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## **Des Moines Central Academy Students Win ICADV ‘Speak Up’ Contest**

Des Moines, IA, March 8, 2011--Over the past month, students at the Des Moines Central Academy (DMCA) Broadcasting & Film classes worked hard to complete their submissions for the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) ‘Speak Up’ contest. The Speak Up contest is part of ICADV’s recognition of Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month. This month has been designated to promote healthy relationships and prevent domestic violence. The winning video and radio PSAs are relevant to the lives of teens, have an element of creativity, and articulate a clear message about dating violence.

Three groups of students from DMCA’s were declared as winners of the contest. John Anderson (Carlisle High School) was awarded first place in the radio division for “[Givin’ the Blues](#),” Alexis Ahmed (East High School), Jade Doran (Home Instruction) and Ryan Woodson (Future Pathways) won the video competition for “[Textual Harassment](#).” Lenna Chisala, Sarah Challendar and Jalen Oudekerk (all from Roosevelt) created the “[Have a Healthy One](#),” and took second place in the video category. ICADV congratulates these talented students on their great

work. Prizes for the contest were donated by Target, Iowa Energy and the Science Center of Iowa.

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence believes that addressing teen dating violence is an important step in preventing domestic violence and creating safer communities. The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence seeks to engage all people in a movement to change the social and political systems that perpetuate violence against women. We do this through education, advocacy and quality victim services. To view the winning videos please visit ICADV's Facebook fan page. For more information contact ICADV at 515.244.8028

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