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West Covina Unified Alumni Take Top Prizes at Film It West Covina Virtual Film Festival

West Covina High School alumni captured the top prizes at the Film It West Covina Virtual Film Festival, showcasing skills learned as video production students and impressing judges with their interpretations of the theme "Together at Home."

Best-friend duo Joleen Jimenez and Angel Kuo – both Class of 2019 graduates – earned first place for their short film titled "[Home](#)," as well as the award for Best Cinematography.

Ko narrates the film, reciting an original poem that reflects on the many meanings of home. Her narration is paired with ideas of what one's home can look like, featuring footage of Jimenez's and Ko's friends, family and community members.

WCHS Class of 2019 alumnus Moises Vera wowed judges with his short film "[On The Clock](#)," earning the second-place prize, Best Editing and Best Visual Effects. Class of 2018 graduate Cristian Villanueva and filmmaking partner Alonzo Soto were also named Staff Pick winners for their film "[Watchful Eye](#)."

The Film It West Covina Festival was presented virtually this year in adherence to county public health guidelines. Films submitted by West Covina residents were presented via livestream on Aug. 29, followed by the presentation of awards.

Jimenez, Kuo, Vera and Villanueva, who earned cash prizes for their films, were honored alongside other winners and participants during a drive-thru ceremony on Sept. 4 at Hurst Ranch.

"Congratulations to our talented West Covina High School alumni on earning top honors at the Film It West Covina Virtual Film Festival," West Covina Unified Superintendent Dr. Charles D. Hinman said. "Their skill and artistry are a testament to the strength of the career technical education programs we offer in West Covina Unified, such as West Covina High School's robust Video Production pathway."

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