



## **Directing Change Student Film Contest**

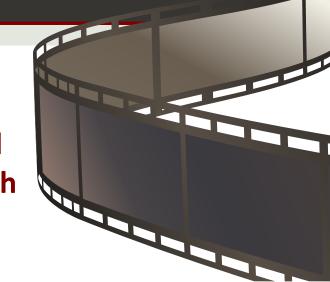
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**Ending the Silence Program** 







After

County Mental Health **Agencies** 



CALIFORNIA





**CBOs** 



**School Programs** 

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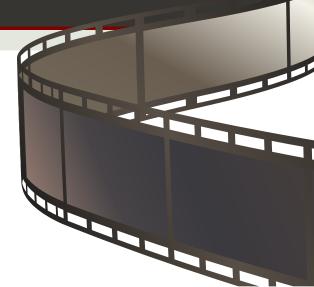
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# At a glance the program...

- Is open to high school and UC students in California.
- Asks students to develop a 60-second film about suicide prevention or ending the silence about mental illness.
- Promotes school-based prevention programs and educational resources.
- Recognizes students and schools at an award ceremony in Sacramento at the end of the school year where students also have an opportunity to discuss these topics during a legislative briefing at the Capitol.

# **UC Involvement**

- It all started because of collaboration!
- Gauging campus interest/ related initiatives
- Assessing Capacity
  - Staff / admin support
  - Campus capacity vs. interest
- Dollars & "Sense"
  - Financial commitment
  - Technical assistance
  - Prizes, travel, award ceremony



# Logistics

## **Recruitment**

- Counseling Centers served as point of contact
  - One campus staff responsible for campus promotion
- Incentives for staff
  - GoPro camera's



## **Promotion**

- Took the lead from the Directing change team
- Weekly emails with to do's
  - Social media announcements
  - Email templates
  - Hard copy flyers
  - Weekly goals & updates on "intents to direct"

# Logistics (continued)

## **Prizes**

- Initial Plan
  - Campus round
  - System round
- Plan Re-assessed
  - One UC system round
- Cash award for each category

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$500

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$300

Honorable mention: \$100

 Winners in invited to attend the award ceremony during Mental Health Awareness month in May

## **Judging**

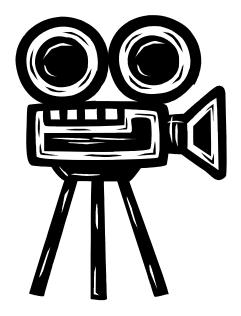
- UC recruited its own judging Panel
  - Supplemented by Directing Change judges
- Composed of:
  - suicide prevention and mental health subject matter experts
  - UC students
  - UC faculty & staff
- About 25 completed scoring

# Budget

- Technical Expenses varies
- Student Travel (\$4k)
- Cash Prizes (\$4k)
- Trophies/plaques varies
- Incentives GoPro (\$2k)
- Judge thank you's (\$400)



## 32 Submissions from 8 UC campus locations. **UC Berkeley:** 3 submissions **UC Davis:** 5 submissions Davis **UC Irvine:** 3 submissions Berkeley **UCLA:** 3 submissions **UC Merced:** 2 submissions Santa Cruz Merced **UC Riverside:** 4 submissions **UC San Diego:** 9 submissions San Francisco: --**UC Santa Barbara:** 3 submissions UC Santa Cruz: --Santa Barbara Los Angeles Irving ( Riverside San Diego



# Film Screening

**UC Student Mental Health Best Practice Website** 

www.ucop.edu/student-mental-health-resources

# The films have been viewed online **31,235** times and downloaded **434** times.



#### "Circling Stigma" - Directing Change Video Contest Winner 2013 -Mental Health PSA

by Spencer Wilson 2 . 1 year ago . 1,600 views

This is the 1st place winner of the 2013 Directing Change Student Video Contest, in the category Eliminating Stigma on Mental ...



#### **Directing Change Suicide Prevention Contest**

by Northview High School . 5 months ago . 152 views

Enter the Directing Change Suicide Prevention Contest for a chance to win \$500 and make a difference in someone's life.



#### **Directing Change Winning Entry**

by Mark Hajewski . 1 year ago . 183 views

Directing Change Student film contest winner (2nd place, Region 3), filmed and edited by the student team of Riley Murtaugh, ...



#### Words Hurt - Directing Change Suicide PSA

by Cameron Quon . 1 year ago . 489 views

WATCH IN 720P!!! Created for the Directing Change Student Video Contest, Directed. Edited, Filmed, and Scripted by Cameron ...



The contest is part of statewide efforts to prevent suicide, reduce stigma and discrimination related to mental illness, and to ...

#### Directing Change Compilation Hey I'm Allen (Los Angeles County)

by Fresno City College Psychologial Services • 7 months ago • 118 views The contest is part of statewide efforts to prevent suicide, reduce stigma and discrimination related to mental illness, and to ...









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#### Directing Change 2015 will launch soon!

Stay tuned for updated contest rules and submission guidelines.

#### Contest Winners and Finalists

2014 Statewide Winners - High School 2014 Regional Winners - High School 2014 Winners - UC 2013 Winners

#### 2014 UC Winners

#### **Ending the Silence Category**

First Place: "We Are All Human"

UC Santa Barbara

Student Names: Kathleen Oum

View and Download at Vimeo.com (Download Instructions) (You must agree to these terms and conditions)

#### Second Place: "Say Something"

UC San Diego

Student Names: Ulysses Savage and Jessica Rosas

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### Here are a few ideas:

- Embed the films on your website
- Partner with on-campus peer clubs to host screenings and discussion groups
- Promote the films via social media
- Show films at county task force meetings and during presentations
- Screen at local movie theaters
- During Mental Health Awareness Month/Suicide Prevention Week

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What are some good opportunities to use the films?
- 2. Can we create a Higher Education Category?
- 3. Questions

"I chose to participate in this contest because
I wanted to show my peers that those with a
mental illness are not any different from us. We
share the same interests, hobbies, goals,
dreams, hopes and fears. I wanted to make a
change in the world since this matter is really
important to me."