

Boozhoo Miskwaabekong!!!

I wanted to share with you all the awesome entries for this year's AODA Reduction Team, Safe and Sober Graduation 2020 and Ink Your Voice Contest!! This year has been quite fulfilling and goal accomplishing for the Red Cliff AODA Reduction Team! We decided to re-introduce the Safe and Sober Graduation and the Ink Your Voice Contest right off the bat and did a lot of planning and organizing. Sadly, not every goal will come to fruition, but the most important parts were to impact the Seniors in a powerful way so they would in return impact our community with their words and voices.

12 Bayfield High School Seniors signed the Safe and Sober Pledge which read:

I will not drink alcohol or use drugs.

I will not drive intoxicated.

I will not let my friends drive intoxicated.

I will not ride in a car with an intoxicated driver.

That alone is a huge accomplishment! This is a great preventative tool to making sobriety a normal for our loved ones within our communities.

Here is the list of Seniors who pledged!

Dillan Krisik

Harleigh Dahl

Dayton Washkeleski

Adam Weber

Dusty LaFernier

Maleyna Bressler

Sophia Panek

Morgan Tutor

Coleman Kent

James Lagrew

Victoria Kahite

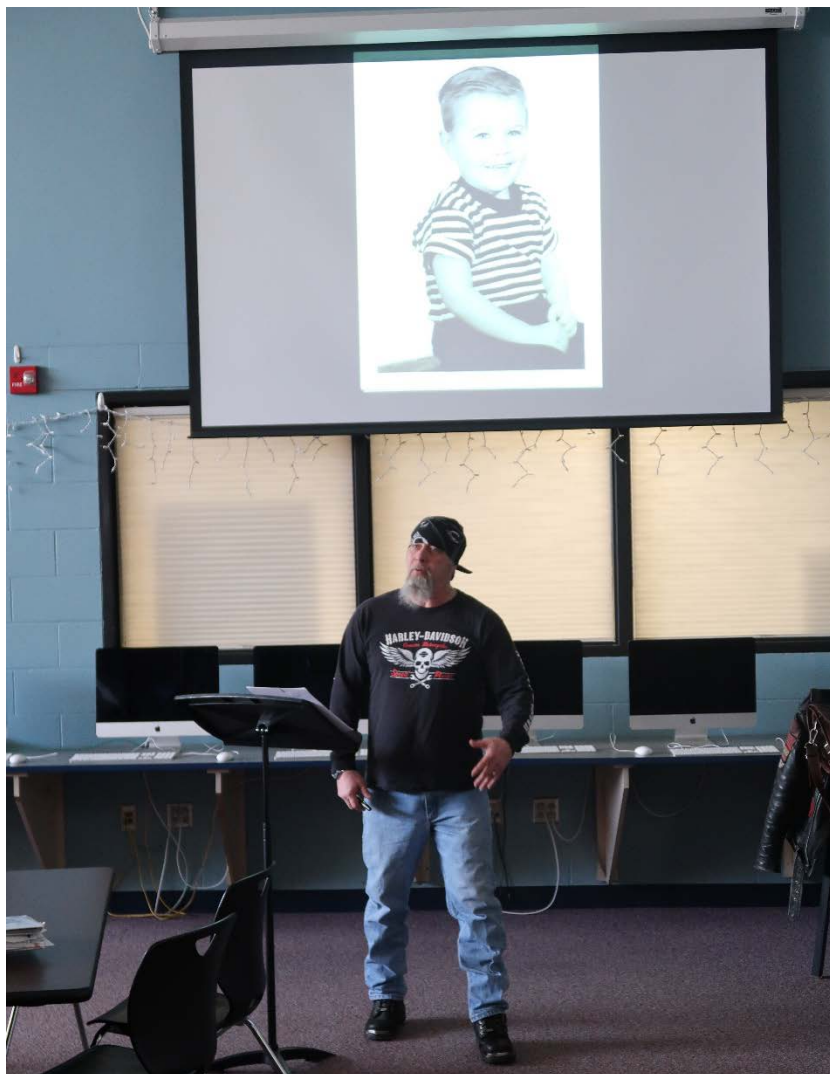
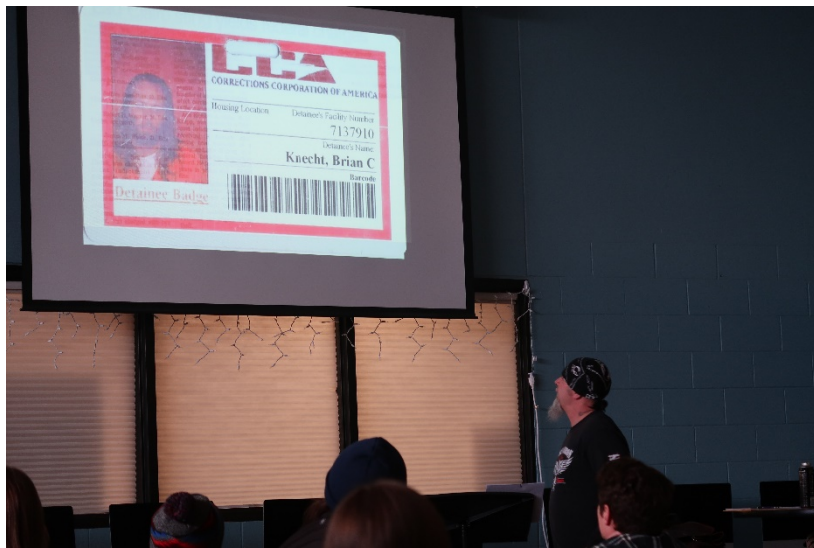
Janelle Gordon

Next time you see these brave seniors congratulate them and THANK THEM for keeping our community safe and making such an amazing choice!

March 13, 2020, the Red Cliff AODA Reduction team invited a motivational speaker to the Bayfield School and speak to youth about his past life. Speaker Brian Cole, Drummond, WI, spoke fiercely about the real and raw reality he once lived. He started drinking at a young age and ended up in prison for half of his life because of the poor choices he made under the influence of drugs and alcohol. This man really brought the hard truths about that type of living and taught the seniors valuable lessons in the process of telling his story.

Here are some pictures:





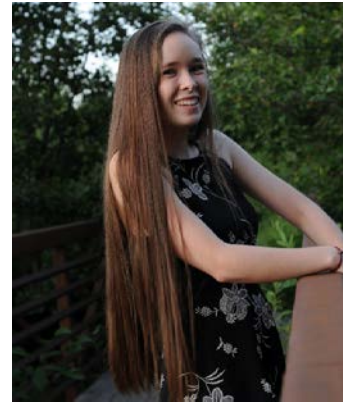
Each student who signed the pledge, qualified to enter the Ink Your Voice Contest and win up to \$1,000 dollars! We had 4 entries and 4 winners! All contest entries were full of heart and even personal experiences, molding their decisions for a safe and sober future.

Meet our Ink Your Voice contest winners!

**1st Place
Victoria Kahite**



**2nd Place
Sophia Panek**



**3rd Place
Janelle Gordon**



**4th Place
Dayton Washkeleski**



Even though the actual graduation ceremony will not happen in person we still wanted to give our awesome seniors an awesome graduation card signed by us, and their pledges framed to remember for the rest of their lives why they chose to sign it. We will be present to congratulate the students via Zoom and award the Ink Your Voice Contest winners.

Chimiigwech to those who participated and helped make this year a success!

Big thank you to all of the department heads and support for their continuing efforts to help and heal the next 7 generations.

Walk in Beauty,
Sonia E. Reyes-Buffalo
Red Cliff AODA Reduction Team Chairwoman