

A student portrays a person killed by someone driving under the influence. With her is another student representing the Grim Reaper (death).

Buena Vista High's safe driving campaign takes second

Buena Vista Continuation High School leadership students took second place in the Southern California region of the 2016 Teen-to-Teen Safe Driving Campaign contest.

Buena Vista's 16-member Leadership class, under the direction of teacher Daura Beard, coordinated events at the Chino school, including completing pre- and post-surveys about teen driving, a kick-off activity, collecting pledges to not drink alcohol and drive, creating a video, creating and updating a Facebook account for the school, presenting a seatbelt safety information activity to a class at Ramona Junior High in Chino, conducting lunchtime activities, announcing daily facts about the dangers of distracted driving, and providing information to students' families through letters, emails, marquee announcements, web home page announcements and phone blasts.

More than 70 students and faculty members signed the pledge to drive sober, and more than 70 students participated in the school's "Wrecked by Distracted Driving" Field Day.

Also assisting with the project were all 13 Buena Vista teachers, Principal Rigo Vasquez, Counselor Veronica Rios, School Resource Officer Robert Troncoso, Chino Valley Unified School District Security Officer Don Schenkel, Custodian Manny Gonzalez, and Clerk Maite Maisterrena.

"None of this would have been possible, of course, without our membership in Friday Night Live, an outreach program from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health," Beard said.

The five-week contest was held Sept. 23 to Oct. 28. It was sponsored by the AllState Foundation, an insurance organization that provides nationwide programs and grants, creates partnerships, and rallies teams to support safer lives and stronger communities; and the Safety Center, a non-profit whose mission is to reduce injuries and save lives by promoting lifelong safety and health through a variety of community and professional programs.



Buena Vista High students sign pledges to not drink alcohol and drive.



Participants in Buena Vista's recent "Wrecked by Distracted Driving" Field Day wait their turn to try a virtual reality device that depicts distracted driving.



A student tries out a virtual reality device, showing the experience of distracted driving.



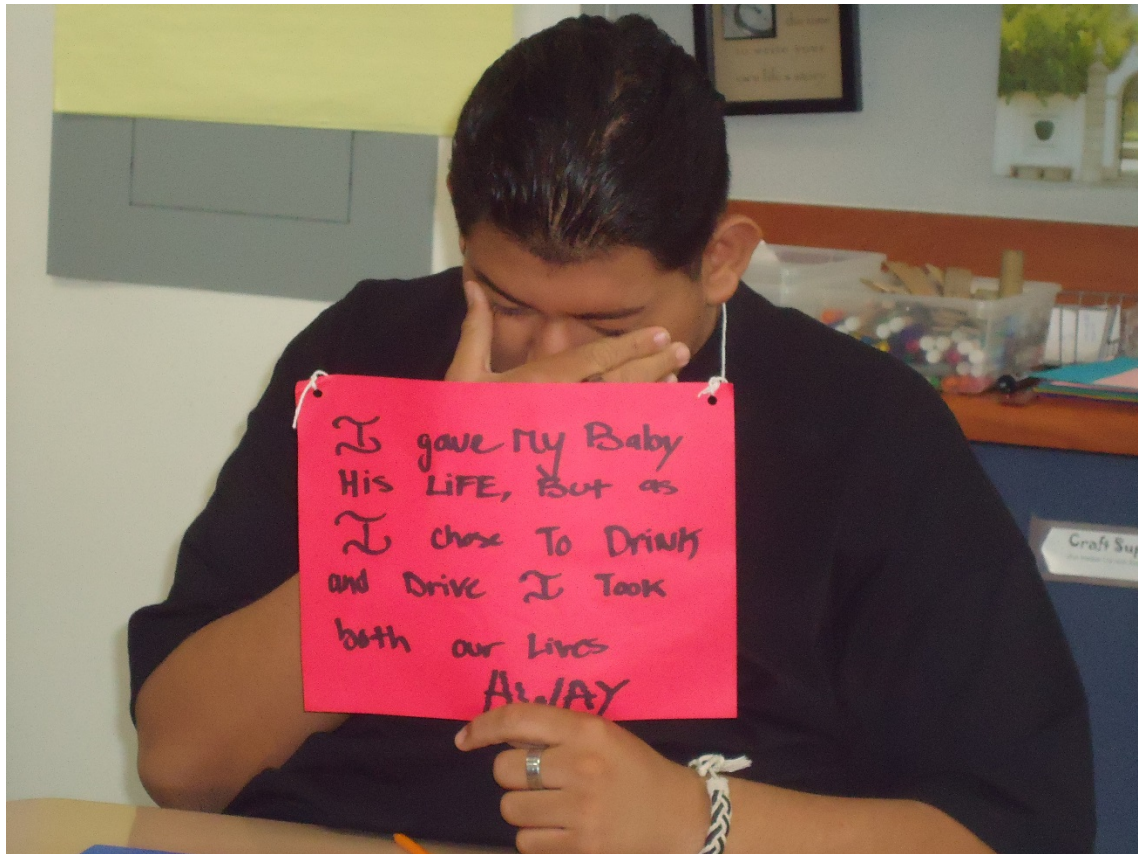
A deadly mock accident is portrayed on the Buena Vista High campus during the Field Day.



The California Highway Patrol and other local agencies offer information during the Field Day.



Dummies occupy a crash car that demonstrates the results of a vehicle accident.



A Buena Vista High student portrays a parent who lost a child because of drunk driving.



Driving under the influence facts compiled by Buena Vista High Leadership students.