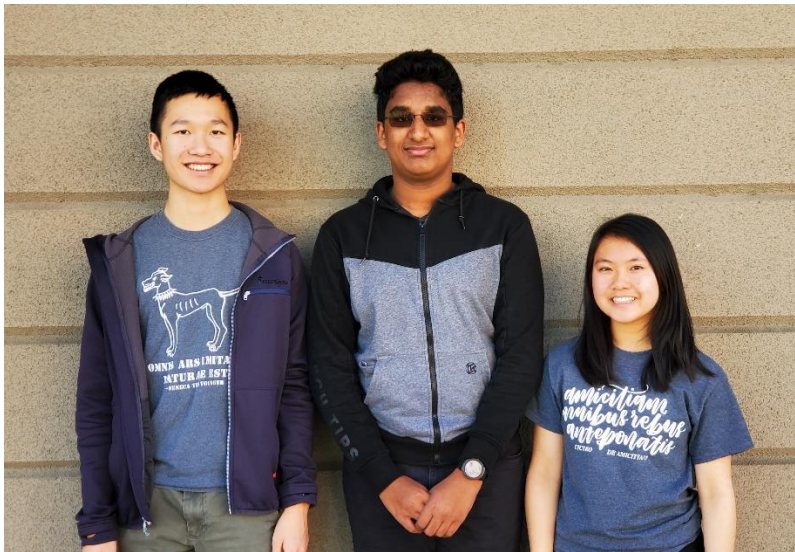


C-SPAN STUDENTCAM 2020

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C-SPAN ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2020 STUDENTCAM DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION

Students explore issues of national importance in the 2020 presidential campaign



Jason Lin, Amar Karoshi and Sara Yen receive \$5,000 for their Grand Prize documentary, "Cmd-Delete: Technology's Damaging Effect on Democracy in 2020."

WASHINGTON (March 11, 2020) – C-SPAN announced the winners of the national 2020 StudentCam documentary competition, awarding a total of \$100,000 in cash prizes to 150 winning documentaries.

Each year since 2006, C-SPAN partners with local cable television providers in communities nationwide to invite middle and high school students to produce short documentaries about a subject of national importance. This year students addressed the theme, "What's Your Vision in 2020? Explore the issue you most want presidential candidates to address during the campaign."

In response, nearly 5,400 students from 44 states and Washington, D.C., participated. C-SPAN received over 2,500 submissions on a variety of topics. The most popular topics addressed were:

- Environment (18%) – Climate Change, Green New Deal, Pollution and Plastics
- Equality/Discrimination (15%) – Prison Rights, Affirmative Action, Veterans' Rights, Human Rights
- Guns (13%) – Gun Control, Mass Shootings, Second Amendment, Gun Safety
- Health Care (12%) – Universal Health Care, Mental Health, Addictions, Vaping
- Immigration (9%) – Border Security, Undocumented Immigration, Separation of Families, DACA

"StudentCam provides a platform for young people to have their voices heard on the issues they are clearly passionate about," said C-SPAN's Director of Education Relations Craig McAndrew. "This year's entries reflect remarkable research

and production values and feature a wide range of interviews with elected officials and experts. The life skills students learn from this experience will carry them forward in their academic, personal and professional lives."

The 2020 grand prize winners are Jason Lin, Amar Karoshi and Sara Yen. They will receive \$5,000 for the documentary, "Cmd-Delete: Technology's Damaging Effect on Democracy in 2020." Lin, Karoshi and Yen are students at The Harker School in San Jose, California. This video was also recognized as "Fan Favorite" as voted on by the public between February 24 - March 1. The team will receive an additional \$500 in prize money. This documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. ET and throughout the day on April 21.

Thomas McKenna, a home-schooled student in Lovettsville, Virginia, will receive \$3,000 as a first prize winner in the East region for the documentary, "Overreach from the Oval Office." This documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. ET and throughout the day on April 20.

Mason Chow and Leviathan Lee, students at Jenks High School in Jenks, Oklahoma, will receive \$3,000 as first prize winners in the Central region for the documentary, "200,000." about the opioid crisis. This documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. ET and throughout the day on April 19.

Hamid Torabzadeh, Pia Hao and Katherine Padilla, students at Long Beach Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, California, will receive \$3,000 as first prize winners in the West region for the documentary, "Vision 2020: Restoring the Integrity of American Democracy." This documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. ET and throughout the day on April 18.

Marissa Boucher, Yuna Chun and Defne Ustundag, students at Eastern Middle School in Silver Spring, Maryland, are national first prize winners in the middle school division. They will share \$3,000 for the documentary, "Blackout: Misinformation in the Age of Social Media." This documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. ET and throughout the day on April 17.

C-SPAN is funded by America's cable television companies, who also support StudentCam. C-SPAN is available locally in San Jose, California, Lovettsville, Virginia and Silver Spring, Maryland, through Comcast; in Jenks, Oklahoma, through Cox; and in Long Beach, California, through Spectrum.

High school students competed on a regional level, with the United States divided into three regions: West, Central and East. Middle school students were judged on a national basis. The grand prize winner was selected nationally among all regions and grade levels.

In addition to the grand prize and first prize winners, C-SPAN is awarding 16 second prizes, 32 third prizes and 97 honorable mention prizes. These winning videos will receive cash awards of \$1,500, \$750 and \$250, respectively. This year marks the 16th year of the StudentCam competition, which has awarded over \$1,000,000 in prizes.

Each winning video is available to view at <http://www.studentcam.org/> and may be used in a broadcast with attribution to C-SPAN.

The annual competition is sponsored by the C-SPAN Education Foundation. Videos were evaluated by a panel of educators and C-SPAN representatives based on the thoughtful examination of the competition's theme, quality of expression, inclusion of varying sides of the documentary's topic, and effective incorporation of C-SPAN programming.

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About C-SPAN:

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