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# News Release

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## 2026 VSBA High School Student Video Contest Winners Announced

**Charlottesville, VA –** The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) celebrated the creativity, talent, and perspectives of Virginia's high school students with the announcement of the winners of its 15th Annual High School Student Video Contest. Centered around the theme "*Rooted in Public Education*," this year's contest challenged students to create a 30-second video highlighting the impact and importance of public education through two categories: *Public Education in Action* and *Our School, Our Community, Our Future*.

Selected from 22 submissions, the winning videos were recognized during the Opening General Session of the 2026 VSBA Annual Convention on November 18 in Williamsburg, Virginia. The contest provides students with an opportunity to share their unique perspectives, celebrate their school communities, and showcase the meaningful role public education plays in shaping their futures. VSBA extends its sincere appreciation to Haney Phinyowattanachip, PLLC, for generously sponsoring this year's contest.

## Category: Public Education in Action:

**Winner: "Public Education in Action"**
TV99 Interns – Hanover County Public Schools
Watch winning video here.

**Honorable Mention: "CTE in Action"**
Hopewell High School – Hopewell City Public Schools
Watch winning video here.

## Category – Our School, Our Community, Our Future:

**Winner: "We Are Students"**
Grace Hopper Center – Arlington County Public Schools
Watch winning video here.

**Honorable Mention: "Our School, Our Community, Our Future"**
Osbourn High School – Manassas City Public Schools
Watch winning video here.

Open to public high school students in VSBA member school divisions, the annual contest encourages students to use creativity and storytelling to highlight the value of public education. Entries were evaluated on theme relevance, creativity, production quality, and insight, with one submission permitted per school division. Through this initiative, VSBA continues to amplify student voices and celebrate the experiences, opportunities, and connections that make Virginia's public schools an essential part of their communities.

**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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