

CONGRATULATIONS!

2010 SADD National Award Recipients

At the June 29th "Sunset Celebration" Awards Banquet, SADD recognized the stellar work of its most dedicated students and advisors by presenting national awards for Activity of the Year, Advisor of the Year, and Chapter of the Year. In addition, two special SADD National Board of Directors' awards were presented to recognize and honor distinguished service and an outstanding contribution to SADD.

SADD National Activity of the Year

Gardner South Wilmington High School SADD S.T.U.D.S. (Safe Teen Ultimate Driving Squad) of Gardner, Illinois, captured this award for its "Road to Reality – Beyond the Mock Car Crash" program which updated a traditional SADD event with innovative prevention strategies and touched more than 400 students, parents, and community members involved and generated significant media coverage, extending its impact to an even greater audience. This program was recognized as a regional winner in Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Operation Teen Safe Driving Program.

SADD National Advisor of the Year

Mrs. Gloria Tatum-Wade of Northeast Guilford High School of Greensboro, North Carolina, has worked as SADD Staff Facilitator for the past three years. During this tenure, she's assisted in the development of Safe School policies and worked as a behavioral support staff person. A chapter member said "Mrs. Tatum-Wade encourages us to stand up for what is right and not be afraid to sometimes stand alone under peer pressure." Her tireless efforts have earned mutual respect among the chapter, and her desire is for students to have a positive impact on society by making conscious ethical and moral decisions that, in turn, may save lives.

SADD National Chapter of the Year

Stafford Technical Center of Rutland, Vermont, captured the honor of Chapter of the Year. This chapter has worked extensively throughout the past year promoting and spreading the SADD message to other schools and communities in their county as well as seeding the first college SADD chapter in Vermont! The chapter has also forged strong alliances with a variety of community organizations including two anti-drug coalitions. Stafford's comprehensive approach has given students a venue to serve their peers and their community. They have focused on underage drinking, teen dating violence, internet safety, and a wide array of other initiatives. The chapter's membership has doubled in size and continues to be progressive in each of its activities and programs.

SADD National Board of Directors' Awards

The SADD National Board of Directors recognized **Craig Tornquist** - who has spent more than 25 years influencing young people with good, clean humor - with the **SADD Distinguished Service Award** for his wit, creativity, and commitment to SADD as conference emcee extraordinaire for 10 years and **DCH Auto Group** received **SADD's Outstanding Contribution Award** for its visionary leadership and compassionate commitment to advancing the SADD mission of promoting safe and healthy decision-making among youth. *(Full press releases are available under the Media section.)*