NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES FOUNDATION PRESENTS INAUGURAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD TO ELLIE FREDRICKSON

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New York - October 22, 2026 – The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) Foundation has named their first ever Educator of the Year winner, celebrating New Life Academy's **Ellie Fredrickson**. The NATAS Foundation has rewarded the extraordinary achievements of student storytellers aspiring to television careers for decades, and now proudly celebrates the teachers making those achievements possible. Ms. Fredrickson was honored as part of the NATAS Upper Midwest Chapter's Gold & Silver Circle Induction Ceremony.

Barbara Williams Perry, Chair of the NATAS Foundation, shares "Media students across the country work with great educators who guide and lead their students to tell their own stories. To her students, Ellie Fredrickson demonstrates that talent, that expertise, that dedication so many educators bring to their classrooms. She helps her students find their passion for storytelling in themselves. The joy and excitement we see in her students show us what a great educator Ms. Fredrickson is."

Ellie Fredrickson, educator and advisor at New Life Academy in Woodbury, Minnesota has been teaching since 2016. Ms. Fredrickson started the school's "New Life News" in 2018 to give students an outlet to deliver announcements and foster a creative outlet. Since then over 200 episodes of daily announcements have been shared, their social media presence has grown, and they've gone on to win

awards. She has seen numerous students build careers in media, journalism and the arts, and continues to strive for students to see their talents every year.

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NATAS membership is made up of National members joined by more than 18,000+ broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the country. Beyond awards, NATAS has extensive educational programs including its National Student Production Awards for outstanding journalistic work by high school students, as well as scholarships for aspiring filmmakers and broadcasters.

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