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*Pictured: John Geraci (left) Communication Professor at South Suburban College alongside Michael Lynch (right) Communication Arts and Technology Instructor for Bremen High School District 228 with the Regional Award of Distinction*

## **SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE RECOGNIZES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT 9TH ANNUAL VIDEO COMPETITION**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL– South Suburban College (SSC) with the assistance of Career Development System (CDS) hosted the 9th Annual South Suburban College Video Competition on Thursday, March 24, 2016, in the Kindig Performing Arts Center. The competition showcases talent from area high schools as well as provides students with a tour of the college's facilities, featuring the television studio/control room, audio studio/control room and multimedia lab.

“The competition is a lot of fun,” said SSC Communication Professor John Geraci. “It’s a great opportunity for high school students to see our facilities and be recognized for their outstanding videos. The level of production value within their projects continues to increase every year.”

Seven local high schools submitted entries to the competition including Bremen, Eisenhower, Hillcrest, Oak Forest, Shepard, Thornton Township and Tinley Park. Students entered work in eight different categories: Commercial, PSA, Short Subject, Music Video, Live Multi-Camera Program, Creative Editing, News Story or Feature and News Program. The 58 entries were judged on aesthetic quality, technical quality, program design and overall effectiveness.

Michael Lynch (Communication Arts and Technology Instructor for Bremen High School District 228) said, “This is an amazing opportunity for my students because

it allows for their work to be presented on a bigger stage. Having judges critique their works assists in their development as students.”

In addition to the student awards, high schools competed with each other for the Regional Award of Distinction. Tinley Park High School, instructed by Lynch, won this year’s award having the highest average score per entry.

“The Tinley students really concentrated on storytelling this year,” stated Lynch. “They were constantly revising their elements of story before production. I think that combined with a good work ethic led to their success.”

The student awards for each category are as follows:

**Commercial:** First Place, "Feeding Birds" – Tinley Park; Second Place, "Titancast" – Tinley Park; Third Place, "Extra Gum" – Thornton Township.

**PSA:** First Place, "Texting and Driving" – Tinley Park; Second Place, "It Can Wait" – Eisenhower; Third Place, "Internet Addiction" – Thornton Township.

**Short Subject:** First Place, "Voices" – Tinley Park; Second Place, "A Mental Haunting" – Shepard; Third Place, "The Real Housedogs of Chicago" – Tinley Park.

**Music Video:** First Place, "Come Little Children" – Tinley Park; Second Place, "You Came To Do This" – Tinley Park; Third Place, "Electric Feel by MGMT" – Thornton Township.

**Live Multi-Camera Program:** First Place, "2016 Show Choir Concert" – Eisenhower; Second Place, "Up Late with Claude" – Bremen; Third Place, "Good Morning Midlothian" – Bremen.

**Creative Editing:** First Place, "Malala’s Story" – Thornton Township; Second Place, "Hidden Struggle Revealed!" – Thornton Township; Third Place, “Hard Work Beats Talent When Talent Fails To Work Hard” – Thornton Township.

**News Program:** First Place, "Ike Update" – Eisenhower; Second Place, "Wildcat News" – Thornton Township; Third Place (tie), "Millennial Monthly" – Oak Forest, "Bravescast" – Bremen.

**News Story or Feature:** First Place, "Jim Smith Super Bowl Return" – Eisenhower; Second Place, "Powers" – Oak Forest; Third Place, "High 5 Apparel" – Eisenhower.

**News Program:** First Place, "Ike Update" – Eisenhower; Second Place, "Wildcat News" – Thornton Township; Third Place (tie), "Millennial Monthly" – Oak Forest, "Bravescast" – Bremen.

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