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2021 VSBA High School Student Video Contest Winners Announced

November 17, 2021 - The Virginia School Boards Association's (VSBA) tenth annual student video contest challenged high school students across Virginia to create a 30-second video around the theme of "Virginia Public Schools: Stronger Than Ever." This year's contest was proudly sponsored by Haney Phinyowattanachip PLLC. The first, second and third place winners, selected out of 28 submissions, were announced today at the first general session of the VSBA Annual Convention in Williamsburg, VA, and the first place video was shown to the convention's attendees. The videos were reviewed by a panel of judges from within the video production field. The judges stated that the first-place video showed "a high level of production, with a fast paced and eye catching concept that had a good message that had a great balance. You can tell they put a lot of time and energy into it."

1st Place: "We're Back" <https://youtu.be/RXQIR3cofFM>
Abingdon High School (Washington County Public Schools) – Dylan Phillips

2nd Place: "Better Together" <https://youtu.be/Pb8YB6kqISY>
Atlee, Hanover, Mechanicsville, and Patrick Henry High School (Hanover County Public Schools) – James Callis, Isabella Denison, Emma Haynes, Caroline Matheny, Adham Rejni, and Sidney Tanner

3rd Place: "From Zoom to Homeroom" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9LHdhgugpU>
Smithfield High School (Isle of Wight County Public Schools) – Elizabeth Defluri

The contest gives students an opportunity to create thought-provoking videos individually, in a small group, or as a class project. Videos were judged on how well they addressed the topic, the quality of the production of the video, as well as the depth of thought and creativity of the video. The contest was open to Virginia public high school students, one entry per school division was accepted.

About the Virginia School Boards Association

The Virginia School Boards Association, a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of Virginia school boards, promotes excellence in public education through advocacy, training and services. The Association offers conferences, information, training, and counseling designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth's educational leaders.

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