



2020 We Are One Film Festival | World Premiere

*Wake Up: Stories from the Frontlines of  
Suicide Prevention*



Directed by Nate Townsend

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## About the Film



**Logline:** After a friend's unexpected suicide, two St. Louis college students formed a non-profit and began a nationwide journey to explore the cultural and institutional circumstances that failed their friend and 40,000+ other people each year.

**Synopsis:** *Wake Up* interweaves the stories of four very different communities affected by suicide — college students, veterans, the LGBT community, and gun owners. Rather than laboring on tragedy and despair, *Wake Up* focuses on the leaders on the frontlines of prevention, leaving viewers feeling hopeful, informed, and encouraged. It also powerfully illustrates how positive change can be achieved when compassion is practiced over prejudice — an important and timely lesson.

The film features interviews from a number of politicians and leading experts (including Congressman Joe Kennedy and Dr. Thomas Joiner), and is the first and only film to follow the cutting-edge preventative measures being taken by the Harvard School of Public Health.

The project was completely funded by a non-profit in St. Louis called Project Wake Up. They have a solid base of supports to promote the film.



## About Nate Townsend



After graduating from Loyola Marymount University School of Film and Television in 2014, Nate began a career as a writer and director in Los Angeles. During this time, he directed several award-winning short films that screened in festivals around the world including Newport Beach Film Festival, Burbank International Film Festival, and Santa Monica International Film Festival. In 2016, he began directing in house for DDB, a full-service advertising agency. He has worked on an array of brands, including AT&T, Spectrum Brands, The Hartford Insurance, and Scottrade. Among his accolades are a gold national ADDY award, a Cannes Lion Shortlist, and a Mid-American Emmy. He now lives in Los Angeles, where he works as a freelance director.



**Project Wake Up Presents**

**A Paxeros Production**

**A Nate Townsend Film**

Executive Producers    Alex Lindley and Danny Kerth  
Original Music and Score    Roberto Murguia  
Sound Design    Michael Finley  
Director of Photography    Kyle Krupinski  
Co-Written and Edited by    Chris Jones  
Produced by    Chelsea Bo and Sean Drummond  
Written and Directed by    Nate Townsend

**Main Title**

Wake Up

**End Credits**

In Loving Memory of    Ryan Candice - 1993-2014  
Dedicated To    Carolyn Dolan  
   Al Kerth  
   John Knowles  
Written & Directed by    Nate Townsend  
Produced by    Chelsea Bo  
   Sean Drummond  
Executive Producers    Danny Kerth  
   Alex Lindley  
Director Of Photography    Kyle Krupinski  
Co-Written & Edited By    Chris Jones  
Original Score By    Roberto Murguia  
Colorist    Kyle Krupinski  
Post Production Sound by    Transported Audio  
Supervising Sound Editor    Eric Marks  
Re-Recording Mixer    Josh Moore  
Sound Effects Editor    Michael Finley  
Sound Effects Editor    Joe Cavers  
Sound Effects Editor    Cesar Marengo  
Sound Effects Editors    Josh Moore  
Background Editor    Audrey Gu  
Additional Sound Editor    Ryan Vaughan  
Motion Graphics    Elliot Fan  
Title Design    Alana Downie

**Interviews by**

Margo Abadie    Associate Professor, LSU School of Social  
   Work  
Cathy Barber    Harvard School of Public Health  
Dr. Craig Bryan    Director, National Center for Veterans Studies  
AnnaBelle Odette Bryan    Director of Operations, NCVS



Anthony Candice	Ryan's Brother
Bob Candice	Ryan's Father
Denise Candice	Ryan's Mother
Jon Candice	Ryan's Brother
Julie Cerel	President, American Association of Suicidology
Rep. Steve Eliason	Utah House of Representatives
Laura Horne	Director of Programs, Active Minds
Cacilia Jensen	Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Price, UT
Jake Johnson	Keller's Pledge Brother
Dr. Thomas Joiner	Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Florida State University
Rep. Joe Kennedy	United States Congressman
Alex Lindley	Founder, Project Wake Up
Ashlee Marie Preston	Activist and TV Personality
Kim Myers	Suicide Prevention Coordinator of Utah
Nick Poché	Friend of Keller
Preston	Private, United States Marines
Erika Roberge	Therapist, NCVS
Rodger Thompson	Staff Sergeant, United States Army
Skip Simpson	Suicide Malpractice Attorney
Morissa Sobelson	Harvard Injury Control Research Center
Dese'Rae Stage	Founder, Live Through This
Jonathen Werzel	Minister
Gayle Zibilich	Mother of Keller Zibilich
Michael Zibilich	Father of Keller Zibilich
Sarah	Graduate Student
McCall	Graduate Student

### **Research Unit**

#### **Featuring**

Denise Candice	Ryan's Mother
Bob Candice	Ryan's Father
Jon Candice	Ryan's Brother
Anthony Candice	Ryan's Brother

#### **Experts & Professionals**

Dr. Julie Cerel	President, American Association of Suicidology
Dr. Thomas Joiner	Distinguished Professor Of Psychology, FSU
Skip Simpson	Suicide Malpractice Attorney Psychiatrist, Former United States
Tim Murphy	Congressman



Dr. Cathy Barber    Harvard School of Public Health  
Rep. Joe Kennedy    United States Congressman  
Ashley-Marie Preston    Activist and TV Personality

**Additional Crew**

Alec Roy    Boston Unit Gaffer

**Firearm Unit**

**Featuring**

Morissa Sobelson    Harvard Injury Control Research Center  
Rep. Steve Eliason    Utah State Congressman  
Clark Aposhian    Chairman, Utah Shooting Sports Council  
Kim Myers    Suicide Prevention Coordinator of Utah  
Cacila Jenson    Suicide Prevention Coordinator of Price, Utah  
Nova Jenson    Cacila's Daughter

**Additional Crew**

Paul O'Hannigan    Unit Production Manager  
Jordan Kirby    Production Coordinator  
Luc Delamare    B-Cam/Drone Operator  
Madison McGaughy    Production Sound

**Philadelphia Unit**

**Featuring**

Dese'rae Stage    Founder, Live Through This  
Felicidad Garcia    Deserae's Wife  
Augustus "Gus" Garcia-Stage    Deserae and Fel's son  
Johnaton Wurzel    Minister

**Additional Crew**

Paul O'Hannigan    Unit Production Manager  
Jordan Kirby    Production Coordinator  
Luc Delamare    B-Cam/Drone Operator  
Madison McGaughy    Production Sound

**Louisiana Unit**

**Featuring**

Michael Ziblich    Keller's Father  
Gayle Ziblich    Keller's Mother  
Laura Horne    Director Of Programs, Active Minds  
Jake Johnson    Keller's Pledge Brother  
Jackson Pellegrini    Scholarship Recipient



Associate Professor, LSU School of Social	
Work	Dr. Margo Abadie
Risk Assessment Class Member	Mccahl Murray
Risk Assessment Class Member	Sarah Plaeger
LSU Sigma Chi Leader	Rickey Heroman

#### **Additional Crew**

Sara Baum	B-Cam Operator
Madison McGaughy	Production Sound

#### **Utah Veteran Unit**

##### **Featuring**

	Director, National Center For Veteran's
Dr. Craig Bryan	Studies
Annabelle Bryan	Director Of Operations, NCVS
Preston	Private, United States Marine
Rodger	Staff Sergeant, United States Marines
Erika Roberge	Therapist, NCVS

#### **Additional Crew**

Sara Baum	B-Cam Operator
Madison McGaughy	Production Sound

#### **Reenactment Unit**

##### **Cast Name    Role**

Ethan Olson	Ryan Candice
Maggie Gagliardi	Older Dese'rae
Sarah Glassman	Younger Des'rae
Lily Drew	Abusive Girlfriend
Pierce Maczko	Keller Ziblich
David Phillip Fishman	Nick Poche
Antonio Solorzano	Keller's Friend
Austin Peay	Hunter/Grandfather
Juliet Roja	Hunter/Granddaughter
Christina Evans	Cacilia

##### **Crew Name    Position**

Nate Townsend	Director
Sean Drummond	Producer
Chelsea Bo	Producer/First AD
Kyle Krupinski	Director of Photography
Luke Rihl	Steadicam Operator (4/30)



Zack Ramos-Taylor	1st AC
Steven Kan	1st AC (4/27 only)
Eddie Gomez	Gaffer
Sean Lass	Key Grip
Eddie Crosby	Grip/Swing
Jon Stanley	Production Designer
Oliver Johnson	Art Director
T.J. Yoshizaki	Sound Mixer (4/26 only)
Stephanie Roberts	Sound Mixer
Vyvy Tran	Make Up Artist (4/27 only)
Emiko Lytell	Set Decorator (4/26 only)
Oscar O'Reilly	Production Assistant
Robby Shafer	Production Assistant
Amanda Caldera	Production Assistant
Danae Pera	Production Assistant
Lucas Cuny	Special Thanks

#### **Background High School Actors**

Alexia Tentman	Makayla Flocken
Brayden Connolly	Marisa Moenho
Devin Hejnicky	Megan McComb
Faith Fernades	Nick Delzompo
Haley Reece	Oliver Johnson
Kelly Phillips	Sabastian Hame
Travis Coffelt	Trinity Alcazar

#### **Background College Actors**

Dave Balmain	Amanda Caldera
Faye Hines	Andrew Braden
Jack Gomez	Arnaldo Silver
Jacob Hickman	Cameron Fisher
Jayon Dumas	Chris "Twist" Mason
Monica Farajpour	Andrew Braden
Noah Ponnelly	Danae Pera
Oscar Bermudez	Tony Solorzano
Robby Shafer	

#### **Vendors**

Paxeros Creative	Illumiere Co.
Function Lighting & Grip	Castex
ARRI	KTK Cine



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Abelcine    Ellavision  
Apophils, LLC    Bad Dog Pictures

**Thank you to our Locations**

St. Louis University    National Center for Veteran's Studies  
Harvard University    National Abilities Center  
TNT Guns & Range    University of Utah  
Burbank Guns & Ammo    Murietta Valley High School  
Lousiana State University    Studio 60  
Sigma Chi, LSU    San Bernadino Valley College