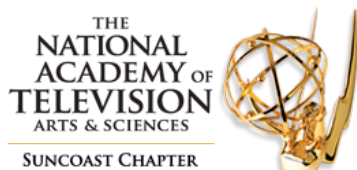


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## ***WEDU PBS Honored with 7 Suncoast Regional Emmy® Nominations from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences***



**Tampa Bay, FL** – The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has honored **WEDU PBS**, West Central Florida’s primary PBS station, with seven Suncoast Regional Emmy® Award nominations.

“We are extremely proud of the number of nominations received by WEDU PBS honoring the community focused programming that is at the heart of our mission. This acknowledgement is a tribute to the quality of work produced by the hardworking and talented staff of WEDU PBS and our local production colleagues,” said **Jack Conely**, WEDU Vice President of Content, as he shared his congratulations for the seven nominations bestowed.

Five of the nominations honor segments from original **WEDU PBS** programs that include **WEDU Arts Plus**, a local weekly arts and culture program, and **WEDU Quest**, a local weekly science and technology program. Two additional Emmy® nominations went to a **WEDU PBS** original documentary, **Veterans – The Telling Project**.

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. Winners of the 2016 Regional Emmy® Awards will be announced on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences annual ceremony in Orlando, Florida.

### **Suncoast Regional Emmy® Award Nominations:**

#### **ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT – Program Feature/Segment**

**WEDU Arts Plus, Episode 431 – Segment: *Trenton Doyle Hancock***  
Megan Voeller

#### **ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT – Program Feature/Segment**

**WEDU Arts Plus, Episode 516 – Segment: *Weeki Wachee Springs State Park***  
Kristine Kelly

#### **ENVIRONMENT - Program**

**WEDU Quest, Episode 203 – Segment: *Save Crystal River (Lyngbya Invasion)***  
Kenneth Cherry, Danny Bruno

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**HEALTH/SCIENCE - Program**

**WEDU Quest, Episode 202 – Segment: *Combat Wounded Veterans (Prosthetics for Veterans)***

**Kenneth Cherry**

**HEALTH/SCIENCE - Program**

**WEDU Quest, Episode 201 – Segment: *Atlantis Space Shuttle***

**Kenneth Cherry**

**DOCUMENTARY - Cultural**

***Veterans – The Telling Project***

**Kristine Kelly, Bradley Clore**

**EDITOR – Program (Non-News)**

**WEDU Arts Plus, Episode 438 – Segment: *The Telling Project***

**Kristine Kelly**

All of the nominated programs can be viewed on the WEDU PBS website at: [www.wedu.org/awards](http://www.wedu.org/awards).

**ABOUT WEDU PBS**

WEDU is West Central Florida's leading PBS station 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 multi-media platforms including: television programming, station website, [www.wedu.org](http://www.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 (Source: Survey Sampling International (SSI), January 2016). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit [www.wedu.org](http://www.wedu.org); WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter (@wedupbs) or call (813) 254-9338.

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