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**TELEVISION ACADEMY FOUNDATION'S
COLLEGE TELEVISION AWARDS GOES VIRTUAL AND
LIVESTREAMS WORLDWIDE FOR FIRST TIME IN
ITS 40-YEAR HISTORY**

**Jimmy Fallon, Tichina Arnold, Kelly McCreary, Ryan Michelle Bathe,
and Drew and Jonathan Scott, Among Presenters Slated to Celebrate
Outstanding Achievement in Student-Produced Programs During
Global Virtual Ceremony On May 30**

(NOHO ARTS DISTRICT, Calif., May 18, 2020) – The Television Academy Foundation today announced that for the first time in its 40-year history, the College Television Awards has been reimagined as a virtual event that will be [livestreamed](#) to a worldwide audience on **Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 5:00 PM (PDT)**.

The College Television Awards typically recognizes and rewards excellence in student-produced programs from U.S. colleges and universities with a star-studded ceremony, capping several days of professional development with industry pros in Los Angeles. This year the 40th College Television Awards program has been reimagined as a virtual event to support its 98 student nominees and celebrate their achievements, despite restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“A College Television Award nomination is one of the highest honors aspiring students can receive because they are selected by members of the Television Academy,” said Madeline Di Nonno, chair of the Television Academy Foundation. “While these exceptional students aren’t able to come together this year in person, we wanted to ensure that this celebration would be equally special and memorable. By livestreaming the awards to a global audience, the Foundation is able to provide greater exposure for our nominees than ever before. We’re very proud to have international student nominees from Israel, South Korea and Venezuela, among other countries; and now their families around the world can join in the celebration.”

Nominees will join in the festivities online, vying for top honors in eight categories, including comedy, drama, news and nonfiction series, and a \$3,000 cash prize. Awards will be presented to students remotely by television stars including **Tichina**

Arnold (*The Neighborhood*), **Melissa Barrera** (*Vida*), **Gabi Butler** (*Cheer*), **Jimmy Fallon** (*The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*), **Kelly McCreary** (*Grey's Anatomy*), **Ryan Michelle Bathe** (*All Rise; The First Wives Club*), **Mishel Prada** (*Vida; Riverdale*), **Drew** and **Jonathan Scott** (*Property Brothers: Forever Home*), **Yeardley Smith** (*The Simpsons*), and **Shoshannah Stern** (*Grey's Anatomy; This Close*). The show will be hosted by CBS's *The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation* and IMDb's *On the Scene - Interviews* correspondent **Albert Lawrence**, who is also a Television Academy Foundation alumnus.

The College Television Awards will also include the presentation of the Loreen Arbus Focus on Disability Scholarship, a \$10,000 cash prize to a student program that best portrays disability topics and issues or helps emerging artists with a disability gain recognition. In addition, the Seymour Bricker Humanitarian Award will be presented during the show.

Audiences from around the world can watch the livestream for free on May 30 at [TelevisionAcademy.com/CTA](https://www.televisionacademy.com/CTA).

This year the College Television Awards program also reinvented its Nominee Summit that provides educational and networking opportunities for students. The Foundation is arranging exclusive, online events and webinars, designed to educate, mentor and enhance professional development for all nominees prior to the awards show. Students will take part in virtual panel discussions with creative and executive talent from television series such as *Insecure*, *The Good Doctor*, *LEGO Masters*, *Vida*, *The Wizard of Lies* and more.

The 40th College Television Awards is supported by philanthropists and corporate partners including PEOPLE®, WarnerMedia, the Loreen Arbus Foundation, Creative Artists Agency, FilmLA, the Johnny Carson Foundation, STARZ, Technicolor, and United Airlines®.

About the Television Academy Foundation

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs, such as [The Interviews: An Oral History of Television Project](#), [College Television Awards](#) and [Student Internship Program](#), the Foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices our industry represents and to create more opportunity for television to reflect all of society. For more information on the Foundation, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation](https://www.televisionacademy.com/Foundation).

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