

2017 Ohio Communication Association Awards Ceremony

Award Winner Profiles

Introduction Tammy Bosley, VP of OCA and
Mistress of Ceremonies

Welcome Dr. Jo Blondin, President, Clark
State Community College

Introduction of Research and Poster Awards Julie Semlak, OCA Conference
Coordinator

*Top Undergraduate Paper: Communities of Discourse: The State of
Interracial Friendship on a College Campus*

Matthew JohnTony, *Youngstown State University*
Evan Standohar, *Youngstown State University*
Sarina Chatman, *Youngstown State University*
Khayla Durah, *Youngstown State University*
Ben Siegle, *Youngstown State University*

*Top Graduate Paper: Super-Indie Sustainability: New Media Business Models
and Independent Video Game Development*
Steffi Shook, *Ohio University*

Top Poster

Introduction of the Distinguished Student Organization Award Christopher Keppler, University of
Akron

WZIP Radio, University of Akron

Introduction of the Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award Erin Hollenbaugh, Kent State
University at Stark

Daniel Casey, Kent State University at Stark

Introduction of the Distinguished Program Award Juan Contreras, University of
Akron

ZTV, University of Akron

Closing Remarks Tammy Bosley, VP of OCA

WZIP-FM, licensed to The University of Akron, is the media birthplace of countless radio and television professionals around the country. The full-fledged radio station is a choice of more than 129,000 unique listeners per week and the most listened-to student-run radio station in the country, and it has become a magnet for the university's School of Communication. More importantly, WZIP represents experiential learning at its best! Nearly 60 students are the station's air talent, music programmers, production specialists, news reporters, sports reporters, underwriters and promotions team members. The radio station has been on the air since 1962. The Z-88 format is rhythmic contemporary hit radio. Give us a listen at 88.1-FM in northeast Ohio or at wzip.fm anywhere else!

ZTV has trained University of Akron students in the field of television broadcasting for more than 13 years. It is a career-developmental student-run station where all content is produced by students under the supervision of a faculty member. ZTV provides a modern environment for students to learn how television stations work, how content delivery is managed, and modern production techniques in the field and inside a television studio. The station currently has a total of ten departments and seven different television programs including news, sports, geek culture, music and entertainment, science, sketch comedy, and action/adventure. The variety of our programming allows students to get hands-on experience with different strategies for content development and production techniques. ZTV also has a sales department where students learn about the corporate side of production, and a promotions department in charge of redistributing content for social media. All the programs are broadcast on channel 45-1 of The University of Akron cable system.

Daniel Casey graduated from Kent State University at Stark with a B.A. in communication studies in the fall of 2016. During his time at Kent State at Stark he was a founding member and the president of Comm Club, a student-run organization focusing on professional development, philanthropy, student collaboration, and relating communication studies to everyday life. After graduating, Casey continues to serve the organization as an alumni advisor. He is also a member of Lambda Pi Eta and a multiple time recipient of both Dean's and President's List. He is currently pursuing his M.A. in communication studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. His current research interests lie in the effects mobile technology and social media have had on interpersonal interactions. Following the completion of his masters he hopes to enter a doctoral program and ultimately become a professor of communication studies.

Nominations for OCA Awards can be submitted to Jeff Tyus, OCA Awards Coordinator, at jlttyus@ysu.edu. Information about OCA awards can be found on our website (www.ohiocomm.org)