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Student Artists Create Anti-Drug Messages for Prevention Calendar



Delaware County Council and the Office of Behavioral Health recognized 15 student winners in the annual Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Councilman Dave White, center, congratulated all the winners, front from left to right, Angelena Graybeal, Meadow Fisher, Kayla Tidwell, Councilman White, Sebastian Graham, Reihinna Harris, Jaclyn Cwierniewicz

Fifteen students from various Delaware County schools were recognized for creating powerful anti-drug and anti-tobacco messages that will be displayed on prevention calendars.

Delaware County Councilman Dave White announced the winners in the 29th annual

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Over 650 posters were received from students in 25 different schools this year.

The contest is funded by County Council through the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol, and coordi-

ated by Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems. The winning posters will be featured in the 2018 Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Calendar.

“Young people today are faced with many challenges. However, very few have the potential to affect their lives in a more significant way than the decisions they make about alcohol, tobacco and drugs,” Councilman White said. “Choices about alcohol and drugs influence a student’s health, grades, relationship, and future hopes for college and a career.”

Experts agree that education and prevention programs at an early age help young people make better choices.

“This morning we honor children who participated in one prevention program that involves hundreds of students who create awareness posters that warn of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug use,” Councilman White said. “Every year, we are impressed by the wonderful messages that these students create to educate

their fellow students, friends and family.”

Councilman White was joined in the presentation by Elizabeth Naughton-Beck, Chair of the Delaware County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council. Also attending was Anne Jennings, D&A Administrator, OBH, Laura Fidorowicz, D&A Prevention Program Specialist and Bridget Marley, Prevention Specialist I, Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems.

Students winners in their categories are:

Alyssa Bruton (1st, K-2)
Angelena Graybeal (2nd, K-2)
Meadow Fisher (3rd, K-2)
Kayla Tidwell (4th, K-2)
Sebastian Graham (1st, 3-5)
Reihinna Harris (2nd, 3-5)
Jaclyn Cwierniewicz (3rd, 3-5)
Ava Elliot (4th, 3-5)
Alicia Chipolla (1st, 6-8)
Gabby Youngers (2nd, 6-8)
Caroline Wood (3rd, 6-8)
Kayleigh Saboja (4th, 6-8)
Allison Deaton (Best Art)
Giovanna Scuderi (Best Message)
Madelyn Kieh (Best Overall)

Summer Season is Peak Time for Grilling Fires

As barbeque season nears, grill masters are reaching for their spatulas, eager to usher in the long-awaited cooking season. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urges grillers to be particularly mindful of cooking safety in the spring and summer months, when grilling fires most often occur.

According to NFPA’s latest “Home Grill Fires” report, three out of five households own a gas grill, which means a lot of great food and family times. But, it also means there’s a notable risk of home fires. While gas grills cause more home fires than charcoal grills, NFPA reminds everyone that all types of grills pose a risk for fires and burn injuries. According to the report, over one-quarter (27 percent) of home grill fires started on an exterior balcony or open porch, another 27 percent started in a courtyard, terrace or patio, and eight percent began in the kitchen.

“As friends and families get ready for the grilling season, make sure the grill is working properly, and review safety tips,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA.

NFPA suggests the following tips for grilling:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed away from the home or deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Children and pets should be at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease and fat buildup from the grates and trays below.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

For additional information and resources including tips for outdoor cooking with portable grills, visit www.nfpa.org/grilling or download NFPA’s safety tip sheet on grilling for easy access.

Health Partners Foundation Awards \$12,000 Scholarship to Delaware County Student



On Friday, June 2, 2017, Edna Bonsu received the Making Dreams Reality Scholarship from the Health Partners Foundation (HPF). HPF Executive Director Staci Scott helped recognize Bonsu at Penn Wood High School in Lansdowne, PA. The scholarship is awarded to high achieving students with a financial need in several areas, including the communities in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The scholarship amounts to \$12,000 over four years. Bonsu will soon begin pre-med coursework at St. Joseph’s University.

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