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# Press Release

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## **Classmates4Life Film Fest - Prevent Opioid Overdoses**

*Red Carpet Awards - Resource Fair – People's Choice Award*

### **70,000 views on YouTube!**

**Red Carpet Awards and Resource Fair:** Wednesday, April 18, 5:45pm doors open, awards begin at 6:30pm. The event is free and open to the public.

The resource fair (5:45pm- 6:30pm) is a great opportunity to emphasize the dangers of drug use to students. The Sheriff's Office will be here to show parents what to look for and treatment providers will be available to talk about what to do if you need help. Several vendors will be here to help with healthy alternatives, answer questions, and provide information about this important topic.

But wait, there's more - Have your picture taken with a real Emmy Award. View all the films entered in the contest prior to the awards ceremony. They will be shown on a loop during the resource fair.

**Location:** Frederick High School, 650 Carroll Parkway, Frederick, MD 21701. Gymnasium and Auditorium entrance.

Students were asked to answer one of two questions when creating their 30-60 second videos: In elementary school, "How are drugs bad?" and at the secondary level, "How can drugs wreck your world?"

In addition to the public voting on YouTube, an expert panel of judges reviewed the entries to select first- through third-place winners at each level - elementary, middle and high school. Prizes include iPhone, iPad Mini, a GoPro, tickets to an Orioles game and tour of Orioles Productions, and more.

The countywide contest, in its second year, began with a kick-off event at the FCPS Career and Technology Center on December 19. There Councilman Billy Shreve and FCPS Superintendent Dr. Terry Alban joined other distinguished guests including students to get the contest started.

"Our students are creative and determined advocates for the issues that matter most in our society," Alban says. "I have been amazed at the effective and compelling anti-drug messages they have produced. I'm looking forward to seeing their work again. Their work will once again help to change lives.

Among groups collaborating as sponsors in the Classmates4Life contest in addition to FCPS are: Rotary Clubs of Frederick County, the Frederick County Health Dept. & Sheriff's Office, Mac Business Solutions, the Maryland International Film Festival, the PTA of Frederick County, Frederick Memorial Hospital, and Wells House.

Creator of Classmates4Life Councilman Billy Shreve said, “The goal of our contest was to get students talking about this crisis. We encouraged them to create a film and share it on social media. Classmates4Life has over 70,000 views on YouTube and is growing every day”.

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