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NEWS RELEASE

SADD Chapters Awarded Grant to Help Save Lives

(Columbus, GA) -Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) can make a life or death difference in our schools. As part of an on-going program to involve students in efforts to reduce injury and/or death of young drivers, the Georgia Governors Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) has awarded a \$2,000 highway safety grant to nine (9) high schools in the Muscogee County School district. These funds will be used to enhance existing SADD chapters and help reduce teen driver fatalities. GOHS believes that student input will help alleviate the problem of teen driver fatalities in Georgia.

Grant recipients include:

Carver High School – Naomi Hitchcock, Advisor

Columbus High School - Michelle Grier, Advisor

Early College, Linda Willard, Advisor

Hardaway High School – Karen Powers, Advisor

Jordan High School – Eddie Powell, Advisor

Kendrick High School – Marilyn Lawton, Advisor

Northside High School – Dr. Rosalyn Williams, Advisor

Rose Hill Center – Dr. Paulette Rameau, Advisor

Spencer High School – Shantis Curry, Advisor

According to the GOHS Director Robert F. Dallas, “Our state’s teen drivers represent a disproportionate number of drivers involved in crashes that involve injuries and deaths on Georgia’s roadways. We look forward to our SADD Chapters working with their peers to change the perception that crashes are accidents, which can’t be prevented, because they can.” This 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 operator inexperience, speed, safety belt use, and impaired driving conditions.

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

For additional information, please contact communications@mcsdga.net, or Dr. Betty McBride, Muscogee County School District SADD Chapters at 706-748-2226.

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