IdahoPTV Recognized With Esto Perpetua Award

For almost 60 years, Idaho Public Television has been telling Idaho’s stories. And many times throughout the years, our storytelling work has been in partnership with Idaho’s official history keeper, the Idaho State Historical Society. On June 6, the historical society is recognizing us with an Esto Perpetua Award for that work.

Our two organizations have leveraged each other’s strengths on projects that make a difference to the citizens of Idaho. Our work is evident in large, long-form projects like Idaho’s Constitution Revealed, about the historical society’s project to restore our state’s founding document; Ahead of Her Time, about the unique role Idaho women played in asserting their voting rights; and most recently, Idaho’s Nuclear Navy, in which the historical society encouraged the U.S. Navy to cooperate with IdahoPTV to help tell the story of the world’s first nuclear propulsion systems.

In the works are projects within America 250, the celebration of America’s 250th anniversary, such as a documentary inspired by a book about Idaho’s special places and a project to update content and modernize the delivery method for Idaho’s fourth-grade history curriculum.

There are many other Esto Perpetua Award recipients including Idaho’s tribes and other state agencies. To learn more or to attend the ceremony, check out the Esto Perpetua Awards website: history.idaho.gov/estoperpetua-awards.

The future of our partnership is bright, and we are proud to partner with the Idaho State Historical Society now and into the future to highlight and explain the place we love: Idaho.

We are pleased to announce the following awards recently presented to IdahoPTV from The Telly Awards:

**Television – History**
Bronze - Idaho Experience “Ligertown”
Bronze - Idaho Experience “Remembering the Sunshine Mine Disaster”

**Television – Culture & Lifestyle**
Silver - Outdoor Idaho “This Is Rodeo”

**Television – Political & Commentary**
Bronze - Idaho Reports “Remembering Phil Batt”
In the Community

Grand prize winners from Kuna and Boise win $2,000 each

While Idaho is in the grips of a youth vaping epidemic, the prize patrol from Idaho Public Television’s KNOW VAPE campaign visited classrooms in Kuna and Boise to hand out grand prizes and big checks to two teens trying to help solve the problem.

Troy Edwards from Kuna Middle School and Maximilian Carter from Boise High School took the top honors for their anti-vape videos entered in the 2024 KNOW VAPE teen video contest. Each will take home $2,000.

This is the second year of the KNOW VAPE teen video contest, which asks Idaho teens to produce a 90-second video that speaks to the dangers of vaping and tips on prevention or how to quit vaping.

Edwards’ video, called “Do Something Awesome,” highlights how experimenting when you’re a teen is a great way to learn—but not when it comes to vaping.

“The judges loved how Troy highlighted Idaho’s rural side and his use of eye-catching experiments — a ball-drop from a silo and a potato launcher? That was brilliant,” says KNOW VAPE executive director Jennie Sue Weltner. “Troy’s video was pure Idaho: authentic and unexpected.” When asked what Edwards would do with the grand prize money, he explained, “I show 4-H animals, so I’ll probably use the money to buy my animals this year.”

Carter did his take on the famous 1987 anti-drug ad campaign featuring a frying pan, an egg and the line “This is your brain on drugs.” Carter’s video, titled “This Is Your Lungs on Vape,” leads viewers through all the ways vapes damage young bodies, with Carter cracking many eggs along the way. “I lit a pan on fire to represent someone who’s addicted to vapes. I think that is a pretty accurate representation of what happens to people who do this stuff. I know a lot of people that have friends who have gotten to the point where vaping is all they can think about or talk about,” Carter shares. “I think it is very cool that Idaho Public Television puts this stuff on, and that people can show their skills and raise awareness about something they care about.”

Nineteen other teens in Idaho also took home first-, second- and third-place prizes for a total prize package of $10,000.
GRAND PRIZE - $2,000
Troy Edwards, Kuna Middle School, Kuna - Do Something Awesome
Maximilian Carter, Boise High School, Boise - This Is Your Lungs on Vape

FIRST PLACE - $750
Raymond Gauthier, Eagle High School, Eagle - No Gimmicks
Nova Guest, Cascade High School, Cascade - Don’t Start Vaping Ice Ice Parody
Brecon Bates, Mountain View High School, Meridian - Vaping: The Inhale You Can’t Exhale
Ruby Star, Robert Stuart Middle School, Twin Falls - Live Your Life to the Fullest

SECOND PLACE - $400
Saryn Allred, Praxium Master Academy - Jr High, Idaho Falls - Scrolling to Success
Halle Lowman, Boise High School, Boise - Don’t Take the Risk
Kate Raley, Boise High School, Boise - The Power to Choose
Taylor Reynolds, North Junior High School, Boise - Don’t Start
Magdalene Schernthanner, Boise High School, Boise - Vaping

THIRD PLACE - $200
Evelyn Hardin, Adelle Morgan, Middleton Middle School, Middleton - The Vape Vanishers
Jacob Woodbridge, Sophia Garrity, Owyhee High School, Meridian - Every Breath You Take
Quinn Adams, North Junior High School, Boise - The Vape Talk
Gwyneth Schroder, Boise High School, Boise - Changes
Simon Wilch, Adrian Keith, Jason Bish, Julian Dickinson, Centennial High School, Boise - Can You Turn It Off?

New Family Math Night Program Provides Playful Math Activities

Teaching kids math often involves demystifying the subject for parents and caregivers. It also means helping to provide opportunities for families to use math at home in fun ways.

Idaho Public Television’s Education team is piloting a new workshop called Family Math Night, a research-based, multiplatform program that focuses on building math positivity, confidence, and knowledge of foundational math skills for families with children ages 2 - 5.

Hosted by educators from Idaho Public Television’s Education team at libraries, childcare centers and schools around Idaho, these hourlong workshops equip parents and caregivers with strategies and resources to facilitate meaningful math experiences at home through playful learning and hands-on activities.

We do an interactive activity where movement is encouraged, then families work on a craft together. Each family leaves with manipulatives and a Family Math Booklet to continue learning independently. The booklet includes family-friendly activities for practicing number sense and counting, sorting and collecting, patterns, shapes, spatial sense and measurement.

The spring 2024 Family Math Nights are funded by a grant to Idaho Public Television from Idaho National Laboratory.

If you are an educator or organization serving children ages 2 - 5 who is interested in a Family Math Night workshop in your community, please contact us at idahoptv.educate@idahoptv.org.
“Volcanoes”

More than 80% of Earth’s surface came from volcanic activity. This month’s videos explore the kinds of volcanoes and how they are formed, uncover the difference between magma and lava, and reveal more facts about these explosive marvels of nature.

Each month, Science Trek explores subjects with short videos available on the website (sciencetrek.org), YouTube and PBS LearningMedia. The website has facts, games, and lesson plans correlated to Idaho and national science standards. Look for Science Trek: The Podcast with hosts Evie and Garrett wherever you find your podcasts!

Links to IdahoPTV’s Recent Local Productions

“Ghosts of the Frank”

https://video.idahoptv.org/video/ghosts-of-the-frank-elsmbi/

“Idaho’s Lost Treasures”

https://video.idahoptv.org/video/idahos-lost-treasures-qdufys/

“Alternate Heirlooms: Hallie Maxwell”

https://video.idahoptv.org/video/alternate-heirlooms-hallie-maxwell-0j7dud/