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Attached: Photo of "Access" News Magazine team

*Caption: Amber Dumas Patch, Amanda Wheeler and Daniel Appelt teamed up to produce a feature segment on ACCESS about the Rutland High School GIN conference that won a national award.*

### PEGTV Wins National Award

*Access news magazine takes top place in community events category*

**Rutland, Vermont.** Rutland Regional Community Television (PEGTV) is a winner of the national 2016 Hometown Media Awards from the Alliance for Community Media (ACM). PEGTV earned the award for its entry in the division for Professional Access Center: Community Events-Activism/Rallies category.

PEGTV's *Access* news magazine is the recipient of this national recognition for the "Rutland High School GIN Conference" segment, produced by the *Access* team of Amanda Wheeler, Amber Dumas Patch and Daniel Appelt. The segment highlights students learning about different global issues through workshops and service learning.

"The 2-part 'Global Issues Network Conference' story had a lot of moving parts and took a concerted effort to organize and execute. From workshops about Project Vision, global warming and how not to be a bullying bystander to the service learning portion of the day, *Access* had cameras throughout the city to capture it all," says Amanda Wheeler, *Access* host and producer. "Highlighting the GIN conference is one example of why *Access* exists. Our show was created to highlight the good people and positive things happening in Rutland County. It's only fitting that we focus on the future of our hometown through the lenses of students who will one day be the leaders we all hope to learn from."

*Access* airs on PEGTV channel 15 on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. You can also watch it online at [pegtv.com](http://pegtv.com) via our video on demand player.

The AMC represents over 3,000 Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access organizations and community media centers throughout the country. Hometown Media Awards are presented to creative programs that address community needs, develop diverse community involvement, challenge conventional commercial television formats, and more viewers to

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experience television in a different way.

PEGTV is comprised of Comcast Channels 15, 20 and 21 and VTel channels 163, 164, and 165 and is available throughout Rutland County to all cable subscribers. Streaming programming, hyper-local weather forecasts, and video on demand services are also available online at [www.pegtv.com](http://www.pegtv.com).