

## Seniors participated In National Save-a-Life Program

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The elaborate program that seeks to convince students about the real danger of mixing alcohol and driving has an impact. It was sponsored by the schools SADD program and funded by the local Rotary Club.

"Take his keys away, shouted Dave Seastrom, of the National **Save a Life** campaign. He was at Haverford High School with Patrick Ralston to convince juniors and seniors that alcohol and driving don't mix – not ever.

"Why are you swerving," Seastrom chided a senior as he tried to maneuver the virtual car he was driving done a virtual street projected on a huge screen in front of him. The **Save-a-Life** video and driving equipment gradually impairs a driver's judgment in an effort to simulate what happens to your driving abilities after consuming alcohol. "I hope your friends would take your keys away."

"I really hate it( the idea of drinking and driving)," a female student said, after trying to keep the virtual car out of harm's way when she was in the drivers' seat of the **Save-A-Life** program. "It is just not worth it," she added referring to mixing alcohol and cars. "I hope this helps kids realize how stupid it, (driving drunk) really it."

That said, she it was harder than she thought to manipulate the machine well. "You think you have got it and then it keeps getting harder."

The all-day program, which began with an assembly program that included a few poignant stories told to the students by Seastrom and Ralston, was sponsored by SADD (Students Against Making Destructive Decisions) and the school district. The Haverford Township Rotary Club provided a portion of the funding.