

# THE PAC UPDATE

*The latest news & updates from your public access channel, PAC 14*



*Technical Producer, Matthew Parente, and Intern, Sydney Rebstock, working on promotional photos for new PAC 14 apparel.*

## PAC 14 Internships

Sydney Rebstock, our winter intern, has made great strides in learning at PAC 14, fitting in creative video work and picking up editing skills. Sydney completed several station IDs with her clean style of editing; promoting the station with a fresh look and musical flair. In addition, she was able to produce two brand new episodes of PAC 14's *Where Are We? A* show that highlights local Wicomico County treasured areas. In this work, Sydney displayed her creative editing skills and reliability in getting the program finished and running.

The enthusiasm to which Sydney took on every task was refreshing. With little instruction, she was able to create a cold weather PSA and inform residents and viewers that PAC 14 is looking out for them this winter. Sydney wrapped up her communications internship with a website showcasing her stay with us. You can visit her website at <https://srebstock1.wixsite.com/mysite>

Thank you Sydney, for taking an interest in your local community access channel, and we hope to see you come back as a local producer volunteer soon!

## Community Calendar

**Feb 6, 2021 (4:00-6:00 p.m): MAC Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner:** MAC's annual spaghetti dinner will be held at VFW Meuse Post 194 in Salisbury. Tickets are \$10, carry-out only. Dinner and raffle tickets must be purchased in advance (deadline is Wed, Feb. 3, 2021). Call MAC at 410-742-0505 for tickets and details.

**Jan 25 - Jul 16, 2021: SU's Nabb Center Presents "The Red Cross on Delmarva" Virtual Exhibit:** American Red Cross chapters across Delmarva have been involved in helping families in the region from influenza epidemic of 1918 through the current COVID-19 pandemic and also offered assistance to those affected by natural disasters beyond the area. The exhibit is free to view on the Nabb Center's website or call 410-543-6030 for details.

## Local Producer Spotlight

by Mark Grutkowski

On any given evening, you may have found yourself channel surfing through PAC 14 and noticed two young men deep in discussion of all things media. Perhaps you saw a review of *Cobra Kai*, the latest entry in the *Karate Kid* film franchise, or a critique of the 1998 horror film *The Faculty*. You may have even tuned in when one of the team belted out his rendition of Queen's *We are the Champions*.

Meet Andrew Thomas and Christopher Johnson, hosts of *The Reel Screen Team*, a passion project they kicked off in August 2020. The perfect COVID-era (and beyond) program, *The Reel Screen Team* features reviews of movies, music and television, separating the wheat from the chaff so the rest of us can get right into prime television and movie viewing.

If Andrew looks familiar, it's probably because he is the producer and host of PAC 14's *Andrew's Community Connection*. Andrew, who is autistic, used the public access platform to showcase the special needs community by interviewing special needs citizens, advocates, and professionals in Wicomico County. For his efforts he was named PAC 14's 'Local Producer of the Year' in 2019.

This time out, Andrew and Christopher are tackling a less serious topic, but one that they're both equally passionate about - pop culture media, namely music, movies and television. *The Reel Screen Team* program is divided into four sub-series. In *Cinema* and *Sofa*, the team reviews new feature films. *Expert* and *Novice* gives each host the opportunity to expose the other to their personal favorite pieces of media.

*Popcorn Music* features discussion on music-centric films. Finally, the *In Hindsight* episodes focus on highly regarded older films to see if they still retain their luster.



*Andrew Thomas and Christopher Johnson (above)*

Andrew and Christopher met at Salisbury University where they bonded over their mutual love for movies. Christopher graduated with a bachelor's degree in History, and Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in Communications.

The pair have their sights on growing the program. They promote *The Reel Screen Team* through Facebook and YouTube, where past episodes and "behind-the-scenes" vignettes are available. They plan to add features to the show, including guest reviewers, like-minded movie fans, and memorabilia collectors. In the near term, they are planning a special edition of the show to celebrate Chris' birthday on Feb. 10 by discussing one of his favorite anime, *My Hero Academia*.

Catch *The Reel Screen Team* only on PAC 14. You can check out current and past episodes on [www.pac14.org](http://www.pac14.org). You can also "like" them on Facebook and subscribe to their YouTube channel by searching both sites for "The Reel Screen Team".