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STUDENTS WORKING AGAINST TOBACCO HOST YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON JUNE 5

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Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) is hosting their 4th Annual Youth Leadership Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at the Holiday Inn & Suites Clearwater Beach S-Harbourside at 401 2nd St. E. in Indian Rocks Beach.

The event will feature speakers from the Tampa Bay community including Associate Professor of Public Health at the University of Tampa Dr. Mary Martinasek, Community Relations Coordinator at St. Petersburg College Henry Johnson and former HSN TV host Geoff Cowan.

Topics will include discussions on waterpipe tobacco (hookah) smoking and electronic tobacco devices, the importance of leadership within the community and a presentation by Cowan, who participated in the first SWAT conference 20 years ago.

There are 50 seats available for middle and high school students looking to engage with leaders among various community-based youth groups and receive community service/volunteer hours. Breakfast and lunch is included. RSVP by calling Pinellas County SWAT Coordinator, Steven Sargent, at 727-588-4040, ext. 3158.

SWAT, is an organization with an active, involved membership of young leaders in middle and high school that provides a means for Florida's youth to develop and coordinate a unified assault on tobacco's sales pitch in their communities. It encourages youth to become effective advocates and leaders in their communities while providing "real life" experiences through planning, executing and evaluating tobacco prevention activities. SWAT trains youth to be more effective in all endeavors they choose to undertake. Pinellas County SWAT is an initiative of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas (DOH-Pinellas).

For more information about the event, call (727) 588-4040, ext. 3158.

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Pictured above is the Pinellas SWAT team with State Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip at their annual trip to Tallahassee in January.

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