



DWI Crash Victims Last Hours Chronicled in Moving Exhibit, Story of Colgate students' Tragedy Helps Educate Central New York Students, Public

"Friends: One Day One Wrong Turn" is the work of the Lewis Henry Morgan Institute at the State University of New York Institute of Technology (SUNYIT) in Utica, N.Y., in conjunction with the New York State STOP-DWI program. The exhibit details the lives of four young people killed in a DWI-related accident on the campus of Colgate University four years ago, telling their individual stories through photographs, personal possessions, and interviews with their friends and family members. The exhibit will run February 1 through March 31 on the SUNYIT campus.

([PRWEB](#)) January 14, 2005 -- A powerful exhibit with an important message for young people and drivers of all ages is coming to the campus of SUNYIT, the State University of New York Institute of Technology, just north of Utica, N.Y., in February.

"Friends: One Day One Wrong Turn" is the work of the Lewis Henry Morgan Institute at SUNYIT in conjunction with the New York State STOP-DWI program. Dr. F. Andrew Wolfe, assistant professor of civil engineering technology and the Morgan Institute's executive director, says the exhibit focuses on the lives of four young people killed in a DWI-related accident on the campus of Colgate University four years ago.

"The exhibit looks at the decisions that the people involved made and how those decisions affected their lives," Dr. Wolfe says. "The power of the exhibit is in the telling of the lives of the victims, which allows the viewer to know them, and the timeline and forensics of the crash where you see how several bad decisions—driving drunk, getting into a car driven by someone you don't know—had a terrible result."

"Friends: One Day One Wrong Turn" emphasizes the lives of the victims before the crash, telling their individual stories through photographs, personal possessions, and interviews with their friends and family members. A detailed timeline describes the day of the crash; a significant portion of the exhibit details the long-lasting effects of the accident on those who knew the victims and the wider community.

The exhibit has traveled the state, taking its message to colleges, universities, and other venues, including the New York State Fair. It will be at SUNYIT, in Kunsela Hall's Gannett Gallery, February 1 through March 31. The February 1 exhibit opening will include a special preview for faculty and staff, from noon-2 p.m., and an evening reception for invited dignitaries and the general public.

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