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AMHERST STEELE MEDICAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY IMPACT TEEN DRIVERS AT THE 2025 BIENNIAL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON, CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIPS THAT SAVE LIVES. COMMUNITY LEADERS, FAMILIES, AND STUDENT ADVOCATES GATHER TO REFLECT ON PROGRESS AND STRENGTHEN MOMENTUM FOR TEEN DRIVER SAFETY NATIONWIDE.

[San Diego, California] — [December 15, 2025] — Impact Teen Drivers (ITD), a national nonprofit dedicated to reducing teen driver crashes and promoting shared roadway responsibility, hosted the 2025 Biennial Appreciation Luncheon, bringing together families, community champions, student leaders, educators, health professionals, and partners from across the United States. Mrs. Kim Haney and the Amherst Steele Medical Health Technology Students were invited and recognized for their efforts over the past five years, bringing awareness to safe teen driving.

The luncheon served as both a celebration and a moment of reflection—recognizing the collective effort behind Impact Teen Drivers' life-saving work and reaffirming the shared commitment to prevention, education, and youth leadership. Being together in one room underscored a powerful truth: meaningful change in roadway safety is never achieved alone.

Because of continued support from partners and community stakeholders, Impact Teen Drivers continues to expand its reach across the country with evidence-based education designed to save lives and strengthen shared roadway responsibility for all users—including drivers, passengers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and those who roll.

As a small token of appreciation, attendees received a commemorative Challenge Coin—symbolizing the shared commitment to protecting lives and the role each individual plays in roadway safety. The coin serves as a reminder that contributions to prevention often happen quietly, but their impact is deeply felt in families and communities across the nation.

"What you do matters," noted Impact Teen Drivers leadership. "Even when the results aren't immediately visible, your support creates ripples that protect lives and strengthen communities."
"Prevention grows through connection," IMPACT emphasized. "Every new partnership expands our ability to reach young people before tragedy occurs."

On behalf of the Impact Teen Drivers Board of Directors and its dedicated team, the organization extends sincere thanks to all who attended and supported the 2025 Biennial Appreciation Luncheon.

"We are grateful to every family who trusts us, every youth who raises their voice, and every partner who believes in prevention," the statement concluded. "We are honored to stand alongside you as we work to protect lives and create safer roadways for all."

Mrs. Haney along with 2 students have been invited to present at the LifeSavers Conference in Baltimore this April. The Medical Health Technology students are beginning to plan the spring semester Safe Teen Driving Campaign. If you are interested in contributing, please **email Mrs. Haney at kim_haney@amherstk12.org**