

# **VIDEOTAPING TIPS**

## **A. CAMERA BASICS**

**USE A TRIPOD –**

**ZOOM OUT & GET CLOSE –**

**USE THE EYEPIECE WHEN SHOOTING HANDHELD –**

## **B. CAMERA SHOTS (STATIC)**

**WIDE SHOT (HEAD TO TOE) –**

**MEDIUM SHOT (HEAD TO WAIST)–**

**CLOSEUP (HEAD TO SHOULDERS) –**

## **C. CAMERA SHOTS (MOVING)**

**PAN (SIDE TO SIDE) –**

**TILT (UP AND DOWN) –**

**ZOOM (IN AND OUT) –**

## **D. HELPFUL HINTS**

**SHOOT OUT OF ORDER –**

**LOOK FOR EVENLY LIT AREAS –**

**AVOID LOUD/NOISY AREAS –**

**AVOID WHITE/BRIGHT BACKGROUNDS –**

**AVOID PLACING THE SUBJECT CLOSE TO THE BACKGROUND –**

**AVOID WHITE/BUSY PATTERNS FOR WARDROBE –**

**LOOK AT THE ENTIRE FRAME –**

**RULE OF THIRDS -**

**PRE-ROLL/POST-ROLL (3 SEC. MINIMUM) –**

**USE A SLATE BEFORE EACH TAKE–**

**LOG YOUR SHOTS –**

**LABEL YOUR TAPES -**