

Drunk Driving Prevention Program When Sean Speaks

Program teaches that automobiles, alcohol, and asphalt don't mix

When Sean Speaks, is a powerful, real life story about the consequences of riding with a drunk driver. It was recently presented at Rains High School to the junior and senior classes. The students at had the opportunity to learn about safety behind the wheel of a car through a very real and personal program.

Sean Carter and his mom, Jenny, provided a frank look at the circumstances and choices that Sean made that placed him in a wheelchair, unable to talk or walk. Jenny, Sean's full-time caregiver and traveling companion, shared her story from day one of Sean's crash on March 27, 2005, to the lives they lead now.

They have taken their message to tens of thousands of young people to help prevent drunk driving and to make people aware of the consequences of their choices. Without uttering a word, Sean held a lively conversation. Using an iPad that speaks the words he types, Sean captured the young peoples' hearts and had an immediate rapport with his audience as he shared his story. In a coma for 39 days following the crash, Sean is now well down the path of his new life.

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