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GOHS SADD Grants Help Save Lives

(Columbus, GA) –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) awards a \$2,500 highway safety grant to four (4) high schools in the Muscofee County School District. The funds can be used to enhance existing SADD chapters and to help reduce teen driver fatalities. Participants in organizations like Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) can make a life or death difference. The GOHS believes that input from students on solutions may help alleviate the problem of teen driving fatalities in Georgia.

2016 SADD Grant Recipients

Carver High School
Early College
Hardaway High School
Kendrick High School

Paulette Rameau, Advisor
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Teen drivers represent a disproportionate number of drivers involved in crashes that involve injuries and deaths on Georgia's roadways. SADD Chapters are working with peers to prevent deaths and to change the perception that crashes are accidents. 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 and driving simulations in partnership with the Columbus Police Department, prom campaigns, and other highway safety activities using grant funds.

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