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---Daily Herald--- 6/8/18 **South Elgin academy students earn awards**BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY

South Elgin High School's Beacon Academy of Media and Digital Arts students earlier this spring took first place in two categories at the Student Television Network Conference in Nashville.

Payton Snell, a junior, and Derryl Barnes, a sophomore, earned first place in the "Anchor" competition after receiving a packet of local and current news stories, writing the stories and reading them on camera within two hours.

Juniors Collin Pierce, Dylan Morales, Jacklyn Elliot and Jane Richards also won first place in the "Public Service Announcement" category. In their event, they had about six hours to plan, write, film and edit a public service announcement based on a provided prompt, "Music Education."

Beacon students participated in nine of 20 contests in Nashville, where they were required to work without any assistance from teachers or peers.