

Students, groups praised for anti-drug efforts



Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith with 10 of 13 local students honored Tuesday for their efforts in school-district-based anti-drug coalitions. Macomb County Prosecutor's Office photo

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Thirteen Macomb County students and school-district anti-drug organizations were recognized Tuesday by county Prosecutor Eric Smith for their efforts in drug prevention and education.

Smith said the students stood out not only due to their contributions to the organizations but for their overall involvement in many activities, promoting a drug-free lifestyle.

"Each of us sees the tragic consequences of both substance abuse and drunk driving in our communities," Smith told the anti-drug coalitions in a letter, later adding, "These students do so much to try and keep kids away from doing those sorts of things."

The organizations "succeed or fail based on the response and participation of our youth," he said.

The students were recognized in a ceremony at the Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township. Each coalition received a \$500 donation from Smith's drunken driving forfeiture fund, and each student received a \$50 gift card.

The recipient students and their organizations are Kaltri Hoxhha, Bay Haven Prevention Coalition; Wendy Mayer, Clintondale Make a Difference Coalition; Will Fortson, Mount Clemens Community Coalition for Youth and Families; Ashley Jagoda, Shores Network for Action and Prevention; Brittany Carney, Warren-Center Line Prevention Coalition; Abigail Wright, Chippewa Valley High School, Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families; Dante Jones, Fraser Community Action Team; Kaylynn Johnston, Northwest Macomb Prevention Coalition; Shalynn Rangel, Teens Talking Truth; Brynn Sand, Dakota HS, Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families; Joe Lechkun, L'Anse Creuse Community Action Coalition; Rickey Shackelford, Roseville Community Coalition; and Danielle Keith, Utica Area Community Action Team.