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**AND THE NOMINEES ARE...  
MSG VARSITY AND NY NATAS ANNOUNCE FINALISTS FOR  
SECOND ANNUAL MSG VARSITY V AWARDS**

***45 Finalists Chosen From More Than 3,600 Submissions***

***Viewers Have the Power to Select Winner of Best Original Production Category***

**BETHPAGE, N.Y., April 14, 2011** — MSG Varsity and The New York Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NY NATAS) proudly announce the nominees for the 2011 MSG Varsity V Awards. In its second year, the V Awards are designed to foster the next generation of broadcast professionals by recognizing excellence in student-produced content for television.

With more than 3,600 entries from high school students across the tri-state area, MSG Varsity received nearly five times as many submissions as last year. Those submissions have been narrowed down to 45 finalists in ten categories. For nine of the categories, winners will be selected by a panel of television, production and broadcasting industry professionals from MSG Varsity and NY NATAS. The Best Original Production category is in the hands of the viewers, who will choose the winner by voting online at [www.msgvarsity.com/vawards](http://www.msgvarsity.com/vawards). Voting is open, starting Thursday, April 14 through Friday, April 29 at noon, and video submissions for the four nominees will be available for viewing.

"We are thrilled with this year's dramatic increase in entries for the MSG Varsity V Awards, as more and more students become active participants in telling their school's stories," said Theresa Chillianis, General Manager, MSG Varsity. "The creativity and passion that went into the more than 3,600 submissions made narrowing the field extremely difficult. We would like to thank all of the talented high school students that entered and congratulate the 2011 nominees for achieving this honor."

"We are happy to continue our partnership with MSG Varsity as they highlight the next generation of broadcast professionals in the tri-state area," said Jacqueline Gonzalez, Executive Director, of the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. "We would also like to congratulate all of the students that participated in this year's V Awards – we are so happy that there is an outlet for them to display their talents and creativity."

The ten V Award winners will be announced exclusively on MSG Varsity's V Awards special on iO TV Channel 14 on May 10 at 10 p.m. Each winning high school will receive a \$5,000 grant and students who win will receive a trophy.

**2011 MSG VARSITY V Award Nominees:**

**Best Editing**

- Communications HS – Entry: "What's Your Fortune?"
  - Student: Andrea Massaro
- Hawthorne Christian Academy – Entry: "Chris Grant Feature"
  - Student: Brianna Rittinger

- Huntington HS – Entry: “Brothers”
  - Student: Melissa Rosenberg
- Patchogue-Medford HS – Entry: “The Lateness Policy”
  - Student: Sean Patrick O’Brien
- Wayne Hills HS – Entry: “Snooze”
  - Student: Matthew Trainor

#### Best Feature:

- Bay Shore HS – Entry: “Maroon ECHO”
  - Student: Josh Hogan
- Manchester Regional HS – Entry: TV News Magazine-Morning Announcements
  - Student: Ali Ahsan, Kimberly Nickles, Theresa Sotomayor
- Memorial HS – Entry: Memorial Drama Club
  - Student: Robert Nunez
- Mount Olive HS – Entry: TV Program-TV1
  - Student: Connor Landmesser
- Wayne Valley HS – Entry: Bhargav Maheta: A Running Miracle
  - Student: Michael Sheptock

#### Best Full-Game Coverage by a Single Camera

- Baldwin HS – Entry: Baldwin vs. Oceanside Wrestling
  - Student: Stephen Nessler
- Manchester Regional HS – Entry: Manchester Regional vs. New Milford Boys Basketball
  - Student: Ali Ahsan
- Nyack HS – Entry: Nyack Wrestling
  - Student: Steven Maldonado
- Preston HS – Entry: Preston vs. St. Catherine’s Girls Basketball
  - Student: Ashley Persaud

#### Best Full Game Production

- Ocean Township HS – Entry: Ocean vs. JFK Wrestling
  - Students: Jeff Bauer, Brian Chittum, Emily Kless, Mike Manfredy, Syed Arshad Nawazuddin, Mallory Nelson, Kevin Rodgers, Mark Spirito and Brian Wobser
- Passaic Valley HS – Entry: Passaic Valley vs. West Milford Football
  - Students: Edwin Colone, Marino Fernandez, Matthew La Corte
- Wayne Hills HS – Entry: Wayne Hills vs. High Point Football
  - Students: Nick Appaluccio, Mike Beltramba, Paul Gabbienelli, Jon Giardiello, Alex Green, Ryan Kattine, Josh Mordkoff, Joe Rapp, Anthony Scudillo, John Vitas
- Yorktown HS – Entry: Yorktown Bowling
  - Students: Denis Morland, Daniel Turkowitz

#### Best On-Air Talent

- Convent of the Sacred Heart Academy – Entry: “Nicole’s Anchor Reel”
  - Student: Nicole Bloom
- Jefferson Township HS – Entry: “Blood Drive”
  - Student: Breeanna Tedford
- Mount Olive HS – Entry: “Marauder Madness”
  - Student: Erin Miller
- Preston HS – Entry: Eleni “On-Air” Katechis
  - Student: Eleni Katechis
- Sleepy Hollow HS – Entry: “The Best of Richie Doyle”
  - Student: Richie Doyle

#### Best Original Production - (Viewers' Choice)

- Huntington HS – Entry: “Walk Through Hell”
  - Students: David Lillienstein
- Old Bridge HS – Entry: “Solus”
  - Students: Rose Ann Benzon, Brandon Hulasiya, Jon Marrero, Alex Nielsen, Steve Vandervalk
- Ridge HS – Entry: “Awake”
  - Students: Chris DeLorenzo, Mark DePasquale, Chris Szeluga, Tim Marsto
- Wayne Hills HS – Entry: “Snooze”
  - Students: Matt Reilly, Matthew Trainor, Bradley VanDerStad

#### Best Play-By-Play or Color Commentator

- New Canaan HS – Entry: New Canaan vs. RHAM Girls
  - Student: Brendon Baker
- SAR HS – Entry: SAR vs. TABC Hockey
  - Student: Tal Fortang
- Wayne Hills HS – Entry: Anthony Scudillo Play-by-play
  - Student: Anthony Scudillo
- Wayne Hills HS – Entry: John Vittas Best of Play-by-play
  - Student: John Vittas
- Yorktown HS – Entry: Yorktown vs. Mahopac Boys Basketball
  - Student: Paul Schwedelson

#### Best PSA

- East Side HS – Entry: “Labels”
  - Students: Orlando Arana, Eduardo Navarrete, Humberto Santos, Jessica Silva
- Passaic Valley HS – Entry: “Don’t Litter”
  - Students: Breanna Brito, Dimitri Logothetis, Robert Scelzo
- Randolph HS – Entry: “Addiction Smoking”
  - Students: Tom Franco, Dan Reinke, Kevin Terebecke
- Rosa Parks HS – Entry: “What Black History Month Means”
  - Students: Aiyana Cook, Ajee Corbin, Amber Alford, Jonathan Mann, Shalita Davis

#### Best Videography

- Bay Shore HS – Entry: “The Un-examined Life”
  - Student: Josh Hogan
- Lindenhurst HS – Entry: “Positivity”
  - Student: Frank Will
- Pequannock HS – Entry: “In the Heat of the Moment”
  - Student: Vince Fierro
- Ridge HS – Entry: “Awake”
  - Student – Chris DeLorenzo
- Syosset HS – Entry: “Walls”
  - Student: Matt Greenberg

#### The Story of My School

- Academy of Mount Saint Ursula – Entry: “Story of AMSU”
  - Students: Ciana Anthony, Nicole - Ashley Carumba , Emelyn Vargas , Kim Escobar, Chris Kim
- Bridgeport International Academy – Entry: “Story of My School ”
  - Students: Jin Geun Lim, Young Hee Somemoto, Elizabeth LaGrotteria Katherine Williams and Hee Won Lim.
- Mattituck HS – Entry: “Tractor Day”

- Students - Sharayah Carita, Andrew Sendlewski
- The Millbrook School – Entry: “What We Love About The Millbrook School”
  - Students - Chloe Gbai, Bobby Sanford, Penn Sednaoui, Georgia Wright

### **About MSG Varsity**

MSG Varsity is a multi-platform suite of services comprised of: a 24/7 high-definition television network, a comprehensive online destination, and a groundbreaking interactive service, all dedicated to high school sports, academics and activities happening throughout the tri-state area. Content for these services includes MSG Varsity’s professionally produced programming as well as content created by the high schools themselves. Working in partnership with MSG Varsity, students and faculty are given extraordinary access to curriculum and training in multimedia creation and distribution, empowering them to become active participants in telling their school’s stories. MSG Varsity is a Cablevision exclusive service not available to satellite or phone company TV subscribers and reaches three million households throughout the New York market. For more information, please visit [www.msgvarsity.com](http://www.msgvarsity.com).

### **About The New York Chapter of the National Academy of Television of Arts and Sciences (NY NATAS)**

NY NATAS, founded in 1955, is the preeminent membership organization serving all media professionals in the television industry by offering career enhancing events and networking opportunities. NY NATAS conducts activities that cultivate and promote understanding of, appreciation for, and public interest in the arts, crafts and sciences of television. NY NATAS fosters creativity and inspires artistic and technical excellence through the renowned Emmy® Award, the most prestigious honor and most coveted peer-recognition symbol of distinction in television. NY NATAS continues to evolve playing a vital role in recognizing outstanding content in our changing industry. As distribution platforms have expanded to include broadband and portable devices NY NATAS now honors television the art form regardless of the delivery platform. For more information, please visit [www.nyemmys.org](http://www.nyemmys.org).

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