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PLU MEDIALAB FILM PROJECT NOMINATED FOR STUDENT EMMY AWARD

TACOMA, Wash., May 8, 2020 — A film produced by MediaLab students at Pacific Lutheran University has been nominated for the College Emmy Awards. *Living on the Edge* tells the story of North Cove, Wash., one of the fastest-eroding U.S. coastlines, which loses roughly 150 feet of land per year. The film's nomination comes from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Northwest Chapter.

The film project was directed and produced by students Siobhan Chachere (Senior Producer), Garrett Johnson (Director), Helen Smith (Chief Editor), Hanna McCauley (Artistic Director), and Hallie Harper (Director of Photography) through MediaLab at PLU. MediaLab is a pre-professional media organization that works with clients in the Tacoma community and creates yearly documentary projects.

Living on the Edge captures the story of North Cove residents who refuse to give up without a fight. The fates of homes, businesses, cranberry farms and fisheries will be determined by the quickly eroding coastline. The Pacific Ocean is projected to engulf the area by 2050 if left unchecked.

Director Garrett Johnson states, "I hope people will continue to support North Cove's fight against erosion as well as supporting MediaLab in future endeavors."

The film premiered on April 27, 2019 at the Washington State History Museum and has received the Accolade Global Film Competition Award of Recognition for Student Documentary Short. The film was also featured in the National Film Festival for Talented Youth and Friday Harbor Film Festival in October 2019. *Living on the Edge* is available on Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/livingontheedge>.

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MediaLab is a pre-professional media organization at Pacific Lutheran University that provides students with real world experience. For more information on our organization and documentary projects, please visit <https://www.plu.edu/mediastudies/medialab/> and <https://www.livingontheedgefilm.com/>.

The National Academy of Television Arts and Science's release announcing the nominees for the 2020 College Awards can be found at: https://www.natasnw.org/s/College-Nominations-2020_1st-draft.pdf