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GOHS Awards Six SADD Grants to Help Save Lives

(Columbus, GA)-Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) can make a life or death difference for our students. As part of a continuous program to involve students in efforts to reduce injuries and death of young drivers, the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) has awarded a \$2,000 highway safety grant to six (6) high schools in the Muscogee County School District (MCSD).

The grant funds will be used to enhance existing SADD chapters and to help reduce teen driver fatalities. GOHS believes that student input on solutions will help alleviate the problem of teen driver fatalities in Georgia.

Grant Recipients from Muscogee County School District

Carver High School – Naomi Hitchcock, Advisor

Early College – Dawnell Jacobs, Advisor

Hardaway High School – Karen Powers, Advisor

Kendrick High School – Marilyn Lawton, Advisor

Northside High School – Dr. Rosalyn Williams, Advisor

A.I.M. Program – Dr. Paulette Rameau, Advisor

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Teen drivers represent a disproportionate number of drivers involved in crashes that cause injuries and deaths on roadways in Georgia. SADD Chapters are working with peers to prevent deaths and to change the perception that crashes are accidents; it is the premise for the efforts on the part of the GOHS to assist teens and their partnering agencies to plan and coordinate key teen driving issues, which includes:

- 1) Operator inexperience,
- 2) Speed, safety belt use, and
- 3) Impaired driving conditions.

The MCSD SADD Chapters plan to conduct seatbelt checks and driving simulations in partnership with the Columbus Police Department, prom campaigns, and other highway safety activities using the grant funds. In addition, each chapter will send its advisor, the president, and several members to a GOHS statewide leadership-training program. Participants will coordinate with other SADD chapters from across the state of Georgia.

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