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Three films produced by Taylor University students have been nominated for awards by the [National Association of Television Arts and Sciences, Lower Great Lakes Chapter](#), the regional Emmy organization.

Nominated in the Student, Long Form category was the Taylor film *The Illustrator*, produced by students Camden Johnson, Tiless Turnquest and Sean Quillen. The documentary, about Indianapolis artist Adam Parsons, was created in Assistant Professor of [Film and Media Production Kathy Bruner's](#) Documentary Filmmaking class. "Creating *The Illustrator* was such an exciting experience," said Johnson, who served as the project's director. "My team and I had the opportunity to create a film about the arts, which is something that we are all very passionate about. It was wonderful getting to know our subject Adam Parson and to tell his unique story."

Students Cam Glass, Lincoln Reed, Daniel Ford and Matthew Schiller were nominated for their fiction story *Drop Dead Gorgeous* about a man who begins a relationship with a woman who faints on his car. "*Drop Dead Gorgeous* is a fun and quirky story, told in a wonderfully cinematic way," said

Assistant Professor of Film and Media Production [John Bruner](#). The film was the final project in Bruner's Narrative Filmmaking class. *Drop Dead Gorgeous* was nominated in the Student, Long Form category. "It is a great honor to have our film nominated by the Emmy organization, said Glass, who directed the project. "It was a privilege to work with such a great cast and crew, as well as with the professional film gear that Taylor provides."

A third project named *Cos Wars: More than a Hobby* was nominated in the Student, Arts and Entertainment/Cultural Affairs category. It's a feature story about people who dress up as costumed *Star Wars* characters and share their enthusiasm at conventions and charity events. Taylor senior Patrick Linehan, who was director for the program said, "I've always been a *Star Wars* fan, so getting to explore more of the world that the fans live in was just awesome."

Productions will be judged by a series of qualified experts and tallied on a point system. The student winners will be announced at a black-tie event in Indianapolis on June 23.

"We are so incredibly excited to have received these external recognitions from such a noteworthy organization," said John Bruner. "It's a testimony to the quality of work our students produce."

These nominations are the latest three of 21 recognitions received in 2017-2018 by Taylor student filmmakers.



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