



Wimberley ISD

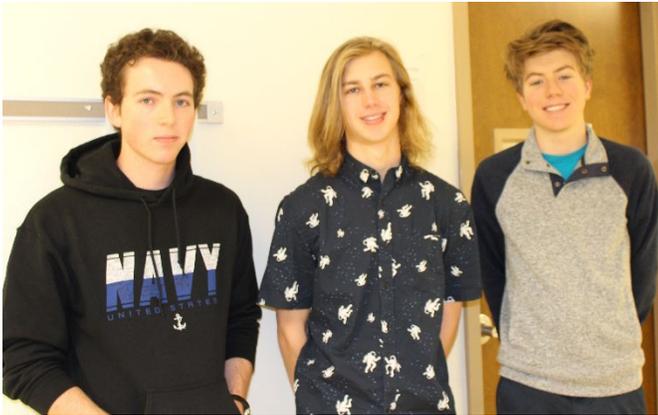
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WIMBERLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRODUCE

TWO OF THE TOP SIX FILMS IN STATE

Team Shines in the 2019 UIL Young Filmmakers Festival

Wimberley, Texas, February 25, 2019—Student filmmakers at Wimberley High School have proven to be a creative force and formidable competition in the annual UIL Young Filmmakers Festival, producing and directing a 5th place state finisher last year and already have two in the top six this year. Making it to state this year are *The Bread Run*, directed by junior, Declan Duggan and *Aberration*, directed by seniors Braden Gary and Dylan Byrne. The WHS films stood out among 768 entries and 4 rounds of competition. The teams spent hundreds of hours writing script, creating a storyboard, filming and editing their competition films.



Dylan Byrne, Braden Gary directors of *Aberration* and Declan Duggan, director of *The Bread Run*, are State Finalist Film Directors in the 2019 UIL Young Filmmakers Festival.

“Our film teams are ecstatic that they are in state competition again, especially to have landed two films in this very competitive festival. These students have put in long hours, even working through their holiday, getting the shots just right

and in the perfect light. This work ethic, along with boundless talent and teamwork have proven to be the secret to success,” said Greg Dydalewicz, Career Technical Education Instructor and Film Coach.

“It is an honor to mentor, guide and teach these students and very rewarding to see their hard work earn them much-deserved recognition,” he added.

“I’m glad that I can share my passion with the school and be recognized for it. It’s a really cool experience to be part of something like this in high school,” said Duggan.

Duggan worked with his twin brother, Justin Duggan, who was the main and only actor in *The Bread Run*.

“It’s kind of a relief that it is over because I lost so many hours of sleep that last week when we were finishing the film it. It was definitely rewarding because the hard work we put in showed in the final product,” said Gary.

Eleven students comprise the *Aberration* team:

Braden Gary-Director, Writer, Editor, Colorist

Dylan Byrne-Director, Writer, Editor, Storyboard Artist

Meigan Moncus-Actress

Hallie Strange-Actress

Will Seaton- Composer

Summer Myles-Makeup Artist

Nicholas Basinger-Sound Operator

Jake Smoorenburg-Drone Pilot

Braden Oddo-Production Assistant

Ian Byrne-Production Assistant

Preston Wyatt-Production Assistant

The films are available for public viewing on the [Wimberley ISD YouTube channel](#). The WHS young filmmakers will find out the results of the state competition on March 5, at 7 p.m. at the historic Paramount Theatre in Austin.

About Wimberley Independent School District

Nestled in the majestic community of Wimberley, Texas, the Wimberley Independent School District offers the best of both worlds to local families—a small town environment with schools committed to innovation and excellence. WISD campuses include Scudder Primary School for students in PreK-1st grade, Jacobs Well Elementary for students in 2nd-5th grade, Danforth Junior High for students in 6th-8th grade and Wimberley High School, home of the Texans and students in 9th-12th grade. For more information, visit wimberleyisd.net.

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