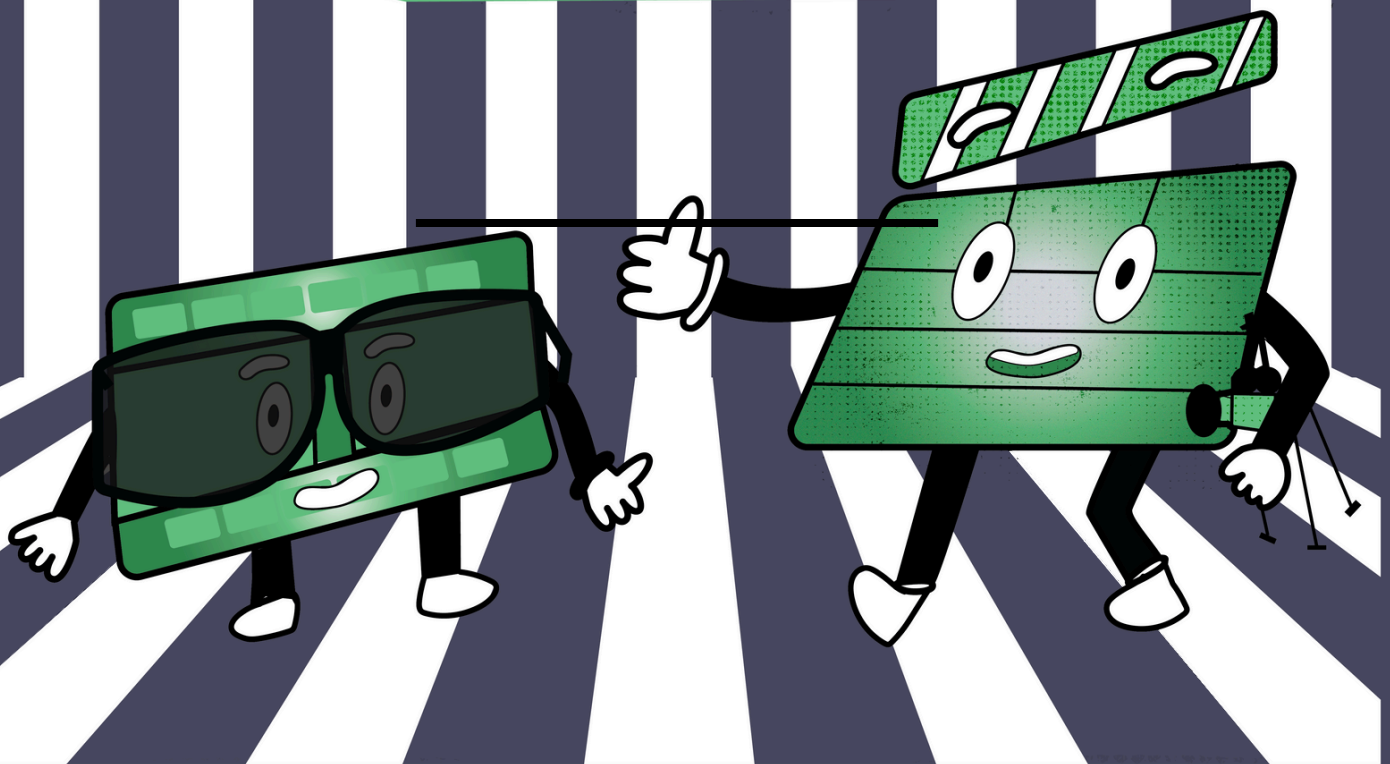


2025  
**GREENFIELD  
YOUTH FILM  
FESTIVAL**



**7 PM** **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**  
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April 21, 2025

Dear Greenfield Youth Film Festival Participants and Guests,

For 17 years, the Greenfield Youth Film Festival has given a voice to aspiring student filmmakers from high schools across the Philadelphia region. This forum provides opportunities for students to work with professionals from the industry as well as teachers with film experience from local high schools and colleges.

We are grateful for the generosity of the Greenfield Foundation and the leadership of Jill Greenfield Feldman. As we celebrate this year, we recognize the Festival's success and how it has evolved into a dynamic celebration of the talents and dedication of our students. We honor not only the award winners, but all of those associated with this worthy endeavor.

On behalf of our Board of School Directors, our faculty and staff, and the Upper Dublin community, I sincerely thank the Greenfield Foundation for making Upper Dublin a center for student filmmaking.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laurie J. Smith  
Superintendent of Schools

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# GREENFIELD YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

1. Best Director
2. Best Sound Design
3. Group Project
4. Experimental (3 awards)
5. Best Screenplay
6. Best Editing
7. Documentary (3 awards)
8. Best Acting
9. Horror
10. Best Public Service Announcement (PSA)
11. Narrative (3 awards)
12. Comedy
13. Cinematography



# EMCEE BIOGRAPHY

**James Tralie** – James, **our Emcee for the night**, is a TV/film producer, animator, and live TV host at NASA. He works at the intersection of science and art to create dreamy, otherworldly scenes, educational explainer videos, documentary productions, and immersive content for all of NASA's social channels and for television. His latest productions have aired on PBS, Delta Airlines in-flight Entertainment, Hulu, and at film festivals around the world. He is one of the top digital artists in the world and has exhibited worldwide including in Times Square New York, on the Sphere in Las Vegas, at Shibuya Crossing in Japan, in Abu Dhabi, Art Basel Miami, and in Montreal, Canada. He is a member of the Television Academy.

# JURY BIOGRAPHIES

**Esther M. Cohen** -- Esther is a director, dramaturg, and educator based in Philadelphia. She is an adjunct professor of theatre at Drexel University, where she has taught new play development and Viewpoints, among other courses. She has assisted at The O'Neill Center, The Drama League, and Yale Rep and has worked off-Broadway at Signature and Second Stage. She is currently the Artist-in-Residence with Theatre Ariel, Philadelphia's only Jewish theatre company.

**Fábio Erdos** -- Fábio is a Brazilian filmmaker based in Philadelphia committed to documenting social, political, and environmental stories and their impact on communities. He was part of a 2022 Pulitzer Prize-winning team at The Washington Post for their "The Attack" project about the Capitol insurrection and its aftermath. In 2019, he received a World Press Photo award and was also shortlisted for the IDA Documentary Awards for his film, "Marielle and Monica," produced for The Guardian. His latest feature documentary film as a Director of Photography, "Desire: The Carl Craig Story," premiered at Tribeca Festival 2024.

**Patrick Ganley** -- As a director and editor of PWPvideo for nearly 20 years, Pat conceives, executes, and delivers emotionally engaging short documentaries and promotional videos for a diverse group of clients in the Philadelphia area including Women Against Abuse, ACLU PA, JEVS Human Services, and the University of Pennsylvania.

**Ben Greenfield** -- Ben earned an MFA in screenwriting at USC's School of Cinematic Arts and continues to learn by osmosis from his wife Sheela, a USC screenwriting professor and Emmy-winning television writer.



# JURY BIOGRAPHIES

**Joni Greenfield** -- Joni is a devoted watcher of films. She serves on a panel to select artists in various fields for a prize connected to a major artist retreat. She is also a docent at The Barnes Foundation and the mother of Jill Feldman.

**Jared Hirsch** -- Jared is a filmmaker who works as an editor in NYC. He is a previous greenie winner.

**Andrew Hoffman** -- Andrew is the owner and primary video producer at Hoffman Studios, a small photo & video studio located in Manayunk, Philadelphia. He is also a freelance cinematographer and film editor, working largely in the documentary space.

**Doug Keith** -- Doug has been writing, directing and producing content for short films, music videos, documentaries and PSAs for more than 20 years. He most recently directed a 10th anniversary follow-up to his award-winning documentary about New Hope, PA, "Embraceable You." Doug especially enjoys screenwriting and has guest lectured on the subject for high school and college classes.

**Dave Lamm** -- Dave is Cinematographer and Director for PWPvideo. He has been in the film and video world for over 20 years. He loves what he does, and he always enjoys sharing his knowledge of his craft with others.

**Ian Mallitz** -- Upper Dublin High School graduate (class of '95), Ian is a producer and director for The Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, CA where he spearheads, develops and manages all live-action content for the Global Marketing Partnerships & Promotions teams. From theatrical to streaming, if it's a Disney or Lucasfilm property, chances are, Ian has been creatively involved in some capacity. Ian would like to thank Jill, Jason and the rest of the AMAZING GYFF volunteer staff for providing such a wonderful platform from which our next generation of filmmakers & storytellers can thrive!

**Chaz T. Martin** -- Chaz is a graduate of NYU Tisch, and a screenwriter, playwright, and dramaturg based in Philly. Their short screenplay, MELISSA, was one of five finalists for Tribeca Film Institute's Through Her Lens Development Program in 2019. They are the Lead Writer with the sketch-play company Impulse Control Freaks. By day, they're the Literary and Development Manager at InterAct Theatre Company.

# JURY BIOGRAPHIES

**Susannah McCarthy, PMG** -- Susannah is a Philly and New York prop Master, a member of the Prop Master Guild, and a member of IATSE Local 52. She recently finished a miniseries in PA with Mark Ruffalo, which comes out in September. She has also done a music video with Drake and worked with the Kelce brothers on a Chunky soup commercial. For her work on Mare of Easttown, she received an EMMY and SDSA honor.

**Glen Naessens** -- Glen is currently the President of NCS Industries. He has worked in the Motion Picture, Television, and Internet field prior to graduating La Salle University in 1992. His most recent experience was being himself on Paramount + Real World Homecoming. He has done it ALL...and never wants to stop!

**David Pressel** -- David is active in the Philadelphia performing arts community. This is his 5th year as a judge for the Greenies. He serves as a Nominator for the Philadelphia Barrymore awards and is the set construction intern at the Arden Theatre.

**Dana Bernard Sanders** -- Dana has a degree in Mass Communications from Emerson College and works regularly providing voice overs for several clients. He has worked on independent films at all stages but loves producing. Documentaries are his favorite media!

**Roman Santa Croce** -- Roman is a member of the Director's Guild of America and has worked in the Assistant Directing department on many projects including Doom Patrol, Stranger Things, and The Walking Dead. Roman now owns and manages his own Independent Studio in Atlanta, GA where he produces and directs independent short films. His company's projects have accumulated over 15 awards throughout the film festival circuits since 2021.

# JURY BIOGRAPHIES

**Alyse Shorland** -- Alyse is a two-time Emmy and Peabody-winning director and producer, whose work marries rigorous journalism with artful filmmaking. She directed and produced documentaries and series independently and in collaboration with network and streaming clients, including HBO, Netflix, CNN Films, HULU, NBC Films, and FX. Her most recent projects include the coming-of-age documentary, *The Debutantes*, which premiered at the 2024 Tribeca Film Festival, and *The Ebony Project*, the first production to bring the story behind Johnson Publishing, creators of *Ebony* and *Jet* magazine, to life. She was previously a director on the documentary series *The Weekly* with the New York Times and *Fiasco* (FX). Before that, Alyse was an inaugural director for *Vice News Tonight* for HBO, and she's produced long-form stories for CBS Sunday Morning and the CNN documentary series *Black in America* with Soledad O'Brien. In 2023, she was named Doc NYC's 40 Under 40. Her work is supported by the Ford Foundation, MACRO, and Impact Partners. In her spare time, Alyse runs marathons and teaches at Rutgers University.

**Brian Sponagle** -- Mr. Sponagle's career as a teacher spanned 39 years, the last 31 serving the Owen J. Roberts School District, retiring June 2024. He was responsible for creating the video, film, and television production courses and creating the OJRHS Annual Student Film Festival, which celebrated its 20th in May 2024.

**Kate Steiker-Ginzberg** -- Kate is a producer and attorney from Philadelphia. Prior to law school, Kate was a journalist and field producer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Her clients include CBS News and *Sports Illustrated*. Kate is currently a voting rights attorney at the ACLU-PA and is also producing a documentary about second chances in Pennsylvania.

**Nelson Vicens** -- Nelson is a Philadelphia based filmmaker and comic book writer, who has had the good fortune to be the assistant editor for the last three M Night Shyamalan projects as well as his upcoming feature this summer.

**Amy Wolk Mallenbaum** -- Amy has been a professional interior designer for over 25 years. Earning a BA in Communications and Design from University of Pennsylvania, and a MS in Design from Drexel University, her design roots began in Philadelphia. After spending over 12 years with a NYC architectural firm specializing in historic renovation and preservation of museums, theaters, libraries and historic interior spaces, she returned to the Philadelphia area. More recently she has been working on design projects with an emphasis on sustainable, ecofriendly construction and renovation solutions.

**Carl J. Woodin, PhD** - Carl completed award-winning projects on 6 continents and over 50 countries. Recently produced an award-winning concert film for British Television that had its American debut at Penn State. Has worked with Billy Joel since the early 90s.



# SCHOOL CODE KEY

Code	School Name	Mentor(s)
<b>AHS/AB</b>	Abington High School	Bryan Quigley
<b>BRHS</b>	Bayard Rustin High School	Kevin Diehl
<b>BEN</b>	Bensalem High School	CJ Mills
<b>CRN</b>	Council Rock High School North	Benjamin Battiste
<b>GVHS</b>	Garnet Valley High School	Robin Brewer
<b>GS</b>	George School	Prescott Seraydarian
<b>HH</b>	Hatboro Horsham High School	Drew Berchick
<b>HEND</b>	Henderson High School	Alicia Ritz
<b>KCAP</b>	Kensington CAPA	Nnamdi Ejim
<b>MBIT</b>	Middle Bucks Institute of Technology	Jim Davey
<b>OJR</b>	Owen J. Roberts High School	Joshua Grannetino
<b>OX</b>	Oxford Area High School	Chris Pierdomenico
<b>PARK</b>	Parkland High School	John Greth
<b>CAPA</b>	Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts	Scott Kaufman
<b>ROX</b>	Roxborough High School	Azim Siddiqui
<b>SHS</b>	Souderton High School	Alicia Simpson
<b>STHS</b>	Springfield Township High School	Dan Meder and Marlene Thornton
<b>UDHS</b>	Upper Dublin High School	John Squeri
<b>WTHS</b>	William Tennent High School	Dina McCaffery
<b>WISS</b>	Wissahickon High School	Jessica Brasch and Dina Schuman

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# Film Submission by Category

## DOCUMENTARY

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
A Week in Philly	Chase Adams	Josh Kilroy and Anthony Cataldi	OX
Cinéma Vérité	Caroline Delgado-Gilchrist		STHS
Edward King - The Bloopers	Robert Daly		CRN
Healthy Hunger Free	Muhammad Sylla	Christopher Dehaven	ROX
Ice Cream	Daniel Setters		CRN
Importance of Tourism	Samuel Lee	Nicholas Mento, Josiah Yuetter	WTHS
Karyakarta	Kevin Gong		GS
Legend of the 5th Floor	Ibrahim Soukouna		CAPA
Love Without Borders: Colors of Connection	Fiona (Yubai) Wu		GS
The Game	Matthew Kennedy		SHS
The Impact of Music	Nora Dorn		CAPA
The Unlikeliness of an Upset	Alexander Lammey		HEND
Turk's Head: A Short History of West Chester's Name	Kenadee Carlson		HEND
Violence Starts in the Mind	Beyla Khabensky	Jay Johannsen-Herby	GS
What's it Like Being Beautiful	Nora Dorn		CAPA

# Film Submission by Category

## EXPERIMENTAL

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
A Look Into Human Connection: A Film	Hannah Torregiani		GVHS
Domino Effect	Aaron Smolen		CRN
Don't-Touch-the-Elf	Dominic Venticinque		MBIT
DRAW UR LIFE	Tessa Keenan		CAPA
Dummy	Jay Davidson		AHS/AB
Exitencio	Dylan McHale	Toby McDonald	CAPA
EXPERIMENT NO. 13	Desmond and Vincent Ferro		AHS/AB
GHOSTFILM	Matthias Kotlar		UDHS
Hallway	Desmond and Vincent Ferro		AHS/AB
Hello	Jayden Corley		WISS
In The Absence of Nature	Pixe Marvelous	Ben Mester	CAPA
Interference	Lucas Gray	Etienne Deloffre	UDHS
Lingering in Life	Camila Rosario	Javan Artis	KCAP
RESTART	Victoria Bell		UDHS
Rush	Viivi Ronalter		WISS
slasher	Hadassah Samuel	Aniya Perez	CAPA
Techno-Gone	Jakob Bamett	Quinten Berryman	PARK
The Cycle	Ezrah Ayers	Tahj Hardy	AHS/AB
The Onion Ghost	Carsen Lee	Morrison Lee, Sophia Roehner, Alexa Roehner	WISS
We're Rolling	Keira Mannion		CRN



# Film Submission by Category

## NARRATIVE (1 OF 3)

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
"PRETTY HAIR"	Victoria Bell		UDHS
"Untitled Movie"	Kiran Khanna		CRN
11-54	Toby McDonald	Dylan McHale	CAPA
3D Printer	Lilianna Covington		STHS
A Thief's Redemption	Carter Stoudt		SHS
Bad Blood	Aidan Laing	Anthony Kozar	BEN
Baggage Claim	Jakob Barnett	Taryn Marek	PARK
Ball Game	Cahlin Spearman		STHS
Beyond The Surface	Brooke Kuttner		CRN
Buster!	Ryan McNamara	Johnny Gordynskiy	UDHS
Bye, Violet	Susan Klaassen		STHS
Captured	Emmanuelle Kramer	Sophie Eliades	UDHS
Check	Ariana Jenkins	Jordan Domansky	BEN
Checkmate	Raul Rivera		KCAP
Curses! Foiled Again!	Robert Daly		CRN
Cushions	Shuoliang Geng	Beckett Holmes, Grey Fraser	GS
Decades	Braxton Ganz	Cole Becker and Cole Dooling	UDHS
Dont Be Late	Halaylah Lewis-McGlothan	Keshav Sabapathi	GS
Dont Look Back	Karina Coyotl		ROX
Don't Run Away	Chance Murphy	Ryan O'Donnell	BEN
Due Date	John Kaplan	Liam Malanowski	AHS/AB
Echoes from us	Destiny Couch	Rachi Patel	BEN
Edward King	Robert Daly		CRN
evermore	Shriji Patel		CRN
Final Cut	Javan Artis	Joshua Arroyo	KCAP
Flash Before Your Eyes	Lexie Kust	Lexie Kust	HH
Flawless	Luke Haney		UDHS
Freaky Feat	Mark McKeller	Michael Demetry and Sarah McKeller	OX
Friends With Quotations	Liam Sullivan		CRN
Fuis Avec Moi	Fiona (Yubai) Wu	April Hernandez	GS

# Film Submission by Category

## NARRATIVE (2 OF 3)

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
Gerta and Frieda	Ronan Cullina		STHS
Ghost Image	Avery Lott		ROX
Growing Pains	Isa Rueger	Alexa Rueger	SHS
Hallway Thrash	Bryant "BJ" Kee	Justice Byer	ROX
Haunted Blade	Michael Zhu	Tom Le, Matt Garcia	GS
Henry	Connor McHugh		HH
Hot Shot	Brandon Jones	Brandon Young	CRN
Killer	Matthew Huymaier		HH
King's Gambit	Juan Colina-Valeri	Juan Colina-Valeri	OJR
Late Night with Tom Saler	Sean Grogan		BRHS
Love Through Distance	Ibrahim Soukouna		CAPA
Love Yourz	Gianna McCoy		ROX
May be	Maggie Solomon-Scheller	Khalilullah Saidu	GS
MISSING	Taryn Marek	Brynn Harrison	PARK
Moments That Matter	Emily Jones	Gianna Kiesling	BEN
Nick's Horrible Very Bad Day	Benjamin Harris	Nick Petrone	BEN
Nightmare Box	River Skye King		OJR
One in a Million	Reyhan Ali	Quinten Berryman	PARK
one take wonders	Nolan Hopping		AHS/AB
ONE-LAST-RUN	Sean Kehoe	Dominic Venticinqe and Dane Momando	MBIT
Partners	Daliana Bartosz		CRN
Plot Twist	Jakob Barnett	Taryn Marek	PARK
Prison1_1	Elliot Kim	Ted Linden	GS
Renegades	Jacob Hong		AHS/AB
Saturday the 14th	Mary Beck	Sarah O'Neil	BEN
Sisterhood of the Traveling Necklace	Angelina Schoener		BEN
Sleight of Hand	Carlos Rivera		STHS
Story of Your Life	Matthew Gibson		OX
Strung Along	Joseph Fink	Thadeus Noel Rusli	CAPA
Sun & Moon	Giuliana Pasquarella	Paige Schiefer, Ryan Zebrowski, Jason Bernal, and Tommy Jackson	BEN

# Film Submission by Category

## NARRATIVE (3 OF 3)

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
The Architect	James Montgomery		CRN
The Bench	Derrick Arkowitz		HH
The Calling	Colin Matz		WTHS
The Christopher Dawson Story	Timothy Butler	Julia Lynch	AHS/AB
The Detour	Luke Eddis		STHS
The Dimension	Brandon Young		CRN
The Dreamer's Map	Casey Bush	Sarah Boss	BEN
The Forest Freakshow	Connor Devine	Quinn Thompson	OX
The Game	Kim Roblero	Tyler Sitlinger	OX
The Golden Chest	Abby Coe		OX
The Golden Locket	Griffin Bianchi		STHS
The GPS	Robert Rovinsky	Jack McGettigan	HH
The Hustler	Javan Artis	Joshua Arroyo	KCAP
The Inspector	Daniel Piscitelli-Cruz	Elliot Kim	GS
The Missing Battery	Leila Rhodes	Isa Rueger	SHS
The Monster	Boden Cottrell		STHS
The Perfect Date?	Emily Schwartz	Aislyn Gibbons, Madelyn Dannenfelser, Vincent Ferro	AHS/AB
The Test	Kennedy Bioteau	Maeve Dougherty	AHS/AB
The Treasure	Rhett Trejbrowski		STHS
The Vigilante	Cole Dooling	Paul Lee	UDHS
The Witching Hour	Annie Wolkenberg		STHS
TIM.	Liam Ryan		MBIT
Two-Timing	Mariana Castillo Caicedo	Kami Pearson	BEN
Underneath	Anastasia Erthal		UDHS
Unrecognizable	Amber Burch	Kami Pearson	BEN
Walk in the Woods	Sarah Bustos		STHS
When the Stars Align	Brenna Horger	Tyler Rothe	OJR
Wolfheid	Kaiya Crowley		MBIT
Yearbook	Carter Stoudt		SHS
Yu-r-toast	Khalilullah Saidu		GS



# Film Submission by Category

## OTHER

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
Be Kind	Esme Leuner	Sailor McBrien	CAPA
BU1LT 2 L4ST	Megan Wittkamp	Callie Santamauro	CAPA
Chasing The High	Melia Wittlinger	Adrian Guzman	OJR
Don't Swipe By	Daniel Piscitelli-Cruz		GS
Free Born Mind	Quinten Berryman	Ainsley Quay	PARK
Life is Good	Ainsley Quay	Quinten Berryman	PARK
Loss for Words	Ryan Zacniewski		HH
The Jette Planes - Dream Big	Toby McDonald	Dylan McHale	CAPA
The Ooks	Lucas Costa		UDHS
The Red Door	Maya Thomas	Mahky Rose	ROX
Water Safety PSA	Brynn Harrison	Brooke Miller	PARK
What A Time To Be Alive - Unofficial Music Video	Maggie Solomon-Scheller	Allie Betancourt and Caleb Grim	GS
What are the odds?	Trey Minter		CRN

# Film Submission by Category

## GROUP PROJECTS

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>School</b>
A Cowboy Story	BEN
Job Opening	CAPA
Larry Fine Reporting For Duty	MBIT
Larry's Plunger Emporium	GVHS
Mr. Dinkles Plunge Into Madness	WISS
Not Again	AHS/AB
Operation Plunger	GS
Perfect Attendance	UDHS
The Birthplace of Larry Fine	CAPA
The Murder of Larry Fine	GVHS
The Plunge	UDHS
The Prop	UDHS



Winning T-shirt design by Callie Santamauro, Philadelphia CAPA