



2009 SADD National Conference

Washington, D.C.

July 12 – 15, 2009

Conference Highlights

- **Peer connections.** More than 500 youth and adults from 33 states gathered together for 3+ days to share ideas, collaborate, and develop lasting friendships.
- **Inspiring keynote speakers.** Four motivating keynote speakers provided messages of inspiration in unique and energetic ways.
 - Ty Sells (youthto youth.net)
 - Leon Quan (quanpresentations.com)
 - John Morello (iamdirt.com)
 - Patty Hendrickson (pattyhendrickson.com)
- **Interactive workshops.** More than 40 interactive and educational workshops were offered by both youth and adult experts. Presenters focused on a variety of topics including leadership, advocacy, and prevention education. All participants left D.C. with concrete tools and ideas to bring back to their own schools and communities.
- **The Summit: An Evening of Celebration.** SADD recognized the stellar work of its most dedicated students and advisors by presenting national awards for Chapter of the Year, Activity of the Year, and Advisor of the Year. In addition to these field awards, The Office of the Surgeon General was recognized with SADD's Outstanding Contribution Award for Academic Excellence and Cheryl Neverman, a highway safety specialist with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, was presented with the SADD Lifetime Achievement Award. Finally, SADD officially inducted the 2009-2010 National Student Leadership Council.
- **Rally on Capitol Hill!** SADD students and adult advisors gathered in Upper Senate Park to address SADD's 2009 legislative priorities: teen traffic safety, underage drinking and other drug use, and teen violence, suicide, and mental health. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and Representative Michael Capuano (D-MA) were honored with the 2009 SADD Excellence in Government Award for their commitment to advancing SADD's objectives regarding teens and alcohol, other drug use, violence, and other risky behaviors. The rally was followed by more than 60 legislative visits to discuss teen traffic safety issues.