



Congratulations to the 2026 Faculty Winners!

Faculty Audio Competition

Best of Festival: *The Traveling Radio Show Goes to the CSU!*; Jeff Jacoby, San Francisco State (Long-Form Production Category)

Radio Station Promo, PSA, Commercial Category

Best of Competition: *Universal Electric Scooter and Skateboard Life Insurance*; Don Connelly, Western Carolina University

Award of Excellence: *WKWC's Footloose Friday Promo*; Derik Hancock, Kentucky Wesleyan College

Short-Form Production Category

Best of Competition: *Haitian Church in Pine Hills Fights Fear with Faith*; Rick Brunson, University of Central Florida

Long-Form Production Category

Best of Competition: *The Traveling Radio Show Goes to the CSU!*; Jeff Jacoby, San Francisco State

Best of Competition - Adjunct Faculty & Staff: *The Beatles Show*; Casey Piotrowski, Cerritos College

Award of Excellence: *Greetings from Fire Island*; Keith Brand, Rowan University

Award of Excellence: *Steve Bridgmon Christmas Homecoming Radio Special*; Derik Hancock, Kentucky Wesleyan College

Sound Engineering and Design Category

Best of Competition: *The Sound of Toxic Stress*; Carolyn Malachi & Dr. Stacey Patton, Howard University

Faculty Documentary Competition

Best of Festival: *Chicken Ghetto*; Sangsun Choi & Paul Lee, Kennesaw State University (Short-Form Category)

Feature Category

Best of Competition: *The Only Doctor*; Matthew Hashiguchi & Anjanette Levert, Georgia Southern University

Micro-Documentary Category

Best of Competition: *Art 4 All*; Oscar Guerra, Christopher Orrico & Rafael Blanco, University of Connecticut

Award of Excellence: *A Lovely Uncontrollable Thing*; Ashley Seering, San Jose State University

Award of Excellence: *George V.*; Ed Talavera & Dia Kontaxis, University of Miami

Short-Form Documentary Category

Best of Competition: *Chicken Ghetto*; Sangsun Choi & Paul Lee, Kennesaw State University

Best of Competition: *The Wild Girl of Brushvalley Township*; Heather Cassano, University of Connecticut

Award of Excellence: *Forward*; Alex Luchsinger, Drew Glickman & Max Negin, Elon University

Award of Excellence: *ገጽ ገጽ ግጽ The Flowing River*; Aphrodite Salas, Luca Caruso-Moro & Lina Forero, Concordia University

Faculty Film & Video Competition

Best of Festival: *Kid Super Pilot*; Christian Washington, Huntington University Arizona (Narrative Video Category)

Commercial or PSA Category

Best of Competition: *House of Honey*; Jonathan Vinson, Huntington University

Instructional/Educational Category

Best of Competition: *Our First Months Together*; Ed Talavera, Sanjeev Chatterjee & Cynthia Lebron, University of Miami

Mixed/Pedagogical Category

Best of Competition: *ALL ONE*; Rodrigo Gómez Claros, Skye Baxter, Cooper Rogers, Seth Savage & Stacey Teves, Middle Tennessee State University

Award of Excellence: *A Book of Freedom: The Confessions of Francisco Menéndez*; H. James Gilmore & Tracy Halcomb, Flagler College

Award of Excellence: *Homecoming*; Chris Cutri, Brigham Young University

Award of Excellence: *Judgment Call*; David P. Mallin, Old Dominion University

Narrative Video Category

Best of Competition: *Kid Super Pilot*; Christian Washington, Huntington University

Award of Excellence: *All That CHASS*; Jason J. Roche, University of Detroit Mercy

Award of Excellence: *Green Eggs and Whodunnit*; Dr. Roger J. Rome, Liberty University

Award of Excellence: *Mace*; Beecher Reuning, University of Kentucky

Award of Excellence: *Stay With Me*; Marty Lang, Mississippi State University

Promotional Video Category

Best of Competition: *Why A Stabyhoun?*; Blis DeVault, Xavier University

Award of Excellence: *Deep & Wide*; Scott Hodgson, University of Oklahoma

Award of Excellence: *Presidential Research Fellows*; Emily Rund, York College of Pennsylvania

Award of Excellence - Adjunct Faculty & Staff: *Elon University School of Communications 25th Anniversary*; Bryan Baker, Elon University

Faculty Interactive Multimedia Competition

Best of Festival: *Eyes of Freedom Immersive*; Pat Clark, University of Colorado Boulder (Interactive Reality Category)

Emerging Media & Technology Category

Best of Competition: *Capturing New Perspective in Modern Media: Using Drone Videography to Showcase the Sam Houston State University Community*; Antonio Bocanegra II, Sam Houston State University

Interactive Reality Category

Best of Competition: *Eyes of Freedom Immersive*; Pat Clark, University of Colorado Boulder

Mixed Category

Best of Competition: *AR Monologues*; Dr. Jason Webb & Ricky Pak, Syracuse University

Mobile/Apps Category

Best of Competition: *Discovery- Darter - Digital Table Display*; Jessica Arbour, Paul Griswold & Rodrigo Gomez, Middle Tennessee State University

Social Media Category

Best of Competition - Adjunct Faculty & Staff: *Kaitlyn Hannan, Student Profile*; Bryan Baker, Elon University

Faculty News Competition

Best of Festival: *From Denver to Mecca: A CNN producer's personal pilgrimage to Islam's holiest site*; Kareem El Damanhoury, Muhammad Darwish, Angelica Pursley & Matog Saleh, University of Denver (Television Feature News Reporting Category)

Television Hard News Reporting Category

Best of Competition: *Nashville No Kings Protest*; Bradley Pfranger, Western Kentucky University

Television Feature News Reporting Category

Best of Competition: *From Denver to Mecca: A CNN producer's personal pilgrimage to Islam's holiest site*; Kareem El Damanhoury, Muhammad Darwish, Angelica Pursley & Matog Saleh, University of Denver

Faculty Scriptwriting Competition

Best of Festival: *All These Lonesome Graveyards*; Nathan Patton, Missouri State University (Original Television Series Pilot Category)

Short Narrative Film Category

Best of Competition: *The Dungeon Master*; Marty Lang, Mississippi State University

Award of Excellence: *Screen Door Salvation*; W. Joseph Culverhouse, Valdosta State University

Narrative Feature Category

Best of Competition: *Hole-in-the-Wall*; Matthew Evans, University of Georgia

Award of Excellence: *Brain Rot OS 1*; Michael Rohrbaugh, York College of Pennsylvania

Award of Excellence: *Hijrah Girls*; Alessandra Bautze, Georgia State University

Original Television Series Pilot Category

Best of Competition: *All These Lonesome Graveyards*; Nathan Patton, Missouri State University

Faculty Sports Competition

Best of Festival: *Authentic ACC: Syracuse Spring Football*; Jordan Kligerman, Austin Beehner, Mike Lang & Richard Wiesmann, Syracuse University (Long Form Sports Video Category)

Short Form Sports Video Category

Best of Competition: *"Our Team": 30 Years of Live NKU Sports*; Wes Akers, Northern Kentucky University

Long Form Sports Video Category

Best of Competition: *Authentic ACC: Syracuse Spring Football*; Jordan Kligerman, Austin Beehner, Mike Lang & Richard Wiesmann, Syracuse University

TV Sports Event Direction and Production Category

Best of Competition: *Cincinnati Men's Basketball vs Kansas*; Joe Brackman, University of Cincinnati