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Independent Day School-Corbett Campus Announces National Winners In The C-SPAN StudentCam Competition

C-SPAN and Bright House Networks met with students at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus to honor two middle school students who are **National Winners** in the **C-SPAN StudentCam Competition**.

Eighth grader, **Nicholas LaVoy**, placed second place in the nation with his video documentary titled, **“Education: A Challenge”**. In his documentary, Nick raises questions about the American education system. His documentary offers facts to support where we are and ideas on how to move forward to achieve better results for our students.

Benjamin Muschol, also an 8th grade student at Independent Day School, placed third place in the nation with his video documentary titled, **“Hunger Bites”**. Ben’s documentary gives staggering information about the number of people in the United States struggling with hunger and explains ways that people can make a difference in their own communities.

Both Nick and Benjamin were interviewed by commentators and their sessions were aired on C-SPAN. Both videos can be viewed in their entirety at the C-SPAN StudentCam website.

<http://www.studentcam.org/winners10.htm>



(l): Students who chose to go above and beyond by submitting their videos to the 2010 C-SPAN StudentCam National Student Documentary Competition and (r) national winners with their teachers and award.

C-SPAN holds an annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think seriously about issues that affect our communities and our nation.

As one of the integrated English and Technology International Baccalaureate (IB) units, technology teacher Mrs. Darina Glover-Russell and 8th grade English teacher Mr. Michael Vokoun, worked with all the eighth grade students for three months on the power of voice in media, hardware tools to create and edit videos, proper citations, and persuasive writing.

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Mrs. Glover-Russell explained, "In September, we found the perfect avenue to encourage our students to go above and beyond using the power of voice through media. It was with the C-SPAN competition."

The IDS students had to choose a topic and create a video documentary to showcase either one of our country's greatest strengths or challenges.

"Mrs. Glover-Russell and I were looking to push the boundaries of what our students have done in the past. We know the world is changing and constantly evolving and that our students benefit by taking on new challenges," said Mr. Vokoun.

Dr. Joyce Swarzman, headmaster of Independent Day School-Corbett Campus, expressed great pride in all the 8th grade students for their participation and especially to the students who chose to go above and beyond to accept the challenge of submitting their videos to the 2010 C-SPAN StudentCam National Student Documentary Competition: Michael Hoff, Kristine McBride, Tristan Polmear (honorable mention), Caroline Poole, (honorable mention) and national winners, Nicholas LaVoy and Benjamin Muschol.

At the awards ceremony, C-SPAN and Bright House networks representatives had very positive comments about the quality of the students' work and Dr Swarzman noted, "We are here to celebrate the above and beyond mentality. We are honoring the type of thinking that says: I do more than what I need to do. The concept of doing more than what I need to do is really what made this country great from its very beginning."

By taking advantage of the opportunities provided by the StudentCam National Student Documentary Competition, students were able *to be seen and heard* and that will go a long way in the education of the future leaders of America and the world.

2010 C-SPAN StudentCam National Student Documentary Competition

Second Prize for Middle School:

Nicholas LaVoy, 8th Grade

["Education: A Challenge"](#)

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Third Prize for Middle School:

Benjamin Muschol, 8th Grade

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