

Abstract DUI Awareness & Mock Trial

Purpose:

A joint, interdisciplinary, inter-school educational collaborative between several Mission College disciplines and our local high schools to promote awareness of Driving Under the Influence "DUI" (each fall semester) and to have students simulate a mock DUI trial (each spring semester) *Every fifteen minutes someone dies as a result of an alcohol related collision.*

Outcomes:

- increased awareness of levels of impairment caused by drinking and driving
- instill students with the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and driving
- understand and practice criminal investigation techniques in DUI cases
- understand the legal system and practice trial advocacy in a mock trial courtroom

Project Overview

Fall Semester

Students will use impairment simulator goggles (drunkbusters.com) while driving a pedal go-cart that will allow them to experience the hazards of drunk driving and to demonstrate how difficult it is to drive at various levels of intoxication in a safe environment. One student will play the role of the impaired driver and another the officer who stopped him. The driver will be subjected to a number of field sobriety tests before being placed under arrest and booked.

Spring Semester

Students will participate in a rehearsed DUI mock trial to learn about the legal system and the consequences of driving under the influence.