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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Steel Valley SADD Students Worked Hard this Past School Year to Spread Messages of Making Good Decisions**

Munhall, PA – Steel Valley Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) sponsored a variety of programs at the end of the school year geared towards encouraging their fellow students to make good decisions.

One of the programs involved SADD members Isabella Furrick, Danielle Long, Aidan DiGiannurio, and Kayla Kinzel joining other teens from Allegheny County testing their driving skills and road safety knowledge at the Teen Safe Driving Competition at Pittsburgh Technical Institute. That same day, the Safety Bug Program came to Steel Valley High School junior and senior students giving them the opportunity to drive or be a passenger in the car that was designed to show them the effects of driving while intoxicated.

According to SADD Advisor Beth McCallister, “Students from Mr. Firestone’s and Mr. Seech’s social studies classes had the opportunity to also wear ‘beer goggles’ while taking part in a mock field sobriety test that same day. They later watched an educational video about impaired driving.”

SADD Students also partnered with PA SADD and Responsibility.org to bring the “Smashed Project” to the High School. It’s a unique theater education program that aims to prevent underage drinking among high school students and equip them with knowledge and skills to make smart decisions about alcohol in the future according to McCallister.

In addition to a live theater performance, students also participated in an interactive workshop and a question/answer session with the performers.

"Underage drinking is down, and conversations between parents and kids about alcohol are up," said McCallister. "Educational programs like the Smashed Project get kids talking. Our SADD students doubled their efforts at the end of the school year to help ensure that they got the word out on the importance of making decisions that keep them safe for prom and graduation season."

