KUEN Channel 9 - Programs and Issues Report  
April 1-June 30, 2020

Listed below are programs that KUEN Channel 9, Utah's Learning Channel, deems to be of importance in the KUEN viewing area. Education is the primary focus of this station, serving educators and all citizens of our service area. These programs are indicative of KUEN's commitment to provide the citizens of Utah access to the highest quality and most effective instructional experiences.

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K - 12 Instructional Programming

KUEN approved a comprehensive schedule of instructional programs for use in Utah's elementary and secondary schools. These programs were selected and scheduled in cooperation with the Utah State Office of Education. A representational list of these programs includes:

**What About Me:** Difficult stories about difficult times, created to help children who grieve, and to give them an outlet to reflect on the feelings and thoughts that are part of the process. Children want to give others hope they will recover, and say you are not alone! This series of three programs aired at 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays, April 8 and June 16, and at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9 and June 17 on KUEN.

**Getting to Know the Element of Art:** These videos introduce youngest of learners to beginning art techniques and ideas in a light-hearted, easy to understand and memorable combination of fun narration, entertaining animation and concrete usable information. This series of 3 episodes aired Monday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. on KUEN.

**Food and Agricultural Science** From planting and harvesting crops, to raising livestock, to managing soil and water resources, to chemical analysis and biotechnology in the lab, including GMOs, to agribusiness and Wall Street, to food preservation, nutrition and safety, to feeding the world while caring for the planet's delicate ecosystems. All of these subjects are part of this seven-part series about the multidisciplinary approach to food and agricultural sciences in the 21st century. Featuring interviews with experts from the top food and agricultural research universities across the country and presenting the latest research in smart agriculture, food safety and preservation, personalized nutrition and sustainable food systems. KUEN aired this series Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. May 20 – 28.

**Ancient History:** Globe Trekker's Zay Harding hosts this new look at the world's ancient civilizations: civilizations that left remarkable ruins. As interpreted by historians of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, these ancient civilizations were presumed to be primitive and embroiled in wars, invasion and conquest. Now archaeologists have come to regard them in a new light in terms of accomplishments and unique variations on complex social organizations. Filmed in high-definition, these programs highlight new understandings of the civilizations of Greece, the Incas, the Anasazi, Britons and Native...
North Americans. These programs aired on KUEN Mondays at 1:00 p.m., and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. beginning May 11.

**Teen Kids News:** TEEN KIDS NEWS is a dynamic news program for teens and pre-teens by teens. The half-hour weekly program provides information and news to students in a way that's educational as well as entertaining. The focus of the program is young people, so all the stories are in their words. This program inserts the clear, informed voice of students into the adult-dominated media and provides a unique perspective that is not currently available on network news programs. Weekly Reader provides educational content and works with teachers nationwide to download scripts to teach public speaking, reading and writing skills. KUEN broadcast this series Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

**Public Affairs Programming**

**DW News:** A daily newscast from the heart of Europe. As one of the world's largest international broadcasters, Deutsche Welle provides public television viewers the unique opportunity to see our world from another perspective. The global economic crises, war in Afghanistan, and the worldwide campaign to combat global warming are issues that affect viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. On DW News, reporters and presenters from our Berlin studios provide your viewers depth and clarity as well as a unique European perspective on the day's events. KUEN airs this series Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m.

**Decommissioning Fukushima Daiichi: Tackling Nuclear Fuel Debris:** Nine years after the Fukushima Daiichi disaster, a robot touched nuclear debris deep inside the damaged facility for the first time. It was the initial step toward removing the highly radioactive debris, the greatest challenge in the decommissioning process. At the time, more and more evacuees are returning, as Japan's government pursues the unprecedented task of rehabilitating communities while proceeding with decommissioning. We examine efforts with the nuclear debris, and see how residents are doing now. This one-hour program aired Thursday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. on KUEN.

**Open Mind:** A half hour weekly public affairs broadcast, THE OPEN MIND is a thoughtful excursion into the world of ideas, exploring issues of national and public concern with the most compelling minds of our times. Hosted by Alexander Heffner. KUEN broadcast this series on Monday nights at 11:00 p.m. and on Friday mornings at 5:00 a.m.

**NHK Newsline:** NEWSLINE is produced by NHK, Japan's news leading public broadcaster, delivering the latest from Japan, Asia and the rest of the world. featuring global news and current affairs, business, sports, science and technology trends plus global weather forecasts from over 30 news bureaus throughout the world. Their wide network of correspondents around the globe cover breaking news and developing stories, offering a unique Asian perspective. Together with a team of trusted anchors, NHK NEWSLINE presents a picture of what’s happening now, and what’s ahead. KUEN aired this series twice a day, Monday through Friday, at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Wilder than Wild: Fire, Forests, and the Future:** Reveals how fire suppression and climate change have exposed our forests and wildland-urban landscapes to large, high severity wildfires, while greenhouse gases released from these fires contribute to global warming. In this one-hour documentary, filmmaker Kevin White takes us on a journey from the Rim Fire of 2013 to the wine country wildfires of 2017 and beyond. Along the way, we learn how the proactive use of prescribed fire can reduce reliance on reactive fire suppression, we see a California tribe renew their tradition of cultural fire, and we meet stakeholder groups working with scientists and resource managers to build consensus on how to restore and manage the lands we love and depend on. This documentary aired Thursday, June 11 at 9:00 p.m.
**General Interest Programming**

**Poetry in America:** The 12-part series POETRY IN AMERICA draws students of all ages into conversations about poetry. Hosted by Harvard University professor Elisa New, each half-hour episode highlights the work of one distinguished poet (Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks) with a reading by an individual well known for accomplishments outside the humanities (actress and playwright Anna Deavere Smith, Grammy-Award winner Herbie Hancock; former vice president Joe Biden, and rapper/poet Nas), as well as a chorus of others, including: a chorus of pick-up basketball players, young naturalists at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and students at the Parsons School of Design. The fast-moving, beautifully shot series offers viewers a fully immersive experience in hearing, reading, and interpreting a single American poem. Scholar Elisa New opens a conversation about poetry and encourages viewers at home to extend the discussion past the episode's end. **KUEN** aired this series Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.

**Shelter Me: In Times of Need:** "Shelter Me: In Times of Need" is hosted by two-time Oscar winner Hilary Swank and features an innovative program where Alzheimer's facilities foster orphaned kittens. This not only provides the kittens the 24-hour care they need to survive but also engages the seniors at the memory care facilities in profound ways. There's also a story about a shelter dog that becomes a hospital therapy dog, plus an organization that works in underserved areas building free fences for people who keep their dogs tied up all day. This one-hour program aired Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 p.m. on **KUEN**.

**Discovery Road:** Explore the people and places of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). "Discovery Road" features a '55 Pontiac which travels along U.S. Highway 89, All-American Road State Route 12, and Scenic Byway State Route 24 in Utah. As the car drives along these roads, viewers will "discover" the things that make the MPNHA worth driving to themselves.

Using music, storytellers and the characters in the communities along the way, Discovery Road presents Utah's history, scenery and culture in an entertaining and educational manner. The Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area (MPNHA) is a federally designated area of central and southern Utah running along the beautiful and historic U. S. Highway 89 — including the All-American Road, Utah State Route 12, and Capitol Reef Scenic Byway Utah State Route 24, which both intersect with U.S. 89 and together form the MPNHA's Boulder Loop. This series airs on **KUEN** Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 12:00 a.m.

**Omaha Beach: Honor and Sacrifice:** On D-Day, a roughly 7,000-yard stretch of beach in Normandy, France given the code name "Omaha" proved to be the Allies' biggest obstacle to the success of Operation Overlord. The assignment to take Omaha Beach, establish a beachhead, and move inland into France was given to two American divisions - the already battle-hardened 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One) and the untested 29th Infantry Division (The Blue and the Gray), who had yet to see any combat in World War II. American Naval Combat Demolition Units also hit the beach that day, writing their own individual stories of horror and heroism. Seven decades after the "Boys of Omaha Beach" landed, many veterans are returning to this part of the Normandy coast for the last time. Other soldiers who were there on D-Day have also come back for the first time since that historic day, looking for closure as they enter the final years of their lives. **OMAHA BEACH: HONOR AND SACRIFICE** shows the very personal stories of several veterans as they return to Omaha Beach and documents the celebration in Normandy that continues to this day as a result of their acts of courage and determination on June 6, 1944. **KUEN** aired this program on Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 p.m.

**SciTech Now:** SciTech Now captures the latest breakthroughs in science, technology and innovation. With anchor Hari Sreenivasan, we check out the hottest gadgets, meet the innovators creating the startups
of tomorrow and map out the mysteries of the scientific world. **KUEN** broadcast this series Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

**Day One:** DAY ONE profiles a unique public school in St. Louis, Mo., that serves newly arrived refugees, immigrants and survivors of war. The Nahed Chapman New American Academy (NCNAA) educates high school students with PTSD, interrupted schooling and limited English, preparing them to enter the mainstream public school system. The documentary follows NCNAA students as they learn, grow, forge friendships and achieve academic success with the support of their compassionate teachers and advocates. **KUEN** aired this 90-minute documentary Thursday, May 7 at 8:30 p.m.