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WEDU PBS Honored with Regional Emmy® Nominations



Tampa, FL — The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has honored **WEDU PBS**, West Central Florida's primary PBS station and source for public media, with **two** Suncoast Regional Emmy® Award nominations.

The Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is a nonprofit Florida corporation dedicated to excellence in television and offers the annual Regional Emmy Awards to television

markets in the entire State of Florida; Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and New Orleans, La.; Mobile, Ala.; Thomasville, Ga.; and Puerto Rico.

Suncoast Regional Emmy® Award Nominations:

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT – Program Feature/Segment

Project: Shattered Silence

WEDU PBS - Mark Harris, Colleen Hamilton, Bradley Clore

About the program - *Project: Shattered Silence* documents a local theatre program at Ruth Eckerd Hall that utilizes the true personal experiences of teenagers to demonstrate a bigger message: the road to healing begins when you find the courage to open your heart and share your own story. The documentary follows two groups of students participating in P:SS (Project: Shattered Silence), local high school students currently participating in P:SS and college students now reflecting on how their worlds have changed since participating in the theatrical production.

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INTERVIEW/DISCUSSION

Florida This Week: State Impact for Senate and Supreme Court Rules (Aired: 6/28/13)

WEDU PBS - Robert Lorei

About the program – *Florida This Week* is WEDU’s weekly public affairs program airing on Friday’s at 8:30 p.m. In this episode: The Supreme Court issues a major decision throwing out part of the voting rights act, affecting five counties in Florida; The high court also declared that the Defense of Marriage Act violates the constitution; Immigration reform passes in the senate and some supporters of Senator Marco Rubio are not happy; Senator Bill Nelson renews his call for a special session on Medicaid expansion.

The winners of the Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards will be announced at the annual ceremony on Saturday, November 23 at the Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, Florida. To view the nominated programs and WEDU’s previous winning programs, visit wedu.org/awards.

ABOUT WEDU PBS

WEDU is West Central Florida’s leading PBS station and public media company reaching 16 counties through media platforms including on-air programming and online experiences that broaden horizons, transport and transform and open gateways to new ideas and new worlds. Financially supported by the community, the organization offers a wealth of award-winning inspirational, educational and enlightening content over a variety of media platforms including: television programming, station’s website, wedu.org and various social media platforms, monthly member magazine *Premiere*, educational outreach activities and a myriad of special events. WEDU’s focus on the local community has resulted in the station being regarded as a beacon of trust for men, women and children of every walk of life no matter their age, ethnicity or socio-economic status. WEDU is a treasured community resource; a window to the world for the homebound and a vital educational source for the youngest members of society. WEDU prides itself on its position in the Tampa Bay community as a leader, partner, informed citizen and a member of PBS, the most trusted institution in America (Harris Interactive Trust QuickQuery, January 2013). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit wedu.org; WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter or call 813.254.9338.

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