

Clemson Community Coalition

Our mission is to reduce high risk alcohol and other drug (AOD) use primarily among college students in our area through coalition building, environmental management, awareness and education.

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Clemson Community Coalition (CCC) Business

- The bylaws were reviewed and updated, and changes were approved as presented. There was an agreement on having bimonthly meetings in order to have more topics of discussion in each meeting.
- We evaluated the membership list and worked to recruit new members from different stakeholder groups. The list serv was updated to reflect the current membership list.
- McKenzie McNamara, Healthy Campus Graduate Assistant was appointed Secretary. Aparna Mahendranath, from CUSG Senate, was elected Marketing Chair.

Clemson University

•Chloe Greene and Kit Batson presented the results from the 2017-2018 **Aspire to be Well** Program. A total of 5,898 new students participated. Results showed an increase in understanding after the session that continued at 4-month follow up. Results covered knowledge about campus resources, suicide prevention, alcohol, consent, and bystander intervention. The Fall 2018 Aspire report showed that 238 sessions were held for 5,202 students (99% of freshmen and transfer students), along with 822 Bridge to Clemson students (96%).

CCC Officers

2018-2019

Chair: Crystal Fulmer

Vice Chair: Megan Farris

Secretary: McKenzie McNamara

Marketing Chair: Aparna

Mahendranath

Note from the Chair

Thank you to all members of the CCC for helping keep our community safe and decrease the negative issues associated with alcohol use. Membership in the Clemson Community Coalition is open to all interested community and campus members. We would love to see you at our next meeting. Join us the first Wednesday of every other month (February, April, & June) at 3:30pm in the Council Chamber Room of Clemson City Hall.



Sincerely,
Crystal Fulmer

•Harriett-Graham Courtney spoke regarding IFC and Panhellenic Recruitment education and **StepUp!** bystander intervention training. Nearly 3,000 students participated in the StepUp! Program in association with their involvement in Greek recruitment or current membership.

•The **Celebrate Safely** campaign for 2018-2019 centered around alcohol-related bystander intervention skills. The campaign is active through print, web, social media, and video. Video board images and video are on display in Clemson’s athletic stadiums.

•The **National College Health Assessment** (NCHA) is a nationwide survey conducted biannually at Clemson measure population-level student health and well-being. Spring 2018 survey results were reviewed.

•A report from AOD Executive Leadership Team stated that Chief Dixon encouraged CUSG to continue planning to host a **Clemson Against Drunk Driving** (CADD) week in Spring 2019.

•The **road closure** in downtown Clemson from 10pm-2am on Friday nights before home football games seems helpful, since there have been 60-70% fewer incidents downtown.

•Incidents regarding **home football games** have seemed quiet this season. This may be because the first five games were noon games; however, the number of calls on campus during the two night games was not increased.

•**Vaping** has come up as a concern on campus and is a violation of Clemson’s Tobacco Free Campus (TFC) policy. Healthy Campus is working on a marketing campaign to specify that vaping is prohibited, along with an educational module for student groups.

•**Tigers Together Advocacy Training** for suicide prevention will host sessions open to faculty, staff, or student on February 15 and April 4, 9:00-10:30 am at Brown Room in Cooper Library.

City & Community

- The **Halloween bar crawl**, as mentioned at the October meeting, did not happen.
- **Fall Crawl** (November 10th, 2018) did not draw much of a crowd, as police reported that it seemed like a normal night downtown. This could be because it was held during an away game this year, rather than a “bye” weekend. It was also held on a popular Mountain Weekend for fraternities.
- **Ain’t Patty’s Day** (March 9th, 2019) weekend efforts include an alcohol safety message on the CU Baseball Jumbotron for the games during March 8-17. Healthy Campus will promote alcohol safety messages on social media. CU Water Drop will drop water downtown for the bar crawl. Clemson Against Drunk Drunk (CADD) week, organized by CUSG will be March 4-9.
- **Celebrate Safely coasters** were printed with alcohol safely messaging. CAPS and Healthy Campus plan to distribute them to local bars as well as place the coasters on top of unattended drinks to make them aware.



Future Directions

- There was a suggestion to ask IPTAY/CUAD to open parking lots later in the morning for tailgating to prevent alcohol issues related to night games. Also, targeted messaging before night games regarding the dangers of drinking all day. Another suggestion was made to ask IPTAY/CUAD to not allow students to re-enter the stadium if they leave during the game (termed “pass-outs”).
- Fraternity and Sorority Life hopes to have Tim Piazza or Max Gruver’s parents come to campus to speak about deaths related to hazing.

Announcements

- Officer Tate Brown reported that 172 people attended the Alcohol Merchant Meeting (August 26, 6:00 pm at Best Western Clemson). Pickens County Behavioral Health, Pickens County Advocacy Center, the new Fire Marshall, SLED, and Healthy Campus/CCC presented.
- Ken Revis-Wagner suggested getting information out to the bars regarding: recognizing predatory behavior, resources available through Clemson, and mental health.
- Initial planning is underway for the 5th Law Enforcement Summit in February 2020.



**CCC Member Spotlight:
Harriett-Graham Courtney, M.Ed.
Associate Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life**



- **What makes you interested in bystander intervention programs and risk management?**

I believe that we all have the responsibility to be good humans, and stepping up and helping others in need is a way I believe we are all called to act. We lose people every day to senseless acts that in many cases could be prevented if better risk management practices were in place or if people stood up and stopped senseless acts before or while they are happening.

- **What does the Step UP! Bystander Intervention program aspire to achieve?**

Through Step UP! we hope that each student walks away with a new mindset, different ways to intervene, and a hope that they will intervene and help take care of each other.

- **How is Step UP! different from other programs such as Aspire to Be Well and Community Dialogues?**

Well, it has been a while since I have been in an Aspire session and I haven't ever sat in on a community dialogue so I am not sure I can accurately compare. However, in a 2 hour session, Step UP! covers all versions of Bystander Intervention. We use general examples throughout to teach the program and, at the end, have specific examples we have written to bring it back together for our specific community.

- **Is there a plan to incorporate Step UP! with the whole university- beyond Greek life communities?**

It is currently available to the entire University. We have 32 university staff trained facilitators on campus who are able to facilitate the program to any student group. Currently, our office is the only office that mandates this program for a specific population.

- **What are ways in which you would like to see Step UP! training be utilized, and what would you like to see in five years?**

I would love to see funding in order to increase the number of trained facilitators and therefore an increase in the number of students at the University who are trained. I think this education is important for all students, including other students organizations, club sports, and athletics.

- **How can student organizations (such as Young Life, CUSG, & Greek Life) and other campus departments (such as Campus Recreation) help advocate for and promote the Step UP! program?**

As of February 2019, 61% of the fraternity and sorority community has received the Step UP! education. By the end of the semester, we hope for this number to be between 90% to 95%. If student organizations want to receive the Step UP! education, just reach out! For departments, reach out and let's get more staff trained!