Naifah Jackson
Thurston High School
Teacher: Kara Clayton

Viking Softball Off To Fast Start
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kelsey Ureel, Kaylie Ritter
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

Viking Volleyball - District Tourney Preview
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kirsten Smith, Porter Kays, Ashley Roeske
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

Wake Up
Other (including experimental)
Gage Brewer-Duff
Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium
Teacher: Scott A. Galeski

Wam Show
Other (including experimental)
Bryan Donoghue
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Wandering Minds
Narrative Film
Kira Wilson, Brody Zondervan, Ryan Jonkman
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie Vanderlaan

We Deserve Better
Other (including experimental)
Riley Budai
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

Wear A Mask
Public Service Announcement
Kenny Silva, Seamus Mahoney
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

What Do You Want To Be For Halloween?
Narrative Film
Lauren Najm; Angela Capangpangan
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

What’s For Lunch with Chef Alex
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Alex Pearl
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

What’s For Lunch with Chef Katrina
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Katrina Johnson
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith
What’s For Lunch with Chef Scarlett
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Scarlett Davis
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

Why is this so hard?
Narrative Film
Morgan Weststrate
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie Vanderlaan

Wondering
Narrative Film
Reina Shelton, Rica Shelton
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Wood Working with Wenzy
Other (including experimental)
Logan Wenz, William Gilbert
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

World’s First 12 Shot Trick Shot
Narrative Film
Matthew Himmelsbaugh, Sarah Himmelsbaugh
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Wraith Pinned To The Mist Music Video
Music Video
Sophia Runyon
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

You Are Unique
Public Service Announcement
Anita Alkatib
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

You’re Never Fully Dressed Without A Mask
Public Service Announcement
Bella Iaquinto, Ethan Sinutko, Evan Eastman, Dominic Carroll, Anthony Kolpak
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Zooming Through 2020
Other (including experimental)
Amanda Lada, Yasmeena Aoude
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

2 Minute Warning - #1
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Jacob VanCamp
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

A Somewhat Apocalyptic Situation
Narrative Film
Paul Kimball
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie Vanderlaan

Alex’s Top 5 Things To Do During A Pandemic
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Alex Pearl
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

Back To States Times 3
Other (including experimental)
Mikalah Geistler
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

Be Kind
Public Service Announcement
Julia Raccosta
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Beauty Standards
Documentary/Event
Katie Rinke
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

Beyond the Lights: Kade Manzo
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Julia Ames
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

Breakup Bash
Narrative Film
Makayla Piggott
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

Carlson vs. Lincoln Park Swimming Meet
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Sophia Runyon, Cameron Schiender
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

Celestial Burning
Narrative Film
Tyler Harding
Walled Lake Northern High School
Teacher: Whisper Andrusiak

Dearborn High School Morning Announcements
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Owen Schook, Zahraa Alnakash, Oliver Angel, Ian Kennedy, Ferial Zein
Dearborn High School
Teacher: Adam Rauscher

Depression
Public Service Announcement
Ana Dougherty
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

Dinner
Narrative Film
John Fahey
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Don’t Text and Drive
Public Service Announcement
Jozelyn Hunter, Samer Khazendar, Kareem Zebib, Besnik Izairi
Dearborn High School
Teacher: Adam Rauscher

Ethan Hodge, Sports Announcer Reel
Other (including experimental)
Ethan Hodge
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith
**Senior – Honor, cont.**

**Flex Tape Parody**
Other (including experimental)
Luke Schafer, Hannah Grewe
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**Future Prep’d - Overview**
Other (including experimental)
Seth Anderson
Careerline Tech Center
Teacher: Bill Wollbrink

**GM’s Investment in Orion**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Lexi Davis
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Halloween Creuseline 2020**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Julia Wikins, Jamieson Verkest, Cole Tucker, Abbey Leneway, Justin Dillard
F V Parkow Center (L’Anse Creuse Public Schools)
Teacher: Michael Kaufman

**Help. Don’t Hurt.**
Public Service Announcement
Sydnee Beaujean
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

**How are you?**
Documentary/Event
Bella Bandol, Isabella Marshke
Detroit Country Day High School (Beverly Hills)
Teacher: Brett Salamin

**I want to be Scary**
Narrative Film
Brikelle Berger
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Inspirational Ending**
Other (including experimental)
Ethan Rogers, Ryan Romano
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Lady Mason, On-Air Demo Reel**
Other (including experimental)
Lady Mason
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Lexi Davis, On-Air Demo Reel**
Other (including experimental)
Lexi Davis
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Life is Boring without a Little Color**
Public Service Announcement
Shelby Reynolds
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**LO-AM 03/19/21**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
WDBC Staff
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**M6 Sports Update - Viking Football**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Hayden Holden, Zach Meier, Lawrence Smalfi
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

**Magic Homeless Man Silent Film**
Other (including experimental)
Sophia Runyan
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

**Marysville High School Taking Safety Precautions**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Ashley Hermiz, Amanda Nuculovic
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

**Marysville Viking Baseball Warming Up**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Trevor Crowder, Lamacus Lee, Kaylie Ritter
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

**Mental Health Needs To Be Seen**
Public Service Announcement
Rachel Cassatt
Thurston High School
Teacher: Kara Clayton

**Mining with No Legs**
Animation
Jacob VanCamp
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Mole Day Social Media Commercial**
Other (including experimental)
Mariana Lopez
West Bloomfield High School
Teacher: Jennifer Williamson

**Mooch Video 1**
Music Video
Makayla Piggott
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**News Package**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Elizabeth Hofer, Jillian Bean
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**Notable Alumini: Kathryn Havrilla**
Documentary/Event
Lady Mason
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Nowadays**
Music Video
Megan McGarry, Olivia Griffiths, Delaney Kellogg
Tray Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

**One minute Short film**
Narrative Film
Tristin Ziota, Allison Reppenhagen
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff
**Overload**
Documentary/Event
Sarina Yu, Victoria He
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

**Power Up Your Game: Eat Healthy**
Public Service Announcement
Aubrie McDonald
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Procrastination**
Narrative Film
Ethan Oden
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**R(am)ona**
Narrative Film
Alyssa Underwood, Gigi Gallette, Jack Tynan, Sia Pradhan
Detroit Country Day School
Teacher: Brett Salamin

**Redneck Rage Room**
Other (including experimental)
Tristin Ziola, Allison Reppenhagen
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**Self Care**
Public Service Announcement
Sayma Nowsin
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

**Self Worth Public Service Announcement**
Public Service Announcement
Tristin Ziola, Allison Reppenhagen
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

**Springgrove Variety Store Has What You Need**
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Emma Leeman
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

**Squeaky’s Advice**
Public Service Announcement
Ellie Luu Caijna
Careerline Tech Center
Teacher: Bill Wolbrink

**Stand Up and Live**
Public Service Announcement
Blake Paciencia
Byron Center
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

**Stay Safe...Stay Connected**
Public Service Announcement
Sophia Polsinelli
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

**Surviving COVID-19**
Other (including experimental)
Anna Hashisaka
Walled Lake Western High School
Teacher: Stephanie Doppke

**Texting and Driving PSA**
Public Service Announcement
Isabella Denton
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**Texting While Driving PSA**
Public Service Announcement
Lexi Davis
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**The Book**
Narrative Film
Gwen Gołembiewski
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley A Murphy

**The Chupacabra**
Narrative Film
Conner Binge
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

**The Danger of Texting and Driving**
Public Service Announcement
Gavin Fencel, Kane Valiket, Ian Kennedy
Dearborn High School
Teacher: Adam Rauscher

**The Girl**
Other (including experimental)
Ayesha Haque
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

**The Neighborhood Winter Olympics**
Other (including experimental)
Max Kettermann
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

**The Room**
Narrative Film
Gyanna Nicolai
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

**The Shadowmen**
Other (including experimental)
Christ-Irvin N’dri
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

**The Spear**
Narrative Film
Kristian Duffy
St. Clair TEC
Teacher: Lesley A Murphy

**The Toffee Store**
Documentary/Event
Jillian Jansson
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**The Treasure of Crystal Cape**
Narrative Film
Olivia Fisch
Byron Center High School
Teacher: Julie VanderLaan

**Too Much Fun (Drinking PSA)**
Public Service Announcement
Julie Cassel
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

**TP**
Narrative Film
Xavier Guinn
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison
TP Logos - Traditional Interview
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Jessica Miller, Josie Awe
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

Uncomfortable
Narrative Film
Casey Houlihan
Lake Orion High School
Teacher: Roger Smith

What’s For Lunch with Chef Brian
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Brian Martin
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

What’s For Lunch with Chef Ellie
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Ellie Ward
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

What’s For Lunch with Chef Kirsten
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kirsten Smith
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

What’s For Lunch with Chef Nicole
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Nicole Will
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

What’s For Lunch with Chef Trevor
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Trevor Crowder
Marysville Public Schools
Teacher: Kirk Smith

2 Minute Warning #2
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Jack Stager, Gabriel Peraino
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

Can We Still Be Friends?
Narrative Film
Garrett Aud, Christopher Black,
Vincent Hunt, Justin Klipstein, Karam Loui
Troy Athens High School
Teacher: Adam Burns

Cleaning up Grandma
Narrative Film
Jason Sackfield
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

CTV Newscast
Public Service Announcement
Conner Binge, Sophia Runyon, Jordan Richardson
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

Depression Public Service Announcement
Public Service Announcement
Luke Schafer, Hannah Grewe
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

Helping Hands
Animation
Makayla Piggott
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

Judged from the Outside In
Other (including experimental)
Sheila Knowles
Fitzgerald High School
Teacher: Brooke Smith

Luke Schafer Short
Animation
Luke Schafer
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

Masked Sports
News/Sports/Magazine Program
Kendall Fowler, Kae’yanna King,
Ryan Shippy
West Bloomfield High School
Teacher: Jennifer Williamson

Notebook
Other (including experimental)
Jacob Breezee
Carlson High School
Teacher: Patrick Morrow

Sexual Assault Awareness
Public Service Announcement
Makayla Piggott, Kaeleigh Hadley,
Ela Ketner
Clinton County RESA
Teacher: Michael Puffpaff

The Paper
Narrative Film
Aidan Reggio
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison

The Spoiled Breakfast
Narrative Film
Neko Trocki, Ethan Amormino
Romeo High School
Teacher: Stephany Harbison
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Congratulations to Royal Oak High School’s Mike Conrad, DAFT’s 2021 Michigan Film & Video Educator of the Year! Mike has also been named 2014 Specs Howard Media Arts Educator of the Year and the 2017 Courageous Persuaders Wall Street Journal Courageous Leader Award.

“Mike has transformed the program in Royal Oak from good to great. In his tenure as the video instructor there he has incorporated PBS Student Reporting Labs for about 10 years and served as a leader for PBS SRL often leading their student and teacher workshops in the summer. He serves as the co-teacher for Focal Point, transforming that program and offering students an awesome film education in a brief week. His students’ work with PBS and C-Span has paved the way for excellence in his program.

“Serving on DAFT's board, he continues to lead by example and helps out whenever needed. His students continuously excel in film and video competitions and truly love him as one of their favorite teachers every year. I can't think of anyone who hasn't enjoyed working with him - as he continually brings his A-game - and expects that of those who work with him.”

-- Nominator, Michael Kaufman
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