

# Connect



## REVISED NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Beginning this month, the state SADD office is going to keep you connected by issuing a monthly newsletter. You will have the opportunity to broadcast what you are doing in your schools and communities. Inform the state coordinator of any recognitions your chapter or chapter members have received. Share with others the projects, activities and campaigns in which your chapter is involved.

## WEST JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDES ADVISOR AND STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Elizabeth Bonilla (left) received the 2012-13 Advisor of the Year Award at the state conference. Bonilla was recognized for her leadership on numerous projects at West Johnston and for the work she does with the West Johnston SADD program and JoCo Teen Driver, a safe driving initiative of Johnston County. She also provided support to the Student Advisory Board in planning the SADD conference.

Kaleigh Allen, (right) a senior at West Johnston, was awarded Student of the Year honors because of her commitment to the SADD program and mission, her work with her chapter and her contributions to the Student Advisory Board.

## ANNIVERSARY PINS AVAILABLE



SADD was established in North Carolina in 1982, the first year that the program went national. We continue to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and there are a limited number of the commemorative lapel pins that participants received at the SADD conference. If all of your chapter members did not attend the conference and you would like for them to have an anniversary pin, email or phone the state coordinator with the number of pins you need. If you were not able to attend the conference but you have an active chapter and would like some commemorative pins, there may be some available for you also. These pins will be distributed on a first-come-first-served

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### SADD Calendar for March

- Middle School Month
- National Sleep Awareness Week (first week)
- National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week (third week)
- National Youth Violence Prevention Week (third week)

### Ideas? Questions? Concerns?

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basis, so get your request in before they are gone.

### **WEST JOHNSON SADD MEMBERS ATTEND NOYS SUMMIT**

Alli Powers and Anuar Dubon Ramirez were selected to represent the state of North Carolina at the 2012 National Distracted Driving Summit hosted by NOYS (National Organizations for Youth Safety). Alli and Anuar attended the summit last December and met students from 20 other states. They shared best practices and worked with people who have made it their mission to stop distracted driving. Their charge was to come back to North Carolina and host a statewide driving summit. They have invited each school system in North Carolina and are hoping to have at least 5 people from each county to attend. The summit is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bonilla at [elizabethbonilla@johnston.k12.nc.us](mailto:elizabethbonilla@johnston.k12.nc.us).

### **NEW SADD CHAPTER STARTED**

Roxboro Community School, Person County, Melissa Phillips, advisor.

We welcome this school into the SADD family, and we look forward to them at conference in November.

### **WOULD YOU MAKE A GOOD STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER?**

I practice the "no-use" lifestyle.

I am active in my SADD chapter.

I am a good role model for other students.

I enjoy meeting new people and interacting with others.

I live up to my commitments, and I am dependable.

I am a good student academically.

I have attended a state SADD conference.

I won't mind giving up a few Saturdays to help plan the SADD Conference.

I love to have fun.

If you answered "yes" to the above questions, you may be a good candidate for the Student Advisory Board or Student of the Year. The application is posted online at [www.ncsadd.org](http://www.ncsadd.org), and the deadline for applications is April 12, 2013.



*Left:* The 2012-2013 Student Advisory Board  
Left to Right: James Tucker, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee; Abigale Lowery, Person High School, Roxboro; Claire Pelletier, Southwest High School, Jacksonville; Student of the Year Kaleigh Allen, West Johnston High School, Benson; Thomas Hiatt, Albemarle High School, Albemarle; Christine Henry, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill; Stavonna Petty, Person High School and Kara Byrd, Enloe High School, Raleigh.

### **A JOB WELL DONE BY NC LAW ENFORCEMENT**

We all get nervous when we realize we are caught in a traffic check point, but we also realize these initiatives are necessary, and they serve the purpose of preventing highway injury and death. According to a recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Program, during the last holiday "Booze It & Lose It" campaign (Dec. 7-Jan. 2), law enforcement officers across the state netted:

3,147 DWI's

6,381 seat belt violations

1,134 child safety violations

30,364 speeding violations

3,543 drug charges

184 stolen vehicles

3,009 fugitives from justice

## **21 OR BUST CAMPAIGN**

**21 or Bust** is a campaign in the *SADD and the Law* series, created as a partnership between SADD and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). This campaign teams SADD chapters with businesses licensed to sell alcohol, law enforcement and other community leaders to prevent the sale of alcohol to those under the age of 21.

**21 or Bust** is an environmental strategy for preventing underage drinking. SADD chapters work to educate their peers and help them make better decisions. Environmental strategies will make it less likely that adults will provide alcohol to teens. You'll work with local law enforcement to reach out to alcohol establishments. These may include state ABC stores, grocery stores and convenience stores. The store owner/manager signs a pledge to follow all state laws related to alcohol sales and strictly check IDs and posts the campaign pledge behind the counter. Your SADD chapter puts up posters in the store and places static cling signs inside cooler doors near the handle to reinforce the message for those purchasing alcohol. Your chapter can generate media attention and make a difference in your community! A **21 or Bust** kit, containing everything you need to run the campaign, is available from the SADD Store for just \$75. The kit contains:

- A **21 or Bust** manual with detailed instructions, how-to hints and tips and templates for outreach
- 10 pledge posters for store owners to sign and post behind their counter
- 25 posters to put up in the stores
- 50 static clings to put inside cooler doors by the handle
- 25 pencils with the **21 or Bust** message to spread the word

To order the kit, call the SADD Store at 1-888-608-6988, email [sadd@apisource.com](mailto:sadd@apisource.com) or visit [www.sadd.org](http://www.sadd.org).

## **OUTER BANKS KIWANIS SUPPORTS SADD**

The Outer Banks Kiwanis Club exemplifies the *SADD Caring Triangle* of home, school and community working together for the wellbeing of our youth. The club presented First Flight High School and Manteo High School SADD chapters each a check for \$500.00. Chapter representatives and their advisors, Billy Essick and Mark McKay, met with Kiwanis and explained SADD's mission and what they hope to accomplish in their chapters. In addition to helping the chapters financially, the Kiwanis Club members offered their support in any way necessary to help the students achieve their goals. First Flight and Manteo have active chapters and we appreciate the work they do in reaching out to the community. Photos of the SADD clubs are below.





*Far left:* Officers Essick and McKay show off their moves in the advisor Gangnam Style dance at the SADD Conference. Essick won the Best Dancer award. Pictured left of Essick is Diane Dail, Southwest Onslow advisor. Rosie Rankin, who assists McKay with Manteo SADD, dances between Essick and McKay. *Center:* First Flight High School SADD Conference delegation. *Right:* Manteo High School SADD Conference delegation.

### **NEWS FROM CHATHAM CENTRAL SADD**

Chatham Central High School's SADD chapter has partnered with the Chatham County Health Department for a tobacco prevention project. Next week, the students will bring awareness to the dangers of smokeless tobacco products with posters of tobacco use statistics and pictures. According to Jocelyn McKoy, SADD advisor, "It's a small start, but in the right direction." There will also be a mini Youth Summit hosted by their sponsor, Chatham County Drug Free Coalition, which will take place on Monday, February 25, from 3:30-6:00pm on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro. Chatham Central SADD is also preparing to participate in Kick Butts Day on March 30th by doing a park cleanup of cigarette butts and other litter.