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Governor's Office of Highway Safety SADD Grant Awards to 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 grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$6,300, to four (4) high schools in the Muscogee County School District (MCSD). The grant funds are used to enhance existing Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapters and to help reduce teen driver fatalities in Georgia.

Grant Recipients

Carver High School – Paulette Rameau, Advisor

Early College – Jane Mitchell, Advisor

Hardaway High School – Karen Powers, Advisor

Kendrick High School – Catrina Smith, Advisor

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.

For more information, contact communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us, or Dr. Trikella Nelson, MCSD SADD Chapters, (706) 748-2226.

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