Nominations for recognition awards now being accepted

In an effort to unite the Shattered Dreams coalition and recognize those individuals and organizations that have made a tremendous effort towards reducing underage drinking and impaired driving in their community, we have announced the presentation of recognition awards. Awards will be presented in the following four categories:

CATALYST AWARD: This award honors outstanding community individuals who have worked to promote the Shattered Dreams program in their community. This individual is recognized for their great efforts and continued involvement in reducing underage drinking and impaired driving in their community.

PASSIONATE EDUCATOR AWARD: This award honors exceptional school employees who have worked feverishly in their school to make the Shattered Dreams program a success. This enthusiastic individual is recognized for their passion for education and love for students that drives them to promote programs in their school that will raise awareness about underage drinking and impaired driving among their students.

PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD: This award honors individuals from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Fire Department, EMS, Police Department, and Law Enforcement who go above and beyond to provide support to a community's Shattered Dreams program. This individual is recognized for their effort to promote the program and provide ongoing assistance in the planning process.

OUTSTANDING FOLLOW-UP PROJECT AWARD: This award honors a project that was created as an extension of the Shattered Dreams program to continue educating students, parents, and the community on the problems of underage drinking and impaired driving. The follow-up project uses the momentum from the program to increase awareness and continue promoting change.

To submit a nomination, complete the award nomination form and provide your supporting documentation. All forms must be submitted by Friday, March 3, 2006.

To request a nomination form, please email us at villarrealc@uthscsa.edu

“Texas is a challenging state to connect those with mutual passions, just considering the sheer magnitude of its size. It is timely to recognize those who have gone above and beyond in the calling to combat underage drinking. Please take the time out to nominate.”

-Lt. Christina Guerra
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Shattered Dreams Mini-grant Program

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) seeks to promote high school participation in the Shattered Dreams program by awarding mini-grants to schools that participate in the program. Through funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, the Mini-grant Program will pay up to $500.00 as reimbursement for expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rental, and other items related to the Shattered Dreams event. Funds will be allocated on a first-come, first serve basis, so APPLY NOW! Prior to the event, the school must complete the TABC Mini Grant Application and contract. For more information, please contact: Gloria Villaseñor at (512) 206-3430 or to download the Mini Grant packet go to www.tabc.state.tx.us/educa/shatdreams.htm
As the holiday season quickly approaches, it is imperative that we take into account that alcohol-related highway crashes are the leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults in the United States. The facts on alcohol and impaired driving can be sobering, especially during the holiday season.

- Thanksgiving through New Years are by far the deadliest driving periods of the year.
- Of the approximately 5,000 driving fatalities in the 2001 holiday season, more than 2,000 (41.5 percent) were alcohol related.
- The rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is about 4 times as high at night as during the day (64% versus 14%).
- In 2004, 30% of all fatal crashes during the week were alcohol-related, compared to 51% on weekends.
- Most crashes where alcohol is involved occur on Friday and Saturday nights, between the hours of midnight and 4:00 AM.

Although thousands of lives have been saved through increased awareness and legislation related to alcohol and impaired driving, we must continue to send the message out. Impaired driving continues to negatively impact the lives of many individuals.


Left: Students from Missouri Southern State prepare for their Shattered Dreams event
The South Texas Injury Prevention and Research Center (STIPRC) works with Texas schools to implement pre- and post-surveys that measure program impact. The evaluation involves the distribution of two questionnaires to students who directly participate in the program. These individuals include the Living Dead, crash victims, grim reaper, and student program assistants.

The pre-survey should be administered one month before the program and the post-survey should be administered one month after the program. Once the surveys are completed, mail them to the STIPRC, where we will analyze your school's data. For participating in the evaluation, your school will receive an impact report describing the results from your student questionnaires.

If you have any questions or would like to receive copies of the surveys, please email Lizette Villarreal at villarrealc@uthscsa.edu

The “Point of View” is an ongoing section of our newsletter. If you have participated in a SD event, we invite you to submit your comments and ideas. For more information, call 210-567-7826.
If you would like individualized assistance in planning your upcoming Shattered Dreams event, contact Lizette Villarreal at (210)567-7873 or by email at villarrealc@uthscsa.edu. Yours could be one of the 24 schools that receive technical assistance at no cost through a grant from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission! Slots are filling fast, so contact us today.