

**Steel Valley School District  
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## **Steel Valley High School SADD Officers Announced**

Munhall, PA – Steel Valley Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Officers have been announced for the 2018-19 school year and include: Amanda Kubick, secretary; Casey Semenko, public relations; Izzie Furrick, president; and Chloe Delu, vice-president.

The group has 105 members in grades 9-12 with a mission to empower young people to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them throughout their daily lives.

Steel Valley SADD uses peer-to-peer activities to give students the opportunity to learn about and to talk about the ways that various destructive decisions can impact their lives and the lives of the people who care about them.

During October, SADD focused on National Red Ribbon Week and the ill-effects that drugs and alcohol can play on young minds and bodies. During that time, members worked with their Teacher-Sponsor Beth McCallister and Katie Slafka from Mon Yough Community Services to have students sign the Red Ribbon Pledge and to take the National Drug & Alcohol Facts IQ Challenge.

And, on Nov. 5, 40 SADD students joined over 1,000 other SADD students from Pennsylvania at the PA SADD Conference at Seven Springs where they heard a number of outstanding speakers and had the opportunity to share ideas with other students who want to do their part to make a difference.

The conference theme was “Empower, Engage, Mobilize, Change.”

Students listened to Keynote Speaker Ty Sells from Youth to Youth International who spoke about the importance of leading by example instead of just by words.

Students also participated in a “Think Fast” interactive competition and attended a variety of workshops. Some of the workshops titles included: Minding Your Mind (*dealing with mental health and anxiety*), Marijuana Myths De-Bunked, and Text Less Live More.

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"Students learned a lot, got a chance to meet and brainstorm with students from other schools, and will hopefully be able to bring some valuable lessons and information back to share with their peers at Steel Valley," said SADD Advisor & Steel Valley Teacher Beth McCallister.

