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MAHS Junior Wins in Environmental Film Contest

For the second year in a row, Moon Area High School junior David Korotky was honored for his film talent during the fifth annual C.A.U.S.E. Challenge High School Film Festival awards ceremony at Carnegie Science Center's Science Stage on Thursday.

David won the Communicating Science Award for his five-minute film "A Global Mission" that addresses how to solve climate change. His prize included \$300 cash, a director's chair, Carnegie Science Center passes and Three Rivers Film Festival tickets. He also received a \$1,500 check and trophy for Moon Area High School.

David was one of 65 students from 17 area high schools who entered short films in the festival, which seeks to promote environmentalism in young adults through film using the theme "Mutual Impact: The Environment and You." The filmmaking process helps students develop their creative voice and build important science literacy skills among other benefits. Other winners of the contest's five awards hailed from Hampton, Quaker Valley and Mount Lebanon high schools.

Presented by Bayer Corporation, Carnegie Science Center's Regional SciTech Initiative and Pittsburgh Filmmakers, C.A.U.S.E. stands for Creating Awareness and Understanding of our Surrounding Environment. This year's panel of judges included a state Department of Environmental Protection regional director, two filmmakers and Pittsburgh's Sustainability Coordinator.