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FINALISTS CHOSEN FOR “REPRESENT IF YOU’RE ABOVE IT” PHOTO AND VIDEO COMPETITION; PUBLIC CAN VOTE FOR WINNER



Visit <http://www.PartnerUpAz.org/contest> to place your vote!

The “REPRESENT IF YOU’RE ABOVE IT” photography and video competition was created by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, Arizona Affiliate as an opportunity for teens statewide to find a voice when it comes to tough issues. Participants created a project that highlighted the skills and talents that help them stay above the influence of drugs and alcohol – whether it is playing sports, playing an instrument or showing off the next great recipe.

The photos have been narrowed down to six entries. They were submitted by Ebrahim Sulaiman of Basha High School in Chandler, Luz Pardo of Sunnyslope High School, Reyna Rivera of Maryvale High School, Camila Acchiardo and Liz Long, both of Corona del Sol High School in Tempe, and Taryn Gilliam of Round Valley High School in Eagar, Ariz.

The finalists’ photographs can be viewed at <http://www.PartnerUpAz.org/contest> after clicking on the “VOTE!” button. Voting is open to the public from January 27 – February 3 on the website. The winning entrant, which will be announced on February 5, will be awarded \$250 and the runner up will win \$150.

“We received so many great photos and videos from teens all over the state that it was hard to narrow it down to our finalists,” said Colleen Pyra, program manager for the Arizona Affiliate. “Although we can only have one winner, it is important to note that

these teens took the time to get involved in this worthwhile project and address important issues about drugs and the pressures they face.”

This project for teens is made possible thanks to the generous donations of the Phoenix Coyotes and Phoenix Suns.

About The Partnership for a Drug-Free America

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America was formed in 1986 by the communications industry to educate children, parents and communities about the consequences of illicit drug use and the benefits of living drug-free. The Partnership is highly regarded for its proven effective media campaigns and public awareness programs. Independent studies from academia, business and science document the profound impact of The Partnership’s programs on attitudes and behavior.

The Arizona Affiliate was established in 2003 to carry out The Partnership’s mission to reduce illicit drug use in Arizona while meeting the unique needs of communities. Through its programs, the Arizona Affiliate inspires and empowers Arizonans to join in a united effort to prevent illicit drug use among teens through community-based education. The Partnership is a non profit 501-c-3 organization.

For more information, visit the Affiliate website at www.PartnerUpAz.org.