

# Connect



## HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Welcome Back! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday and returned to school safe, healthy and ready to continue learning all kinds of interesting things!

The beginning of the new year is a great time for setting new goals and making new commitments to ourselves. *Resolution* means “a serious decision to do something” or “a promise to yourself to do something.” So, in addition to other resolutions we might have made, let’s resolve to make 2014 the year NC SADD is stronger, more active and more effective than ever before. We are only as strong as our individual members. Let’s resolve to have the SADD chapter we can be proud of!

### SADD 2014 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

In 2014, I resolve to:

- Work harder to make my SADD chapter more than just a club.
- Be actively involved in all meetings by contributing my thoughts and ideas.
- Make an effort to accept and get along with my fellow chapter members.
- Come up with new ideas for projects and activities.
- Be a visible presence at my school.
- Be tolerant of others and never pick on or intimidate others.
- Stand up for other students when they are being bullied.
- Get at least one other student to join my SADD chapter.
- Promote SADD in my school, my community and to students from other schools.
- Attend the State SADD Conference!

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#### **Ideas? Questions? Concerns?**

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## CONFERENCE PINS AVAILABLE



Each conference attendant received a Mockingjay pin as a parting gift. We have some pins left over. If you would like pins for members who could not attend the conference, send an email to the state coordinator at [hsoutherland@ncsadd.org](mailto:hsoutherland@ncsadd.org). The pin is 1"x1." The supply is limited, so make your request early.

### THANK YOU FOR SHARING

The *SADD Shares* project was a success! Thanks to all the conference attendees who brought items for the troops and canned goods for the NC Food Bank. Isn't it a great feeling to know that we helped those who don't have life's basic necessities, or that we made a soldier's life a little easier?

### NEED PRESENTERS?

Several SADD chapters have requested contact information for speakers and workshop presenters who were at the conference. If you need presenters for your school programs, most of these presenters are available to travel to your area. Some of these presenters may charge fees; some do not.

Peggy and Josh Bennett: Mother and son drunk driving prevention team - [pbennett@mgclaw.com](mailto:pbennett@mgclaw.com)

Cameron Houser: Drunk driver in auto crash  
828-310-2257

Annette Carrington-Johnson: Teen Pregnancy/STI Prevention - [acarrington@dconc.gov](mailto:acarrington@dconc.gov)

Kevin London: Parent of Drunk Driving Victims  
[kevwlon@yahoo.com](mailto:kevwlon@yahoo.com)

StreetSafe Life Saving Driving Program  
Contact Kim Shovlin 910-599-5445

### SADD SHINES DAY: YOUTH LIGHTING THE WAY

SADD Shines Day is just around the corner. It is Wednesday, February 5, 2014, and it will be a national day to celebrate all the ways SADD members make a difference and for SADD chapters across the country to celebrate and shine together.

The theme is "Youth Lighting the Way," and we suggest your event includes an opportunity to make cool



lanterns to use in your event. You can build lantern making into each of these events to make them festive, creative and memorable.

SADD Shines Day is open to your creativity; have fun with it! The Resource Kit has some easy ideas to get you started, but all SADD Shines Day plans should include these five items:

- Hold an event.
- Make some cool lanterns and light them up.
- Wear your SADD gear.
- Celebrate what you do.
- Take pictures and share them with SADD and your local media.



However you celebrate, the lantern will be our unifying symbol for this event.

SADD National has the following resources available for your use:

- The SADD Shines Day Resource Kit with activity ideas, a step-by-step instruction and action plan, lantern-making guide, lantern ceremony script, and more.

- SADD Shines Proclamation Request template (request it immediately!).
- Media Tools and Templates to help you tell your story - customizable templates for social media messaging, news advisory, press release, letter to the editor, school announcements, and radio public service announcements (PSAs).

SADD Shines Day custom products are available for purchase online through the SADD Store (branded tee shirts, pencils, and buttons).

Be sure to register your SADD Shines event. The first 100 chapters to register get five free SADD Shines Day posters! Register your event at [www.sadd.org/saddshines\\_req.htm](http://www.sadd.org/saddshines_req.htm)

**#ncsaddshines**

Tweet your event so you can share your amazing day with other SADD chapters. Use #ncsaddshines.

Because of *you*, SADD Shines Day will be a national day of inspiration and celebration of the power of Youth Lighting the Way!

To learn more about SADD Shines Day, check out [www.sadd.org/saddshines.htm](http://www.sadd.org/saddshines.htm)

**AVERY COUNTY HIGH RECEIVES \$25,000**

The SADD members of Avery County High School in Newland were excited to learn they had won a \$25,000 CELEBRATE MY DRIVE grant from State Farm. The grant was presented by principal Todd Griffin and State Farm representative Andrea McDonough at a surprise assembly for students and faculty.

Celebrate My Drive is a community celebration of safe driving habits. It emphasizes the positives of safe choices behind the wheel as teens celebrate the freedom that comes with the rite of passage of getting a drivers license.

Advisor Cheri Frye and the almost 80-member SADD chapter worked tirelessly in hopes that their chapter might be awarded a grant. They credit the entire school and community with helping them to win. They had the involvement of Avery County Sheriff's Department, the NC State Highway Patrol, businesses and others in the community.

In addition to continuing safe driving initiatives, Ms. Frye said the grant will help with Safe Prom activi-

ties, scholarships for SADD students and safe driving events that involve the total community. She also said the funds will be spent to support SADD programming for more that one year.

We congratulate ACHS SADD for the excellent work they did, and we thank principal Griffin for his support of the program.



Principal Todd Griffin (l) and State Farm's Andrea McDonough (r) present advisor Cheri Frye with that beautiful check!



Avery County High School SADD and their supporters. Go Vikings!

Four other N.C. schools also won \$25,000 CELEBRATE MY DRIVE grants. They are Butler High School in Matthews, Page High School in Greensboro, Wakefield High School in Raleigh and Hough High School in Cornelius.

Congratulations to all our winners! A special appreciation goes out to all those schools who entered the contest and worked hard but did not receive a grant this time. Keep the faith; your time will come. The work you did was valuable and will definitely benefit your chapter, your school and your community.

## CHANGE THE CONFERENCE DATE?

At the conference advisors meeting, some of our advisors expressed that holding the conference in November makes it unlikely that athletes and band members who are in SADD will attend, as many of the schools are in football competitions. Our traditional conference time is the weekend before Thanksgiving, although it could be a week earlier depending on hotel availability. The Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office holds Youth Legislative Assembly in March or April, which is also a three-day conference, so we would not be able to hold the SADD conference during that time. What are your thoughts? Email the state coordinator at [hsoutherland@ncsadd.org](mailto:hsoutherland@ncsadd.org) to express your opinion.

## SADD ROYALTY AT HAYESVILLE HIGH

We've learned that *all* the ladies of the **Hayesville High School** Homecoming Court last fall are members of the Hayesville High SADD chapter! Hayesville High, in Clay County, was one of our charter chapters after SADD began in North Carolina in 1982, and Ken Ball was the advisor. The chapter is now under the excellent leadership of Grant Nicholson, and we appreciate the great work he and the students are doing to keep SADD strong in Clay County. We also appreciate the support of principal Keith Nuckolls, as we cannot have strong chapters without administrative support. Congratulations ladies! Keep the SADD message going strong. You're doing good and looking good! Go Jackets!



**Hayesville High School Homecoming Court** (l-r), Jordan Ledford, Rachel Benson, Rachel Cox, Meghan McQuade, Tiffany Timpson, Courtney McNabb, Kali Garrido, Adrianna Wimpey, Haley Reaux, Claire Chester (Photo courtesy of the Clay County Progress)

## REGISTER YOUR CHAPTER!

Although we are halfway through the school year, you still need to register your chapter with SADD National if you have not done so. You will also need to register at the beginning of each year. Some benefits, such as scholarships, are only available to students in registered chapters. Registering your chapter each year is the only way that the national office knows how many or where SADD chapters exist. We want to show the full force of SADD in North Carolina, so please take the time to register.

**Please keep the state coordinator abreast of what your chapter is doing.  
If you *don't* report it, we *can't* report it.**

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