Hello LIVE REAL Mentors,

I hope the academic year has started off well for you all. The first couple weeks of the semester have been busy ones for everyone. Here are just a few of the highlights so far:

- **1,588 NDSU students attended the first Club NDSU** on Opening Weekend! Every student that attended received a Before One More t-shirt. You may have seen these bright shirts around campus. For more information about the campaign, check out [www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo/students/before_one_more](http://www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo/students/before_one_more). The next Club NDSU is taking place this Saturday, September 10th at 9:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union, Lower Level.

- **42% of First-year students have already completed eCHECKUP TO GO.** All first-year students are required to complete this brief online activity by September 30th. eCHECKUP TO GO ([http://interwork.sdsu.edu/echug2/NDSU](http://interwork.sdsu.edu/echug2/NDSU)) provides students with feedback about their personal risk factors should they choose to drink.

- **Information about new student safety**, including facts about alcohol and other drug abuse and sexual assault prevention, is being shared in many University 189 courses this Fall. Instructors for UNIV 189 are encouraged to contact Erika.Beseler@ndsu.edu to schedule a presentation.

I also wanted to share with you the results of the 2011 Faculty and Staff Alcohol and Other Drug survey, administered to NDSU Faculty and Staff members during Spring 2011. The major findings of the survey include:

- Vast majority of NDSU faculty and staff are aware of an NDSU AOD policy (98%) and believe NDSU is concerned about prevention (94.8%)
- Large increase in the number of faculty and staff aware of AOD training programs at NDSU (69.5%, up from 34.7% in 2008)
- Slight decrease in faculty and staff who know how to refer a student or colleague with AOD problems (68.3%, down from 69.1%)
- Slight decrease in faculty and staff who wish to be involved in AOD prevention efforts (36%, down from 38.4%)
- Overall, 41.6% of faculty and staff would like to learn more about incorporating AOD prevention messages into their interactions with students

*A full report of study findings is available at* [www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo/faculty_and_staff_core_alcohol_and_other_drug_survey](http://www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo/faculty_and_staff_core_alcohol_and_other_drug_survey)

**LIVE REAL Mentor Program Updates:**

The following LIVE REAL Mentor Presentations have been scheduled for Fall semester:

- **Wednesday, September 14th - 4:00pm in Room of Nations, Memorial Union**
- **Thursday, October 13th - 12:00pm (Noon) in Prairie Room, Memorial Union**
- **Tuesday, November 15th - 4:00pm in Barry Hall 360**
• Wednesday, December 7th - 12:00pm (Noon) in Prairie Room, Memorial Union

Additionally, a special, marijuana-focused LIVE REAL Mentor Training session will also be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 12:00pm (Noon) in Prairie Room, Memorial Union. This session will provide more information on the harmful effects of marijuana, recognizing and referring students struggling with marijuana use, and dispelling myths about marijuana use.

As a reminder, current LIVE REAL Mentors are always welcome to attend a refresher training session or check out the marijuana-focused presentation in October.

Best,

Erika