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FILMMAKERS AWARDED AT 2009 FORT OMAHA FILM CONFERENCE

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College (MCC) hosted the 2009 Fort Omaha Film Conference May 29-30, 2009. The mission of the Conference is to recognize achievements in filmmaking and video production by high school students, college students and amateurs. The conference accepts entries in several categories that are judged by industry professionals. Student and amateur filmmakers gather in an informal setting to attend panels and workshops sharing ideas and techniques.

The following individuals were awarded at the Conference for their work:

Short Film College/Amateur

First Place: *Hand on the Devil* – Rob Kasel, Metropolitan Community College

Second Place: *The Gardening of the Family Man* – Rob Kasel, Metropolitan Community College

Third Place: *Collared* – Ryle Smith

Music Video College/Amateur

First Place: *Hang On (Let Go)* – Taylor Stein

Second Place: *Don't You Dare* – Thomas White and Carissa Hawley, Metropolitan Community College

Third Place: *Strange* – Carissa Hawley, Metropolitan Community College

Documentary College/Amateur

First Place: *1975 Omaha Tornado Stories* – Mark Wegener, Metropolitan Community College

Second Place: *Dream House* – Lynn Sanchez, Metropolitan Community College

Third Place: *Into the Clouds* – Bryan Reim, Metropolitan Community College

Art Experimental College/Amateur

First Place: *Poet of the Swingin' Blade* – Linda Bannister and James Hurd Jr.

Animation College/Amateur

First Place: *Monkey* – Ryan Crosby, Metropolitan Community College

Short Film High School

First Place: *Rutilus Cado* – Blake Manwiller, Omaha South High Magnet School

Second Place: *Untold Truths* – Melissa Morales, Omaha South High Magnet School

Third Place: *Blue + Gold = Green* – Class project, Omaha North High Magnet School

Animation High School

First Place: *Genetics: Clay Style* – Carrie Adkisson, Omaha North High Magnet School

Second Place: *Maryweather* – Courtney Ramirez Dymek, Omaha South High Magnet School