FOX61 is pleased to announce the launch of its **2021-22 FOX61 Student News** program for middle and high school students to inspire multi-media journalism in grades 6-12 across the state.

**Empowers Students -**
Elevates their voices on topics that are important to them, their schools, and the local community
- Students will be given the opportunity to create original local content and will produce every aspect of their reporting.

**Offers Hands-On Learning -**
- Under the guidance of teachers and our professional journalists at FOX61, students will learn journalism basics: media literacy, storytelling, research, and production skills.
- Offers a library of helpful videos that may be used for in class content

**Highlights the Excellence in Our Schools -**
- More than 140 schools participate in the FOX61 Student News program
- Selected stories will be chosen to air on FOX61 News (Fridays @ 7a.m. and 10p.m. and again during the FOX61 Weekend Morning News)
- And stories will be posted on [fox61.com](http://fox61.com) and on the station’s Facebook and Instagram pages
- Student and school recognition at our annual award ceremony in June 2022
- Awarding over $14,000 in cash prizes within several different News categories

**Provides Training for Teachers -**
- FOX61 Student News Teacher Workshops (free event from 9a.m.-1p.m.) – opportunities for professional development
  - **Tues. 9/28** at the University of Hartford **and Wed. 9/29** at the University of New Haven

**More Information -**
- Teachers interested in participating in FOX61 Student News can email [studentnews@fox61.com](mailto:studentnews@fox61.com)
  Or call Trish Hesslein, Community Marketing Manager at **860-541-0005**
- Keith McGilvery, FOX61 News Anchor is available to tell you more and visit your schools.

**Below, (Left to right): pictures of student winners from Suffield Middle School and Shelton Intermediate School**