

CCTV Named #1 Public Access Station in U.S. for 8th Time

I'm pleased to report that [Cambridge Community Television](#) has once again received the Overall Excellence in Public Access Programming Award from the national Alliance for Community Media in its Hometown Video Festival.

This is the eighth time in CCTV's twenty-one year history that the station has received this award, recognizing the diversity and quality of CCTV's programming, as well as its relevance to the Cambridge community.

CCTV competed in the highest budget category, against much larger access centers in major cities throughout the United States. Numerous CCTV producers also received high accolades in the festival:

Project Documentary's *The Dames*, about Boston's roller derby team, placed first in the Sports Entertainment category; teens participating in CCTV's youth program were also recognized: Josh Washington and William Sheffield for their original teleplay "Homies", Julie Pan for "King Open Extended Day Program", Cody Romano for "Dawn", and Alex Ayabe for his music video "Guarantee", which he produced at Cambridge Educational Access.

Laura Asherman also received an Honorable Mention for her video "You Contribute to Global Warming". Watch some of our finest programming from 2008 in this video! You can also view the full list of winners at <http://2009.acmhometown.org/>

I've taken several excellent courses at CCTV—in Dreamweaver, Excel, and MS Publisher; also on video shooting and editing. If you join, fees are nominal—you get \$100 worth of courses for \$55—less if you put in volunteer time; more if you're not a Cambridge resident. It's a great way to learn about new

technologies, learn television production, produce videos—even host your own TV program. Check it out!

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