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WEDU PBS Honored with 2 Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards 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 PBS station, with two Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards.

The first Suncoast Regional Emmy® Award was presented for *Sea Turtles Nesting*, a segment of WEDU's local production *WEDU QUEST*. The second Emmy® went to WEDU's original documentary *The Feminine Touch: The Struggle for Equality in Medicine*. A third Emmy® nomination also went to WEDU's town hall meeting *Autism: Breakthrough to Hope*.

"Each year, the staff at WEDU work diligently to produce quality programs that are of importance to the communities we serve. These Emmy® awards are a tribute to the quality of work produced by the hardworking and talented staff of WEDU PBS and our local production colleagues. We are extremely proud of the honors received by WEDU PBS recognizing the community focused programming that is at the heart of our mission," said **Jack Conely**, WEDU Vice President of Content.

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 2017 Regional Emmy® Awards were announced on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences annual ceremony in Orlando, Florida.

Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards:

ENVIRONMENT - Program

Sea Turtle Nesting (Kenneth Cherry, Mark Purvis, Gina Presson)

DOCUMENTARY - Historical

The Feminine Touch: The Struggle for Equality in Medicine (Kristine Kelly, Danny Bruno, Robert Bruno)

All of WEDU's winning and nominated programs can be viewed on the WEDU PBS website at: www.wedu.org/awards.

ABOUT WEDU PBS

WEDU is West Central Florida's 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 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 (Marketing & Research Resources, Inc. M&RR, January 2017). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit www.wedu.org; WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter (@wedupbs) or call (813) 254-9338.

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