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SCETV receives record-breaking 15 Southeast Emmy® nominations

Awards recognize some of the greatest television work in the Southeast

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The Regional Southeast Emmy® Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) recently announced nominations for the [2026 Southeast Regional Emmy® Awards](#), with South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) receiving a record-breaking 15 nominations—the highest number of nominations in the organization’s history.

Fifteen SCETV programs were nominated for these prestigious awards:

[Books By The River](#) – Jeffrey Lofton

Category: Interview/Discussion - Long Form Content
Holly Jackson

[Coastal Kingdom](#) – *On Becoming A Naturalist*

Category: Environment/Science - Long Form Content
Rob Lewis, Tony Mills, Holly Jackson

[What’s Wild](#) – *Loggerhead Sea Turtle*

Category: Environment/Science - Long Form Content
Charles Dymock, Desiree Cheeks, Colin McCawley

[My Telehealth](#) – *A Miracle Baby's Fight For Life*

Category: Health/Medical - Short Form Content
Joy Bonala, Colin McCawley

[Healing With Grace](#)

Category: Historical/Cultural - Long Form Content
Beryl Dakers, Darryl Huger, Leroy Green, Caletta Harris

[Wild Wild South](#)

Category: Lifestyle - Short Form Content
Hyatt Mamoun, Sound Off Films, South Carolina ETV

[IMPACT South Carolina](#) – *Flood Stage*

Category: Societal Concerns - Long Form Content
Betsy Newman, Lynn Cornfoot, Patrick Hayes

[IMPACT South Carolina](#) – *Flood Stage*

Category: Weather - Long Form Content
Betsy Newman, Lynn Cornfoot, Patrick Hayes

[SC On Display: Emerging](#)

Category: Content Shorts
Chris Olivas, Kai Williams, Jake Downs

[Healing With Grace](#)

Category: Promotion – Non-News - Program Promotion
Andre Bellamy

[Turning Point](#)

Category: Promotion – Non-News - Program Promotion
Andre Bellamy

[Weathering the Flood: South Carolina 10 Years Later](#)

Category: Promotion – Non-News - Program Promotion
Andre Bellamy

[Desiree Cheeks](#)

Narrator of *What's Wild*
Category: Performer/Narrator

[Tony Mills](#)

Host of *Coastal Kingdom*
Category: Program Host/Moderator/Correspondent

[Rob Lewis](#)

Photographer for *Coastal Kingdom*
Category: Photographer - Long Form Content

The award winners will be announced by the Regional Southeast Emmy® Chapter of NATAS on May 16 at the 2026 Southeast Regional Emmy® Awards in Atlanta, GA.

NATAS sets the standards for excellence in the television broadcasting industry and holds the honor of presenting The Prime Time Emmy® Awards and the Daytime Emmy® Awards.

The Regional Southeast Emmy® Chapter is one of 19 chapters throughout the United States identifying and celebrating television excellence at the local and regional levels. The Southeast Chapter represents television professionals from all disciplines of the industry and from markets in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and North Carolina.

The [full nomination list](#) is available to view online.

QUOTES:

“We are honored to receive a record-breaking 15 Southeast Emmy® nominations, the highest number in SCETV’s history. This milestone reflects the extraordinary dedication and creativity of our team and their commitment to producing content that informs, engages and connects communities across South Carolina. We are proud to see their work recognized at this level and alongside the best in our region.” **–SCETV President and CEO Adrienne Fairwell**

“These record-setting nominations speak to the strength and momentum of SCETV’s content across platforms and formats. From in-depth storytelling to short-form and promotional work, this recognition highlights the collaboration and talent behind each project. It is especially meaningful to see our teams’ efforts honored in such a significant way, marking a historic moment for the organization.” **–SCETV Assistant General Manager/Deputy Director Dr. Stephanie Cook**

FAST FACTS:

- A record-breaking fifteen SCETV programs were nominated for a Southeast Emmy® as recently announced by the Regional Southeast Emmy® Chapter of NATAS.
- NATAS sets the standards for excellence in the television broadcasting industry.
- The Annual Southeast Regional Emmy® Awards will be announced by the Regional Southeast Emmy® Chapter of NATAS on May 16 in Atlanta, GA.



About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *The Know Show*, *Making It Grow*, and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *Books By The River*, *After Action*, *Kitchen Curious with Vivian Howard*, *Reel South* and *Southern Songwriters with Patrick Davis*.

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