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HAWAII STUDENTS FROM HIKI NO: THE NATION'S FIRST STATEWIDE STUDENT NEWS NETWORK, TAKE HOME NEARLY 20% OF AWARDS AT MAJOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

HONOLULU—Hawaii students from HIKI NO: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network, brought home nearly 20% of the awards at the prestigious Student Television Network (STN) Convention, a rigorous student media competition held March 28 - 31 in Seattle, Washington. The four-day event – open to intermediate and high schools across the U.S. – played host to 3,000 students and teachers.

Twenty-three Hawaii schools competed and won a total of 35 awards.

PBS Hawai'i's eight-year-old HIKI NO (Hawaiian for "Can Do") educational initiative has helped Island students become national standouts in quality digital storytelling, a medium that is at the forefront with youth.

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Through HIKI NO, students are learning not only the skills of digital storytelling but how to apply them to real-world challenges.

Ewa Makai Middle School teacher Ethan Toyota acknowledges HIKI NO's role in their success at the competition. Toyota said, "We really wouldn't have gotten this far without HIKI NŌ and all of the supportive Hawaii media teachers." Ewa Makai Middle School took home three awards, including first place for Spot Feature.

First-time attendee, Janet Powell of Kauai's Island School, noted that her students could not have competed without HIKI NO training.

Under their teachers' guidance, students from 90 public, private and charter schools from across the islands participate in HIKI NO, which is based on curriculum that builds skills in storytelling, critical thinking, teamwork and technology.

"PBS Hawaii's HIKI NO program has proven to be a launchpad for many Hawaii students in gaining these real-world skills and excelling at a national level. Congratulations to the students and their teachers!" Leslie Wilcox, PBS Hawaii president and CEO said.

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Winning schools and categories listed below:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Convention Recap (Middle School)

Second place: Maui Waena Intermediate School

Honorable mention: Ewa Makai Middle School

Spot Feature (Middle School)

First place: Ewa Makai Middle School

Second place: Island School

Honorable mention: Maui Waena Intermediate School

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Movie Trailer (Middle School)

Third place: Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School

Honorable mention: Kamehameha Schools Maui Middle School

Nat. Package (Middle School)

Third place: Waianae Intermediate School

Honorable mention: Highlands Intermediate School

Public Service Announcement (Middle School)

Second place: Maui Waena Intermediate School

Honorable mention: Kealakehe Intermediate School

Silent Film (Middle School)

Third place: Kapaa Middle School

Anchor Team (Middle School)

Honorable mention: Kapaa Middle School

Music Video (Middle School)

Second place: Waianae Intermediate School

Crazy 8s Broadcast News Magazine (Middle School)

First place: Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School

Second place: Maui Waena Intermediate School

Crazy 8s Short Film Fiction (Middle School)

Second place: Waianae Intermediate School

Third place: Ewa Makai Middle School

Honorable mention: Maui Waena Intermediate School

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HIGH SCHOOL

Tell The Story Editing (High School)

Honorable mention: Moanalua High School

Nat. Package (High School)

Honorable mention: Maui High School

Commercial (High School)

Honorable mention: Maui High School

PSA (High School)

Third place: McKinley High School

Weather Reporting (High School)

Third place: Waianae High School

Multimedia Journalist (High School)

Honorable mention: Moanalua High School

Honorable mention: Waianae High School

Music Video (High School)

Honorable mention: Waiakea High School

Video Tip (High School)

Third place: Maui High School

Crazy 8s Broadcast News Magazine (High School)

Second place: Waianae High School

Crazy 8s Short Film Documentary (High School)

First place: Kamehameha Schools Maui High School

Crazy 8s Short Film Fiction (High School)

Honorable mention: Moanalua High School

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Crazy 8s Broadcast Morning Show (High School)

Honorable mention: Maui High School

Excellence Awards

National Winner: Broadcast Excellence--Monthly Show

Waianae High School

South Pacific/International Regional Winner: Broadcast Excellence—Weekly Live/Taped News Show

Moanalua High School

Film Excellence—Best Directing

Moanalua High School

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