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Steel Valley School District Student Selected to Leadership Council

*Munhall, PA* – Steel Valley High School senior Sophia Thompson was recently named to the Pennsylvania SADD *(Students Against Destructive Decisions)* Student Leadership Council. SADD students throughout Pennsylvania applied to be part of the Council which consists of 6-8 students with membership highly competitive.

According to SADD Advisor Beth McCallister, “The application process was tough and involved an interview. We’re very proud to announce that Sophia Thompson was chosen to be a member of this leadership group.”

The Student Leadership Council *(SLC)* is a nationally-focused youth forum that works to further the mission of SADD. Through participation in the SLC, selected students grow and strengthen their leadership skills and gain significant travel, training, leadership and public speaking opportunities. Members of the SLC are dedicated to peer programming and youth health and safety. They have many accomplishments within their schools and communities to further SADD’s mission.

As a member, Thompson will participate in the following:

- Complete individual projects that advance the strategic vision of the organization.
- Speak publicly to the media, partners and at events and other functions on issues central to SADD’s mission.
- Provide the national organization with youth insight and perspective on strategic planning, programming, the national conference and other aspects of SADD operations.
- Serve as a role model for SADD students nationwide, setting a positive example of a responsible attitude, overall behavior and making choices appropriate to that of a student leader.

Thompson was a junior marshal at Steel Valley’s recent High School Graduation Ceremony and is one of the top female students in her class.

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