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LOCAL TEEN PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNDERAGE DRINKING

Syracuse, NY – Baldwinsville High School senior Nick Colton attended the 11th annual National Leadership Conference sponsored by the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center (UDETC). The theme of this year's conference, which was held at the Gaylord Texan Hotel in Dallas, August 13-14, was "Beyond Boundaries: Timely Trends and Technology." Nick, who is a member of Prevention Network's SQUAD – Students Questioning Underage Drinking, participated in conference sessions designed to provide youth (ages 15-18) with effective prevention tools and strong leadership skills to support their work toward implementing successful environmental prevention. He will share his experiences and leadership skills on preventing underage drinking during youth training sessions with his peers. He was accompanied by Phillip Rose, Prevention Network's Program Coordinator of Underage Drinking Prevention.

The agency's Director of Community Services, Faith Mary Gault, also attended the conference as a presenter. She joined Robert Pezzolesi of the Center for Alcohol Policy Solutions and Kimberly Sacco of the Syracuse/Onondaga Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission in leading a workshop entitled, *A User-Friendly Introduction to GIS (Graphic Information Systems) for Community Change on Alcohol*.

A photo is attached.

Prevention Network has been making Central New York a healthier community since 1949 through proven and measureable programs to prevent addictions and address other problem behaviors.

