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Miranda Day, Ruben Flores Lead On Safety Issues

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BURRTON - Two FCCLA members at Burrton High School, Miranda Day and Ruben Flores, have taken the opportunity to step into a leadership role this year.

Each year, FCCLA members are challenged to identify a community concern and set a goal, form a plan, act on the plan and follow up.

Working with a grant from the Allstate Foundation and S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violence Everywhere), Day and Flores have had the financial resources to complete some challenging projects that benefit the BHS student body.

They have been making sure their peers are informed when it comes to making serious decisions such as safe driving practices, risks surrounding alcohol use, and just making positive personal choices. Motor vehicle crashes are the No. 1 killer of teens in the United States, according to the Allstate Foundation.

During first semester, the eighth grade Family & Consumer Science students participated in a classroom unit led by Day and Flores which stressed the importance of making good choices. They wanted the eighth graders to understand that one bad decision can affect not just their future, but also may cause stress on their family,



MIRANDA Day and Ruben Flores present the video "Smashed: Toxic Tales of Teens and Alcohol" to their student body at Burrton.

community and school. Keeping things positive and working toward goals was emphasized.

Recently the high school students were part of a presentation in an assembly where they viewed a video titled "Smashed: Toxic Tales of Teens and Alcohol."

Produced by HBO Family, RADD and NOYS, the video was a graphic representation of the risks surrounding alcohol use by teens. Students viewed real teens involved in tragic accidents and the decisions that were made leading to disasters.

Flores and Dav have some

informative and exciting events planned for the Spring and they will also be presenting a STAR Event (Students Taking Action with Recognition) on Feb. 1 at the District G FCCLA Competitive Events in Marion.

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