

### Alamosa Community Coalition says thanks

**T**he Alamosa Community Coalition goals and activities include multi-domains, multi-strategies including drug-free education, tobacco prevention, suicide awareness, mentoring events and partnerships.

The coalition is composed of San Luis Valley Mental Health Center, Alamosa School District, San Luis Valley Community Connections, San Luis Valley Community Fund, Adams State College, Alamosa County Nursing Service, Get R!EAL youth coalition, State Representative John Salazar, Alamosa County Commissioners, The Valley Courier, suicide prevention advocates and local counselors. In our midst are also representatives from Mrs. Rivera's Kitchen, Domino's, Bresnan Communications, Wal-Mart, Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center, Sacred Heart Church, Alamosa Community Recreation Center, San Luis Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, Van Gieson Construction, Alamosa Police Department, Sheriff's Department and Trinidad State Junior College—Valley Campus.

A **big thank you** to all the supporters, mentors and students involved in Mentor Appreciation night on April 5. **Muchas gracias** to our friends at Pepsi, Domino's, Uncle Tom's Chicken Fajitas, Mrs. Rivera's, Calvillo's, La Jara Pharmacy, Alamosa National Bank, Vectra Bank, Alamosa Recreation Center, Thundervally Speedway, Adams State College, and Wal-Mart.

The next meeting of the coalition is **May 18, 7:30 a.m. at the SLV Mental Health Center**. All students, parents and mentors are invited to participate.

## College students welcomed a day to quit tobacco

**O**n March 29, while Mr. Ortega's health class asked about consequences, Kris Lenker, tobacco prevention at Adams State College, advocated for healthier living. For several days the Kick Butts booth took promises to quit from ASC student smokers.



## Coalition Minutes

**T**ime: 7:30 AM  
**Date:** Tuesday April 20, 2004  
**Present:** LeAnn Garcia, Clarissa Woodworth, Nelda Curtiss, Noah Atencio, Carla Garcia, Henry Herrera, Cedar Stagner, Michael Maestas, Bill Gleeson, Krissianna Garcia, Kathy Van Gieson, Marylou Rodriguez, Delrae Mondragon, Bill Brooks.

Priscilla Ortega, Program Leader for Mi Animo Prevention, conducted the meeting.

**Minute of Silence:** The Columbine tragedy's 5 year anniversary was remembered with a minute of silence.

**Feedback for Commercial:** Priscilla asked for input from the coalition on the content of the commercial that Bresnan Communications offered to create and edit for free. Comments embraced

- involving youth,
- strategically using data and statistics,
- considering the video as a mentor and membership building tool;
- detailing current achievements and future goals and
- perhaps making separate commercials for parents and young people.

### Media & Education committees:

Coalition Members signed up to be on Media or Education committees.

### Newsletters and Websites:

Priscilla noted that a newsletter has been started for the coalition, as well as, the Conejos program—Sí Se Puede. A newsletter for SSAVE is also in the forming stages. Clarissa mentioned that we are

waiting for software that will help us build websites.

The hope is that students will collaborate, that links to all the schools and Suicide/Drug prevention coalitions will add to the dynamic website.

### Member Updates:

- Julie Geiser took a pulse on the success of the 9 Health Fair in Alamosa.
- Krissianna encouraged members to bring a parent to the next meeting. She shared the new t-shirt for Seeds fundraising.
- Noah Atencio announced the progress on the Intel Clubhouse which will help students build their computer skills. The opening for children is set for July and opening for parents and public is September or October.

**Adjourned:** The meeting ended at approximately 9 a.m.