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CT-N Receives Boston/New England Regional Emmy® Nomination for *ADVOCACY: Turning the Gears of Democracy*

Hartford, CT – The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) Boston/New England Chapter has announced that the Connecticut Network (CT-N) has been nominated for a Boston/New England Regional Emmy® Award within the Informational/Instruction Category for the network's 2014 education program *ADVOCACY: Turning the Gears of Democracy*.

CT-N's Diane Smith walks the viewer through *ADVOCACY: Turning the Gears of Democracy*, which explains what advocacy is, what an advocate's rights are, effective advocacy strategies and how to use social and traditional media to help spread awareness about a specific topic or movement. Using personal insights from citizens, lawmakers and lobbyists, this 4-part education program provides viewers with in-depth commentary that demystifies and breaks down the advocating process into easy-to-understand steps.

The individuals nominated for this award include Smith, Executive Producer Paul Giguere, Producer William "Bill" Flood, Producer Paul Skaff and Production Technician Robert Reilly. *ADVOCACY: Turning the Gears of Democracy* is CT-N's second Boston/New England Regional Emmy® Nomination; the network was previously nominated in 2012.

The Boston/New England Regional Emmy® nominated *ADVOCACY: Turning the Gears of Democracy* can be viewed at the Connecticut Network's website at www.CT-N.com and by clicking on "Participate" at the top of the page. The four-part program can also be found, viewed and shared on CT-N's YouTube channel located at www.YouTube.com/ConnecticutNetworkTV.

Part 1: [Defining Advocacy](#)

Part 2: [Your Right to Advocate](#)

Part 3: [Advocacy Strategies](#)

Part 4: [Advocacy and the Media](#)

ADVOCACY: Turning the Gears of Democracy is the third installment of CT-N's Civics Engagement Series, which is produced to educate the people of Connecticut on the nuances of civic engagement and the positive impact that one person can bring to our democracy. Previous installments include *Making Your Voice Heard*, which explains the process for testifying before a legislative committee, and *Just One Vote*, which explains the voting process in Connecticut. Each of these programs can also be found at CT-N's website at www.CT-N.com and by clicking on "Participate."

Visit ct-n.com to find the channel location for the network in your community or to watch online. All Connecticut Network programming is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Nominated for Boston/New England Regional Emmy® Award in 2012 & 2015, Winner of the National Sunshine Award from the Society of Professional Journalists and the Excellence in Journalism Award from the Connecticut Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Connecticut Network is the state's source for complete and balanced television and webcast coverage of state government and public affairs. For more information, become a fan of CT-N on Facebook, follow the network at www.twitter.com/CTNetworkTV or visit CT-N's website at www.ct-n.com.