35th ANNIVERSARY
SADD CONFERENCE
MOVING FORWARD WITH SADD

Students Against Destructive Decisions
Leadership Conference

November 17-19, 2017
Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown Hotel
Raleigh, North Carolina
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  Registration  Salon ABC
(Room Keys Issued to Chaperones Only)
Luggage Storage  Judicial

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  Pizza Buffet

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Opening Session
Welcome
Mary Williams-Stover, Executive Director
Council for Women and Youth Involvement
Greetings from the National Office
Rick Birt, Acting CEO
Dylan Mullins, Student of the Year
Recognition of Schools
Nicholas Wilson, West Johnston High School, Benson
Conference Protocol
The Student Advisory Board clarifies the conference rules in order to make the weekend a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.
Panel Discussion
The Victors
Facilitated by Aryana Daye and Greyson Betz
Panelist discuss overcoming destructive decisions and using their experiences to empower others.
Panelists
Ethan Buck, Pitt Community College
Nikki Locklear and Laura May, Activist in Action
Frank Alford, Program development and counseling
Closing Remarks
Harriett Southerland, SADD State Coordinator
Council for Women and Youth Involvement

9:15 – 9:45 p.m.  Mandatory Chaperone Meeting  Auditorium

9:30 - 10:30 p.m.  F.R.I.E.N.D.S.  Salon ABC
Students learn to team-build and work together through interactive games and friendly competitions.

10:45 p.m.  Curfew (Room checks by chaperones)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  (Breakfast and Morning Program)  Salon DEFG

Greetings and Introduction of Presenter
Davian Street, Person High School, Roxboro

Keynote Speaker
First Sgt. Derek Mobley
NC State Highway Patrol
NC Department of Public Safety

8:35 - 9:35 a.m.  Student Workshops Session 1
9:40 – 10:40 a.m.  Student Workshops Session 2
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Advisor Workshop Session 1
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  Student Workshops Session 3
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.  Lunch  Salon DEFG

Introduction of Presenter
Rosalyn Wilkinson, West Iredell High School, Statesville

Keynote Speaker
Darryl Rogers, Cary, NC

1:25 - 2:25 p.m.  Student Workshops Session 4
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  Advisor Workshop Session 2
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  Student Workshops Session 5

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.  Free Time (Hotel shuttle available)

Workshops
(See your conference folder for session assignments)

Cyber Craze  Judicial
Karen Everett, NC Center for Safer Schools
Learn what bullying looks like, how to deal with it, who to tell and what you can do to be a positive example to others.

Hysteria  Sandalwood
Annette Carrington-Johnson, Durham County Health Department
This highly rated workshop gives young adults the information they need to make healthier, safer choices and to recognize that unintended pregnancy is both a female and male issue. Learn to separate fact from myth and learn assertive communication skills to say “no” to risky behavior that can lead to unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infection and diseases.
Moving Forward!  
Front Parking Lot
StreetSafe
Learn to become safer and more responsible on the road through hands-on experience. This “Behind the Wheel” workshop covers decision making, common errors young drivers make and how to create change as ambassadors. Students will focus on speeding, distractions, following too closely, seatbelt use and the use of alcohol and drugs while driving.

The Outer Limits  
Salon A
Dylan Mullins and Kylie Gilmore
Do you have trouble getting your peers to listen to you and make better decisions? This workshop will help you push yourself to achieve more than you thought you ever could. You will build your confidence and strengthen your leadership skills. You will learn to become an active force on your campus and in your community.

Prohibition  
Salon B
Justin Garrity, Healing Transitions
Frank Alford, Program developer and counselor
As you work to prevent early onset of problem behaviors in youth, explore connections between social and environmental risk factors. Learn how to create communities that support both recovering individuals and those who choose not to use substances, learn to look at your environment and identify people of influence that will help you build a supportive, healthy community.

Stayin’ Alive  
Boardroom
StreetSafe
This workshop will teach you what you need to know to stay safe on the road and arrive at your destination alive and uninjured. You’ll discuss speeding, buckling up, distractions, and other issues that require you to make smart decisions.

Groovin’ in the Driver’s Seat  
Oakwood
Rick Birt, SADD National
This workshop offers in-depth information on SADD programs and campaigns to help you move beyond basic activities and create chapters that bring about results. Hone your skills for motivating your students to be more active, proactive, creative, and involved.

Mercy, Mercy, Me  
Oakwood
Rick Birt and Harriett Southerland
Meet with the SADD acting CEO and the state coordinator to discuss chapter or program successes, failures, hits and misses, and ups and downs. Let us know what we can do to make your chapters stronger and provide the support you need.
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  Saturday Evening Banquet  Salon DEFG

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
Davian Street, Person High School

National Anthem
Summer Lanier, West Johnston High School

Greetings and Remarks
Mary Williams-Stover, Executive Director
Council for Women and Youth Involvement

Introduction of the Deputy Secretary
Cherish Matson, Southwest High School, Jacksonville
Remarks from the Department of Administration
Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary

Candlelight Memorial Ceremony
Ja’Kayla Betts, Person High School
Landry Connors, West Johnston High School
Cassidy Dellinger, Saxophonist
West Johnston High School

Remarks from the Conference Co-sponsor
Mark Ezell, Director
Governor’s Highway Safety Program

Invocation
Aryana Daye
Person High School

Dinner

Introduction of Speaker
Nicholas Wilson
West Johnston High School

Keynote Speaker
Rick Birt, Acting CEO, SADD National
Washington, DC

Tribute to Advisors
Student Advisory Board

Award Presentations

Harriett Southerland, State SADD Coordinator

9:15 - 11:15
Disco Inferno (Dance)

11:30
Curfew  (Room checks by chaperones)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  Check Out

*Please do not turn in your key until everyone in your room has removed all belongings.*

Luggage Storage  Judicial

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Breakfast and Closing Session  Salon EFG

**Welcome and Greetings**
Ja’kala Betts and Aryana Daye

**Introduction of Speaker**
Landry Connors

**Keynote Speaker**
Rosalyn Wilkinson
2016-17 Student of the Year
West Iredell High School

**Conference Recap**
Valerie Williams
Southwest High School

**Prizes and Recognitions**
Student Advisory Board

**Remarks**
Rick Birt
Harriett Southerland

**Adjournment**

Thanks to all of you for supporting the state conference and helping to make it a success. It couldn’t happen without you.

Remember to buckle-up, put away your cell phones, and drive safely.

Working together, we will make sure we keep

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About Our Presenters

Frank Alford has a master’s degree in social work and is a program developer and counselor for youth and adults. He is known for his leadership and innovation in creating programs that foster social and emotional growth while engaging participants in designing their future. Programs he has originated include Enfire, the Blues Recovery Project, Stress Management Workshops, Flipside Phonix, and New Parent Orientation. Frank is a former basketball coach for the Fletcher Academy. He is also a professional saxophonist, bandleader, and Eagle Scout.

Richard “Rick” Birt is Executive Vice-President of SADD National. He is a creative and energetic individual who helps lead national operations and development efforts. He manages field operations and helps SADD to better serve its network of chapters. Rick has a long involvement with SADD: he was the 2009-10 National Student of the Year, serving as the nation’s youth spokesperson. Rick enjoys skiing and hiking. He loves to travel, and his favorite destinations are Peru and Iceland. Rick says, “I've been in the audience of the Price is Right, but I wasn't selected to be on the show. I've never won a contest or raffle, but I am known for my incredible "dads" jokes."

Ethan Buck is from Greenville, NC. He grew up in a very loving family with parents who were passionate about helping people. This is one of the reasons he is studying social work. Ethan is passionate about helping people because people reached out to him when he needed help the most. He started using at the age of 12. He is now 20 with two years of recovery. Because he started so young, Ethan’s addiction progressed very rapidly. Ethan was able to overcome his addiction and turn his experience into something positive. He now directs his energy into helping young people, because he feel as if he can make the most difference in their lives. Ethan is the middle child of three boys, and as such, he says he’s always at the forefront of most family jokes.

Annette Carrington Johnson, MS, MCHES lives in Durham where she is program manager of the Communicable Disease and Maternal Child Health Program in the Durham County Department of Public Health. She is an adjunct professor at NC Central University and President of the Durham Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. Annette is a youth educator who views young people as positive assets in the community. She sponsors youth summits, youth conferences and other youth-lead events. She strongly believes that all youth should be fully informed in order to make healthy, safe decisions with all relationships.
Karen Everett was born and raised in Raleigh, NC. She graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Immediately after graduation, she was commissioned by the US Army as an Ordnance Lieutenant. Everett spent four years in the Army as a platoon leader for a maintenance platoon and then as the Battalion Adjutant. She endured one tour in Iraq from 2003-2004 where she was promoted to Captain. In 2004, after completing military service, she returned to Raleigh and worked as a police officer. Everett spent ten years as a patrol officer and was then assigned to the Youth and Family Services Unit. She left the police department to join the NC Center for Safer Schools and is currently a School and Community Program Specialist. Karen has one son, Nick, who is nine years old. She has two dogs.

Justin Garrity lives in Raleigh where he is in the Master of Social Work program at NC State University. He grew up in an affluent family, played sports, and graduated from college. He never thought he would find himself homeless and living out of a parked car in a Walmart parking lot, but at the age of 25 that’s exactly what happened. Garrity’s wake-up call came when he arrived at his mother’s house, and she refused to let him take a shower. Instead, she drove him to Healing Transitions, a nonprofit addiction recovery center in Raleigh. Through treatment, Garrity returned to the hobby he enjoyed before he got hooked on heroin: running. He logged many miles to cope with the ups and downs of treatment and to build up his strength. His daily runs became a stabilizing force and an opportunity for reflection. Garrity recently celebrated three years of sobriety and now works as a volunteer coordinator and transitions case intern at Healing Transitions. In April 2017, he started a running group, the Oak City Recovery Run Club, for recovering people in Raleigh.

Kylie Gilmore is a second-grade teacher at Wallace Elementary School in Hampstead, NC. She is originally from Pennsylvania. Kylie’s involvement in SADD began when she was in the seventh grade. She was the national Student of the Year and a member of the 2012-13 Student Leadership Council. During that time, she managed national SADD conferences in Florida and California, National Organizations for Youth Safety rallies in DC, worked on the AT&T It Can Wait campaign, and hosted the inaugural conference at her high school. Kylie loves horseback riding, going to the beach, and basketball. She has a cat named Little Meow and is an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team. Go Pens!
**Nikki Locklear** is from Pinehurst, NC. She has worked at Friend to Friend for over eight years, currently serving as the Serenity House Shelter Manager. She is responsible for overseeing shelter operations and shelter client case management. Thanks to Nikki’s hard work and commitment, Serenity House Shelter is recognized as a model shelter for the state of North Carolina. She received her Associates degree in Human Services from Sandhills Community College, and is now enrolled in the Moore County Leadership Institute. Nikki has recently developed a Youth Training and produced a documentary on violence in the Native Community. She is a die-hard Carolina Panthers fan and an avid football fan in general. She loves shopping, and she is recognized by her coworkers as having the best style at Friend to Friend!

**Laura May** is from Pinehurst, NC. She is the Bilingual Sexual Assault Advocate and Community Educator for Friend to Friend. Her responsibilities include delivering awareness and education presentations throughout the community. She works with Moore County Public Schools to offer education to all grade levels on bullying, empathy, healthy relationships, teen dating violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Laura works with the Latino population through a Spanish facilitated support group for survivors of interpersonal violence. She currently serves on the Moore County Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Ricardo, and her two-year-old daughter, Maisy. Laura is a die-hard Carolina Panthers fan and likes watching any and all sports. She loves to travel and explore different cultures and foods.

**Derek Mobley** lives in the Cleveland Community of Johnston County. He feels sure that everyone has heard of Johnston County, since it is the “Wreck Capital of the World.” Mobley has served the citizens of North Carolina as a State Highway Patrolman for 20 years. He is currently the District First Sergeant in Johnston County. He enjoys his work and considers the people he works with and manages his “work family.” He is passionate about working with youth, not only because he believes every life matters, but because he has two young daughters and he knows how he would feel if something happened to them. Mobley feels that his mission to ensure family will have to feel that loss. He said, “I was young once and used to run around and think I knew it all. Now, as an adult, I know better. Mobley is happily married to the lovely Dona Mobley. He has two daughters, Jasmine and Sydnee. He says he is an excellent cook who is described by his friends as “Grill Master.” “I love basketball,” Mobley said. “But due to these old knees of mine, I now play golf instead.”
**Dylan Mullins** is the national SADD Student of the year. He is from Marlboro, New Jersey. Dylan joined SADD at the end of his freshmen year of high school because he believed the organization’s peer-to-peer outreach was especially effective in making a lasting impact on his community. He fondly remembers handing out lollipops with kind messages attached to remind his peers to make smart choices during prom season. Dylan will attend George Washington University this Fall to study political science and economics. He is the current national SADD Student of the Year.

**Darryl Rogers** lives in Cary, NC. He is a youth motivational speaker and author. Because of a tragedy that touched his family, he campaigns to prevent youth drug use and traffic fatalities. Rogers feels that the opioid crisis is a big problem that deserves attention, and most efforts have been focused on treatment and recovery. He believes that while we need to continue efforts in these areas, we also need to ramp up our efforts in prevention. He believes that rather than waiting until people are broken and try to fix them, it is important to get ahead of the curve through positive peer groups in schools. Rogers says he wants to do anything he can to support and promote SADD’s efforts.

**StreetSafe** is a non-profit charitable initiative taught by police officers, firemen, judges, insurance executives and driver education professionals. It is a hands-on driving experience designed and developed to change the driving behaviors that cause crashes, DWI’s, injuries and death. StreetSafe has ten fully equipped regional teams throughout NC and reaches over 20,000 young drivers each year with support from NC Governors Highway Safety Program, State Farm Insurance, Trusted Choice, RA Jeffreys Distributing and the NC Department of Insurance.

**Rosalyn Wilkinson** is the 2016-17 NC SADD Student of the Year and a senior at West Iredell High School in Statesville, NC. She has been a SADD member for four years, beginning as a freshman. She is the only child of Jeff and Tammy Wilkinson. Rosalyn says that being involved in SADD has been a great experience for her, because she was able to meet a lot of people and learn from them. She was also able to help other people make good decisions about the things they did. The most important thing she wants other young people to learn is that you have to be kind to others even if they are not kind to you. After graduation, Rosalyn plans to attend Western Carolina University to study social work and psychology. She enjoys camping, reading, being outside, and sending time with her family and her dog.
The NC SADD 2017-18 Student Advisory Board

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