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## Awards Ceremony

### June 5, 2024



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## History of FOX61 Student News

The FOX61 Student News is more than 30 years old, but it has had some changes over the years.

Originally called FOX61 Kids News, we auditioned students all over the state to record introductions to news stories. Eventually, the program evolved into having students produce their own stories. Those stories were aired during programming for young people in the morning and afternoons.

In the mid-1990s, along with corporate sponsors, we started awarding scholarships to students and money for video equipment to the schools who produced the best story during the school year. The award ceremony drew students, teachers and family members from around the state for an exciting afternoon.

Along with the award program, FOX61 staff would visit schools to talk about careers in journalism, and to provide feedback to the student's stories.

Many students have taken part in the program over the years. Some have used the experience to help them with public speaking and presentation skills, while others have gone on to successful careers in broadcast journalism. Will Ripley and Jessica Schneider both appeared in stories from Manchester High School and are now reporting for CNN. Will as an International Correspondent based at the network's Hong Kong bureau and Jessica as a justice correspondent based in Washington, D.C. Dion Lim, from Haddam-Killingworth High School, now works as an anchor at ABC 7 KGO in San Francisco. Marcus Harun, from Hamden High School, now works as a producer for NBC News in New York.

We are proud to show the students' stories and help their education with this unique program.



# Watch FOX61 Student News Stories

Friday Mornings at **7am**

FOX1 Student News Stories air Friday during 7am, 5pm, and 10pm hours and on Saturday during the 7am hour, and on [fox61.com/studentnews](http://fox61.com/studentnews)

## Awards Ceremony Agenda

Welcome Remarks  
Celebratory Messages From Invited Guests  
Awards Announced  
Closing Remarks

### FOX61 Student News Executive Committee

- Freddie Matthis, *Assistant Chief Photojournalist, News*
- Liz Barry Salvatore, *Community Marketing Manager*
- Doug Stewart, *Senior Digital Content Producer*

### FOX61 Student News Judges

- Erin Austin, *Producer*
- Rachel Breault, *Administrative Assistant*
- Ryan Breton, *Meteorologist*
- Bill Flood, *Assignment Desk Editor*
- Ed Ford, *Producer*
- Grace Guerin, *Directing Supervisor*
- Aidan Graham, *Producer*
- Kelly Grant, *Assignment Desk Editor*
- Lindsey Kane, *Reporter*
- Ray Lamoureux, *Director of Marketing*
- Sofia Moreno Sanchez, *Production Technician*
- Chuck Murray, *Senior Account Executive*
- Kristin Payne, *Strategic HR Business Partner*
- Michelle Ryan, *Senior Account Executive*
- Emma Wulfhorst, *Political Reporter*



## Ryan Breton Meteorologist

Ryan Breton is a meteorologist for FOX61 News. You can catch his forecasts weekend evenings at 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and reports on science, climate and the environment during the week.

Before joining FOX61, Ryan worked at NEWS CENTER Maine (WCSH-TV) in Portland for four and a half years. While in Maine, Ryan covered countless nor'easters and the state's largest tornado outbreak on record.

Ryan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology from Penn State, one of the best atmospheric science programs in the country.

He began his on-air career at NH1 News in Concord, New Hampshire, and worked as an intern with the meteorologists at WCVB-TV in Boston while in college.

Ryan has been nominated for a Boston/New England EMMY award for Outstanding Meteorologist. He obtained the American Meteorological Society's Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) seal in the fall of 2018.

Outside of work, you can find Ryan spending time outdoors skiing, golfing or running. His favorite sport is football and he proudly roots for the New England Patriots and Penn State Nittany Lions. Ryan grew up in southern New Hampshire and is glad to be forecasting in New England.





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- AITE High School, Stamford
- Amer. School for the Deaf, W. Hartford
- Ansonia High School, Ansonia
- Ansonia Middle School, Ansonia
- Assumption School, Ansonia
- Avon High School, Avon
- Avon Old Farms, Avon
- Baldwin Middle School, Canterbury
- Benhaven School, Wallingford
- Berlin High School, Berlin
- Bethel Middle School, Bethel
- Bridge Academy, Bridgeport
- Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol
- Bristow Middle School, W. Hartford
- Buckeley High School, Hartford
- Burns Latino Studies Academy, Hartford
- Capital Prep Magnet School, Hartford
- Chase Collegiate, Waterbury
- Cheshire High School, Cheshire
- Classical Magnet School, Hartford
- Conard High School, W. Hartford
- Cromwell High School, Cromwell
- Cromwell Middle School, Cromwell
- Crosby High School, Waterbury
- Danbury High School, Danbury
- Daniel Hand High School, Madison
- Derby High School, Derby
- DL&AM Middle School, Waterford
- East Granby Middle School, E. Granby
- East Hampton High School, E. Hampton
- East Hampton Middle School, E. Hampton
- East Haven Academy, E. Haven
- East Haven High School, E. Haven
- East Lyme High School, E. Lyme
- Ella T. Grasso Technical High, Groton
- Ellington High School, Ellington
- Ellis Technical High School, Danielson
- Farmington High School, Farmington
- Foran High School, Milford
- Global Communications Academy, Hartford
- Granby High School, Granby
- Greater Hartford Acad. of the Arts, Hartford
- Guilford High School, Guilford
- Haddam-Killingworth High School, Higganum
- Hall High School, W. Hartford
- Hammarskjold Middle School, Wallingford
- Harbor Middle School, Milford
- Hartford High School, Hartford
- Howell Cheney Tech, Manchester
- Illing Middle School, Manchester
- Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington
- Irving School, Derby
- J.M. Wright Tech High School, Stamford
- Jackson Middle School, New London
- John F. Kennedy High School, Waterbury
- John Wallace Middle School, Newington
- John Winthrop Middle School, Deep River
- Johnston Middle School, Colchester
- Jonathan Law High School, Milford
- Joseph Melillo Middle School, E. Haven
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- Middletown High School, Middletown
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- Norwich Free Academy, Norwich
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- Reg. District #4 Middle School, Chester
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts, Avon
- Rippowam Middle School, Stamford
- Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden
- Sedgwick Middle School, W. Hartford
- Shelton Intermediate School, Shelton
- Shelton High School, Shelton
- Shepaug High School, Washington Depot
- Simsbury High School, Simsbury
- Slade Middle School, New Britain
- South Windsor High School, S. Windsor
- Southington High School, Southington
- St. Bernard School, Uncasville
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- Stonington High School, Pawcatuck
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- Suffield Middle School, Suffield
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- The Morgan School, Clinton
- Thomaston Center School, Thomaston
- Thomaston High School, Thomaston
- Torrington Middle School, Torrington
- Vernon Center Middle School, Vernon
- Vernon High School, Vernon
- W.F. Kaynor Tech. High School, Waterbury
- Wallace Middle School, Waterbury
- Waterbury Arts Magnet, Waterbury
- Waterford High School, Waterford
- Weaver High School, Hartford
- West Haven High School, W. Haven
- West Shore Middle School, Milford
- Westbrook High School, Westbrook
- Weston Public Schools, Weston
- Wethersfield High School, Wethersfield
- Wilby High School, Waterbury
- Wilton High School, Wilton
- Wolcott High School, Wolcott
- Woodbury Middle School, Woodbury
- Woodland Reg. High School, Beacon Falls

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## Student News Nominations

Category: Best in Student News: Feature

Presented by: Doug Stewart,  
Senior Digital Content Producer, FOX61

- Jonathan Law High School – Milford, CT  
***Four-Legged Community Outreach***  
Maya Markowitz and Ella Franzman
- Manchester High School – Manchester, CT  
***Teddy Bear Toss***  
Erika Rozek, Samuel Belcher, and Ryan Silberberg
- Manchester High School – Manchester, CT  
***Healing Meals***  
Ella Golas and Samantha Ward

# Student News Nominations

Category: Big Y's Locally Grown Award

Sponsored by: Big Y

Presented by: Sam Chevalier, Store Director for Big Y in Manchester

- Manchester High School – Manchester, CT  
***Reboot Eco***  
Zoe Evans and Dasa Gramblickova
- Shepaug Valley High School – Washington, CT  
***Washington Food Market***  
Fin Konik and Gianna Trombetto
- Killingly High School – Killingly, CT  
***Sparrow Soaps***  
Sydney Crabtree and Laura Farquhar



## Student News Nominations

Category: Best in Student News: Community Events

Presented by: Liz Salvatore,  
Community Marketing Manager, FOX61

- Hall High School – West Hartford, CT  
***Celebrating Culture and Excellence Through Kwanzaa***  
Alina Lee and Natalie Jopeak
- Norwich Free Academy – Norwich, CT  
***Walk to Support Alzheimer's***  
Avery Fritzsche and Maxx Salls
- Killingly High School – Killingly, CT  
***Wreaths Across America***  
Molly Crabtree and Julia Young

# Student News Nominations

Category: CHESLA Education Award

Sponsored by: CHESLA

Presented by: Shannon Reynolds, Marketing and Outreach Specialist,  
CHESLA

- Enfield High School – Enfield, CT  
***Asnuntuck Prepares Students for Higher Education***  
Natalie Sampson
- Norwich Free Academy – Norwich, CT  
***YMPI Program***  
Grace Mueller and Avery Fritzsche
- Manchester High School – Manchester, CT  
***College Tuition Cost***  
Madison Scott and Abigail Bailey





## Student News Nominations

Category: ACES Diversity and Inclusion Award

Sponsored by: ACES

Presented by: Timothy Howes, Deputy Executive Director,  
Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)

- Norwich Free Academy – Norwich, CT  
***Mr. Simmon ASL***  
Olivia Howard and Analys Canales Alvarez
- Farmington High School – Farmington, CT  
***Next Chapter: More Than a Bookstore***  
Cecilia Kolenich and Michael Gove
- Westbrook High School – Westbrook, CT  
***Everyone is a Winner***  
Matthew Izzo

# Student News Nominations

## Category: Not Just A Game Award

Sponsored by: Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling

Presented by: Kelly Leppard, Primary Prevention Services Coordinator, Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services Problem Gambling Services; Mallory Schultz, Prevention Manager, Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling

- Daniel Hand High School – Madison, CT  
***The New Age of Gambling***  
Thomas Johnson and Ty Forti
- South Windsor High School– South Windsor, CT  
***The Detrimental Rise of Youth Online Gambling***  
Mia Santiago
- Shepaug Valley High School – Washington, CT  
***Online Gambling is Legal in CT***  
Lily Bialack and Avery D'Amico



## Student News Nominations

### Category: Sports Award

Presented by: Erik Hansen, Vice President of Business Operations,  
Hartford Wolfpack

- Killingly High School – Killingly, CT  
***Shot Clock***  
Sydney Crabtree and Laura Farquhar
- Manchester High School – Manchester, CT  
***Referee Shortages***  
Mia Gilbert and Ryan Silberberg
- Norwich Free Academy – Norwich, CT  
***Women in Sports***  
Caroline Goderre and Analys Canales Alvarez



# Student News Nominations

Category: Best in Student News: Hard News Award

Presented by: Emma Wulfhorst,  
FOX61 News Political Reporter

- Manchester High School – Manchester, CT  
***Yondr Pouch Controversy***  
Liliana Hernandez and Kaylee Cormier
- Hall High School – West Hartford, CT  
***Locked Doors Open Dialogue***  
Khushi Grover
- Norwich Free Academy – Norwich, CT  
***Learning How the Court System Works***  
Grace Mueller and Sebastian Russell

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How can you and your school be a part of FOX61 Student News?

It's as simple as emailing us at [studentnews@fox61.com](mailto:studentnews@fox61.com) and telling us your name, town, and school name. We can set up an account along with instructions to navigate your way to becoming a FOX61 Student News member.

### Teacher Workshop

Teachers can join our workshop this fall (date to be determined) and receive professional guidance from the FOX61 News staff. During our workshop, teachers can learn industry standards such as planning your story, shooting, editing, writing, fact-checking and reporting, as well as how to send us your finished stories so they can air on our live broadcast. To sign up for our workshop, please email us at [studentnews@fox61.com](mailto:studentnews@fox61.com). Please remember to add your name, title, school, and how many people you wish to attend the workshop. During the school year, we will provide teachers with online tools, resources, and webinars.





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