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ENGAGE! EMPOWER! EDUCATE!

- * **ENGAGE** communities, families and Youth in partnership to reduce substance abuse.
- * **EMPOWER** youth to make good decisions.
- * **EDUCATE** community members about prevention, awareness, and programs.

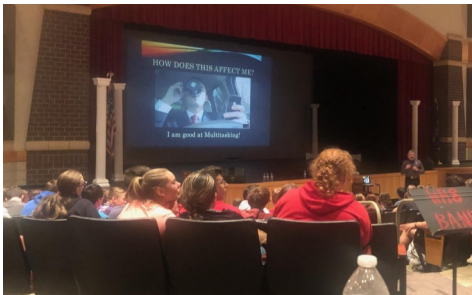
SCCDAT Youth Council gains new members (And a new name!)

The Sumner County Youth Council met in South Haven in April and took steps toward a new identity. The students brainstormed ideas for a more 'intriguing' group name and came up with a captivating name that won by unanimous vote: **Sumner County TNT (Teens Need Teens)**. These young people understand the importance of building relationships with students from other communities to collaborate and to make each of their schools a better place. Oxford had only one student involved in December and now has six! Kendra Ives from Oxford High School is our lone senior this year. She has been involved with SCCDAT for over 4 years and has been a catalyst in bringing together the youth of our county. Kendra will be sporting a black & red braided cord at graduation, signifying her contributions to SCCDAT over her high school career. We will miss Kendra in the years to come but we wish her the best of luck as she furthers her education at Kansas State University in the fall. Thank you, Kendra!



Pictured above are Sumner County TNT (Teens Need Teens) members from Caldwell, Oxford, South Haven, and Wellington. Not pictured: members from Belle Plaine High School.

Texas Law Enforcement Liaison, Garry Parker, Comes to WHS



Garry attended the Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy before receiving his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and master's degree in criminology from Concordia College and University. He holds many licenses including Master Police Officer, Police Instructor, Motorcycle Safety Instructor, Advanced Driver Training Instructor and Firearms Instructor. Garry has 36 years of law enforcement experience and is retired from the Texas Department of Safety in 2009 as the Public Information Officer at the State Capitol. He is currently employed as a Law Enforcement Liaison and Instructor with TMPA.

Garry came to WHS on Friday, April 26th as a pre-prom speaker. He presented information to all WHS students about the effects of distracted driving. Garry was fun, informative, and captivated his audience and we are very grateful that he was able to bring his knowledge and experience to WHS!

DARE Camp has huge turn out!

Due to not-so-favorable weather conditions, 2019 DARE Camp was moved indoors at the Kansas Star Casino Event Center on Tuesday, April 30th. Despite the rainy conditions, the turn-out did not disappoint! Over 500 students attended the event and many, many programs and organizations were present for the celebration. DARE camp gives the students a chance to celebrate their hard work and dedication to the DARE program throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who contributes to DARE camp. This is such a fun day for our youth!



UPCOMING:

Our next coalition meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 14h at noon at the Sumner County Economic Development Office.

Please feel free to join us or contact us for more information about how to get involved with SCCDAT!

SAFE & SOBER PROM...CHECK ✓

Zach Daily was the winner of the WHS Safe & Sober Prom banner contest in March. His design was showcased next to a wrecked vehicle at prom drive-in on Saturday, April 27th at Wellington High School. **SCCDAT would like to extend a huge 'Thank you!' to Strickland's Road Service for providing the wrecked car and volunteering their time to deliver and set-up the vehicle.** We can't possibly accomplish all of our tasks without a great support system and volunteers like you, so we are forever grateful for your assistance in making this project a reality!



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Student Survey

SUMNER COUNTY

Fact of the Month

The Sumner County 6th/8th/10th/12th grade **PARTICIPATION RATE** for the Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey last year was **70.97%**. That is something to celebrate but we still hope to build on that in the years to come!

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about the coalition and our programs.

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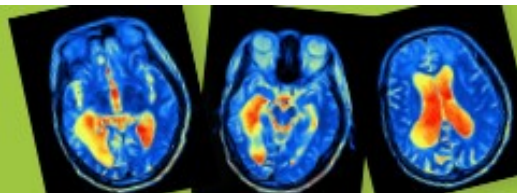
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