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C-SPAN's 2011 StudentCam Attracts Record Number of Entries

Winners to be announced March 9th

WASHINGTON (January 31, 2011) – Students from across the country have submitted 1,069 videos in C-SPAN's StudentCam video documentary competition, the most ever for a C-SPAN video competition, representing an increase of over 6% from last year. The national competition invites all middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) to produce a five to eight minute documentary, with this year's topic focusing on "Washington, DC through my lens."

"C-SPAN's StudentCam 2011 challenges students to critically analyze a topic that involves the federal government," said Joanne Wheeler, C-SPAN Vice President of Education Relations. "We asked students to tell us about an issue, event, or topic that helped them better understand the role of the federal government in their life or community."

The 75 winners will be announced on Wednesday, March 9th at www.studentcam.org. Winners will receive a total of \$50,000 in cash awards, including a Grand Prize winner, plus two 1st Prize winners; eight 2nd Prize winners; sixteen 3rd Prize winners; and 48 Honorable Mentions in middle and high school categories. The videos will be judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and education professionals, and evaluated based on the thoughtful examination of the contest theme, quality of expression, adherence to the time limit, and use of C-SPAN programming.

The annual competition is a project of the C-SPAN Education Foundation, and is sponsored by C-SPAN Classroom (www.c-spanclassroom.org).

About C-SPAN Classroom

C-SPAN Classroom, www.c-spanclassroom.org, is a free membership service dedicated to support educators' use of C-SPAN programming in their classrooms. C-SPAN Classroom has reached more than one million students since its inception in 1987.

About C-SPAN

Created by the cable TV industry and now in over 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three public affairs television networks in both SD and HD; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington DC and nationwide via XM Satellite Radio; and a video-rich website which hosts the C-SPAN Video Library. Visit <http://www.c-span.org/>.

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