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Education Department Announces Winners of High-School Video Contest

All Participants Recognized at a Reception Tuesday Evening at Twelve Acres Restaurant, Smithfield

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) today (Tuesday, June 9th) announced the winners of the Rhode Island High-School Video Contest, in which high-school seniors were invited to submit ideas for a television public-service announcement (PSA) that focused on a community or social issue important to teens.

The contest was offered in conjunction with the rollout of the new Rhode Island Diploma System. Information about the Diploma System is available on the new WaytogoRI.org Web site: www.waytogori.org; click on the New High School Diploma System box.

The winners and the names of their submissions are:

- First Place: *Drinking-Teens*, Alexandra Niaura and Andrew White, Exeter-West Greenwich Regional High School
- Second Place: *Teen Violence*, Kathryn Ryan, Portsmouth High School
- Third Place: *Cyber Bullying*, Martin Nolan, Lincoln Senior High School
- Honorable Mention: *Drunk-Driving Funeral*, Molly Sullivan, South Kingstown High School

The Office of Governor Donald L. Carcieri and a number of Rhode Island education agencies sponsored the contest, with the support of television station ABC6, cable station Rhode Island News Channel 5, Ronzio Pizza & Subs, and Twelve Acres.

“Our new high-school Diploma System is about students reaching beyond the classroom to apply their education in practical and meaningful ways,” said Governor Carcieri. “This contest challenged public high-school seniors to use their creative skills to talk to their peers about important issues.”

The Governor also reiterated that the private sector is an important component of the new high-school diploma system. “We need the support and involvement of Rhode Island businesses to make our high-school education successful,” said Governor Carcieri. “ABC6, News Channel 5, Ronzio’s, and Twelve Acres are setting a good example for the rest of the business community.”

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