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Simulated car crash increases awareness

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A simulated car crash highlighted Clackamas' alcohol awareness week last Wednesday and attracted many students as well as staff members by demonstrating possible consequences of drunk driving.

Approximately 500 people attended last week's alcohol awareness event coordinated by Mindy Brown, coordinator of student outreach, Tim Pantages, instructor, and ASG and student ambassadors. The event was advertised as a free BBQ with music and door prizes while the car crash simulation remained a surprise.

Having students play a part in the simulation as well as using fake blood and effective background noise made the accident look very real and authentic.

"I thought it was a very good show and showed what could really happen if somebody decides to drink and drive," explained Jaime Craig, ASG senator who volunteered to play one of the car crash victims. "We got the message across to a lot of people."

Car crash simulations of these kinds are performed at a lot of high schools but this was

the first time for Clackamas.

"It was something I thought was worth a try and I was pleased that the event turned out the way it did," said Brown.

The biggest difference between putting on such an event at a high school and a Community College is, at the college level, an audience cannot be guaranteed. Though Pepsi sponsored the event and various other distributors helped as well, attendance was still one of the biggest concerns at Clackamas.

"We really wanted to get as many people involved as possible," said Brown.

Realizing that some students may have

possible extreme emotional reactions from watching the event, trained counselors attended ready to jump in if needed.

"We really made an effort to announce that there would be people to talk to in case it stirred something up. We had many trained volunteers," said Brown.

Many individuals perceived the event as an emotional experience, though not enough to cause serious concern.

"I was completely emotionally drained by the end of the day just from being involved in the crash aspect. My mom and my dad were hit by a drunk driver

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Jaime Craig
ASG senator



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Last Wednesday, an event sponsored by Pepsi and coordinated by various groups on campus made people aware of what can happen to them if they drive under the influence of alcohol. It was the first time that a simulated car crash was performed at Clackamas and it was the highlight of this year's alcohol awareness week.

once and I almost lost my mom," said Craig.

According to Brown, the car

crash simulation turned out to be successful in showing people how quickly things can change if you

make the wrong decision. She is considering doing it again in a few years.

New College President Johnson on campus today

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Today from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., students and staff are encouraged to come meet the new college president, Dr. Earl "Joe" Johnson, during an informal gathering.

Hosted by the Associated Student Government (ASG) and other student campus groups, there will be music, refreshments, watermelon and activities outside of the Community Center. If it is raining, the event will take place in the Gregory Forum. Mainstream Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform at 3 p.m.

The event has an Olympic theme and will include Olympic relay type activities as well as a "passing the torch" ceremony between current President John Keyser and Johnson.

Johnson holds a doctorate from the University of California, Berkley, a master's degree in labor and industrial relations from Michigan State University, and a bachelor's degree from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. He served as Chancellor-Superintendent of the San Mateo County College District for over three years. Prior to becoming Chancellor, Johnson

worked as president for Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. He was also associate dean of administrative services at Santa Rosa College for eight years.

His work as chancellor included overseeing the operation of the District Office and three other college campuses - Canada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College - as well as overseeing KCSM-TV/FM public broadcasting stations.

Having extensive background in facility construction, fund raising, program development, working with legislators and establishing and maintain-

ing relationships with local businesses and community organizations, Johnson brings outstanding leadership skills to the college.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet your new college president during an informal gathering today from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. outside the Community Center.



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