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C-SPAN Announces 2018 StudentCam Documentary Competition, Local Students Encouraged to Participate

LaGrange, Ga. December 11, 2017 – C-SPAN's StudentCam competition returns for its 14th year with a new theme — “THE CONSTITUTION & YOU: Choose a provision of the U.S. Constitution and create a video

illustrating why it's important to you.”



In partnership with cable and satellite affiliates, C-SPAN invites all middle and

high school students to enter the contest, which awards \$100,000 in cash prizes.

The C-SPAN Education Foundation awards 150 student and 53 teacher prizes. The grand prize winner will receive \$5,000, and multiple cash prizes of \$3,000, \$1,500, \$750 and \$250 will be awarded to students in first, second and third places and honorable mention categories.

"StudentCam gives young people across the country an opportunity to let their voices be heard," said Craig McAndrew, C-SPAN Education

Relations Manager. "Last year more than 5600 students from 46 states expressed their ideas and thought critically about issues affecting our country. This year we look forward to learning how the Constitution impacts students and their communities."

Competition Guidelines ▪ Middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) may compete individually or in teams consisting of two or three members. Documentaries must be the original work of students; however, teachers may provide guidance and critiques.

- All documentaries must include C-SPAN video that thoroughly supports the chosen topic.
- Winning StudentCam documentaries will comprehensively represent a variety of viewpoints related to the chosen topic, including those that may oppose the filmmakers' points of view.
- Documentaries must be between 5-7 minutes in length. *End credits, if applicable, must begin after the 5-minute mark and are also permitted to run longer than the allotted 7-minute time frame.
- Entries must include sources, either in the end credits or an emailed works cited list.
- Video submissions and entry forms can be uploaded directly online at www.studentcam.org.
- Deadline for students to submit entries is midnight PST, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018.

The documentaries will be judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and educators.

High school students will compete on a regional level with the U.S. divided into three regions: West, Central and East.

Middle school students will be judged on a national basis. The grand prize winner with the best overall entry will be selected from either category.

Winners will be announced in March 2018, with the top winning videos to air on C-SPAN in April 2018. Competition details are available at www.studentcam.org.

Students and teachers can stay up-to-date with StudentCam on Twitter and Facebook @studentcam and Instagram @cspanstudentcam.

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