

Letter of Support

This is a letter of support for the Victims of Drunk Driving Resource Center which came to Sussex County Community College in the fall semester as part of the college's drunken driving awareness day. The Billy and Ashley Streiter story is one that our students will never forget. On April 5, 2003, Billy and Ashley Streiter (brother and sister) were killed by a drunk driver. Their story was told by their parents: Bill and Deborah Streiter. It was our honor to host these two loving parents who told the story of their beloved children and the pain they endured when this horrific event happened.

As I looked in our students eyes (Criminal Justice majors), I could see the emotion and concern they had as they saw this senseless act come to life. Drunk Driving is a preventable act. Our students realized that college students have the obligation NOT to Drink and Drive and to prevent others from doing so. As future police officers, they also saw (first hand) that victims of drunk driving can be family, classmates and friends. As future police officers, they also have the obligation to arrest drunk drivers to stop these tragedies that occur all too often and close to home. This program was one they will not soon forget. We applaud Bill and Deb Streiter for their commitment, courage and love!

Respectfully,

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