



# Indiana SADD NEWS

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## Shirock: Music with a Message

Anyone who had the awesome experience of attending Indiana SADD's Orange Ribbon Celebration last April knows that the amazing up-and-coming band Shirock is headed for big things. With a debut record album released in the fall of 2008 and songs that have been recognized on various television shows and movies, Shirock is making its rise in the music industry.

With music that encourages teens to make positive decisions and strive to be the best that they can be, this musical group gives back to the community and inspires youth

to do so, as well. Shirock is a firm supporter of SADD and other similar organizations that promote living a healthy lifestyle. The band visits schools and SADD chapters around the country, and just may be able to visit yours! For more information, visit their website at [www.shirock.net](http://www.shirock.net).



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## Indiana SADD Branches Out Online

Indiana SADD has been working to improve existing and create new resources for SADD chapters across the state. The Indiana SADD website, [www.indianasadd.org](http://www.indianasadd.org), has been reconstructed with updated information and materials to best serve you.

Check it out today! If there is something you would like to see on the site, please let us know.

Indiana SADD has also started a Facebook Group for students and advisors. You can find us by logging onto your Facebook account and

searching for the group, "Indiana SADD." Through this group, the SLC hopes to provide updates, new ideas, applications, student networking, and so much more! Join us, and encourage other SADD students to do the same!

## SADD National Conference: D.C. in '09

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This past June, students from across the country met in Phoenix, Arizona, for the SADD National Conference. The week was packed with motivational speakers, informative workshops, and the opportunity to help repaint a local elementary school. Indiana students were able to con-

nect with other SADD students from several other states and brainstorm new ideas for their own SADD chapters.

Join us next year in **Washington, D.C.**, on July 12-15, 2009 (tentative date). Make plans to attend and start fundraising today! The

conference is open to high school AND middle school students and advisors. More information can be found at [www.sadd.org](http://www.sadd.org) over the next several months. Also, contact Indiana SADD with any questions you may have concerning this national event.

## Upcoming Dates

### POY IAM Summit: November 8th & 9th

The Indiana Point of Youth will be hosting their annual summit November 8-9, 2008. POY Summits are a great educational experience for high school students who want to learn more about what today's teens are facing. During the summit, teams of four gain knowledge in three areas and create action plans to address one of the issues. This year's topics are: underage drinking, over-the-counter drugs, and school drug testing. For a brochure or more information, contact Lynel Beaty at [lbeaty@cji.in.gov](mailto:lbeaty@cji.in.gov).

### Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week, the last full week of October, is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Each year, students and adults around the country take a stand for drug free living. Make sure to utilize this campaign and hold local events of your own to encourage others to be drug free.

### Great American Smokeout

Every year, smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by smoking less or quitting for the day. The event challenges people to stop using tobacco and raises awareness of the many effective ways to quit for good. Visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) for more information and start planning your event today! This year's Great American Smokeout: November 20th.

### World AIDS Day: December 1, 2008

AIDS is often a topic that many would like to ignore. But the truth is that over 33 million people are infected with HIV/AIDS, and 2.5 million of those infected are children. The 2008 theme for World AIDS Day is Stop AIDS: Keep the Promise – Leadership. The focus on leadership this year is to remind families, communities, and organizations – not just government entities – that they can make an impact.

**Register Your  
Chapter!**

**Log onto  
[indianasadd.org](http://indianasadd.org)  
today and regis-  
ter your SADD  
chapter. Re-  
ceive mailings,  
emails and more  
from Indiana  
SADD!**

# AAA Wall of Honor

Sherry Deane of AAA Hoosier Motor Club is working to create a "Wall of Honor" for the next legislative session in January, where the issue of the Graduated Driver License (GDL) will be a hot topic. To help enforce the need to properly train and educate young drivers, pictures of those lost due to teen-driving crashes are being collected. If you have a family member or friend that you would like to honor by adding them to the wall, please submit the follow-

ing: a 5x7 photo or quality digital photo of the lost loved one, their name, birth date, date killed and a brief description of what happened (including time of day, seatbelt use, etc.). Pictures of teens killed, whether they were the driver (under the age of 18), passenger, pedestrian, or in another vehicle, are all being accepted. Pictures of loved ones of any age who were killed as a result of a teen-driving crash can also be submitted. Please email pictures and

the requested information to [sdeane@aaahoosier.com](mailto:sdeane@aaahoosier.com) no later than Wednesday, November 26, 2008. If you have any questions concerning the Wall of Honor or if you would like more information on how you can help strengthen the teen driving law, feel free to contact Indiana SADD or Sherry Deane at the above email address.

*If you are interested in SADD's outdoor traveling programs, the Quick-Click Challenge and the Fatal Vision Obstacle Course, contact SADD today! The fall schedule is quickly filling.*

## Comedian, Craig Tornquist at YOUR School!

Craig Tornquist is a great comedian and long-time friend of Indiana SADD. Tornquist travels around the country inspiring adults and motivating students with his song parodies, impressions, and audience interaction. Craig loves what he does,

but he loves it even more when he can perform for his fellow Hoosiers! Craig offers a fantastic deal to Indiana schools, performing for a \$500 fee plus traveling expenses. As a partner of SADD, Craig is currently offering his services for the

\$500 fee only, waiving the traveling expenses for both schools, if two schools within 30 miles of one another can be scheduled in the same day. For more information about Craig visiting your school, contact Indiana SADD or Craig at 1.800.747.9550.

## Clarian Health Traffic Safety Mini-Grants

Indiana SADD is partnering with Clarian Health this school year to provide traffic safety mini-grants to schools around the state. Applications will be available through Clarian late September to early October. Contact Kira Hudson at

317.962.6100 or [khudson3@clarian.org](mailto:khudson3@clarian.org) for more information concerning this safe driving mini-grant opportunity. Also, look for more details in upcoming SADD monthly emails.



SLC at SADD National Conference in Phoenix

# 21 Drinking Law Being Challenged: Be Informed!

As many of you may already be aware, a group of college and university presidents from around the country have joined together for what is known as the Amethyst Initiative. The goal of this new initiative is to create debate concerning the current law requiring individuals to be 21 before legally consuming alcohol. Many of the presidents who have signed this initiative believe that lowering the legal drinking age to 18 will help solve binge drinking problems on college campuses. Other signatories are not convinced, but are encouraging discussions that may lead to some solutions concerning this new culture of binge drinking.

SADD National and Indiana SADD are in opposition to lowering the drinking age; SADD believes that lowering the current minimum-age drinking laws would likely do little, if anything, to reduce problematic drinking behaviors on campuses. Transitioning from 21 to 18 would contribute to the downward age trending of initiation (currently 13) into alcohol use by legally moving it into the high school community.

Indiana SADD encourages SADD advisors and officers to discuss this issue with SADD students, and to educate the student body and community. Learn more about the Amethyst Initiative by visiting [www.amethystinitiative.org](http://www.amethystinitiative.org). Also, educate yourself and others as to why the 21 legal drinking age law came to be and why many still support it today; visit [www.why21.org](http://www.why21.org). Finally, hear from Butler University's President, Bobby Fong (one of two Indiana Presidents who have joined the initiative), and SADD National's Chairman and CEO, Stephen Wallace, as they discuss the issue via a radio show; visit [www.iyi.org](http://www.iyi.org), click on the Media link, and then go to the Kids Count Radio Show (Topic: Amethyst Initiative).



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