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### **Vermont Highway Safety Alliance Announces Winners of #SafeDrivesSavesLivesVT Contest**

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Highway Safety Alliance (VHSA) and its partners held the fourth annual student PSA video contest awards ceremony yesterday evening and announced the winners:

**1st Place – *Sponsored by AT&T***

Jack Mahar, Center for Technology Essex  
<https://youtu.be/cQCpQqTXd3w>

**2nd Place – *Sponsored by AT&T***

Andrew Martell, Stafford Technical Center  
<https://youtu.be/OSspG00Gum4>

**3rd Place – *Vermont Insurance Agents Association***

***Sponsors Choice – Vermont Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association***

Bradley Hunt & Charlie Clark, Brattleboro Union High School  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWReBvQ8Tzs>

**4th Place – *Sponsored by Yankee Driving School***

Will Devereaux, Champlain Valley Union High School  
<https://youtu.be/jVG7bZXzmQU>

**5th Place & Sponsor's Choice– *Sponsored by AT&T***

***People's Choice – Youth Safety Council of Vermont/Co-operative Insurance***

Lexington Page, Essex High School  
<https://youtu.be/5Y5Gk4Do0PQ>

**Sponsor's Choice – *Sponsored by AT&T***

Daniel Airoidi, Essex High School  
[https://youtu.be/j4D\\_hnVplas](https://youtu.be/j4D_hnVplas)

**People's Choice Award – *Sponsored by Co-operative Insurance Companies and Youth Safety Council of Vermont***

Devin Hogan, Southwest Tech, Bennington

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1iZleKw39Y>

**Honorable Mention – *Sponsored by Midstate Dodge***

Sam Umphlett & Asa Jelley, Southwest Tech, Bennington

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcpT19fm8Ec>

Brayden Shelton, Rutland High School

<https://youtu.be/r603SL3Kp6o>

**Honorable Mention – *Sponsored by AAA Northern New England***

Asa Jelley & Sam Umphlett, Southwest Tech, Bennington

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLfU7F-ngM>

Cooper Niles & Aidan Forrest, Mt. Anthony Union High School

<https://youtu.be/uGNP4Q2vwyg>

**Secretary Flynn's Video Message**

<https://youtu.be/VmNZxYek60A>

In conjunction with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April, the VHSA hosted the fourth student video public service announcement contest. The contest was open to high-school students and designed to encourage young drivers and their friends and peers to avoid distracted driving. Cash prizes were awarded to the creators of the winning video PSAs. The award ceremony included a special video message to the student contestants from Agency of Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn.

The goal for contest entrants was to research this important issue and produce a compelling 25-second video to enact change and spread the message to peers and the public that distracted driving is unacceptable and can have serious consequences. The VHSA hopes that videos produced by high-school students offer a relatable perspective for other young drivers. Finalists and winners were selected from the 53 entries submitted.

Awards were sponsored by AAA Northern New England, AT&T, Co-operative Insurance Companies, Midstate Dodge, Vermont Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association, Vermont Insurance Agents Association, Yankee Driving School, and the Youth Safety Council of Vermont.