

# **"SPEAK UP and REACH OUT Award"**

*-In Memory of Kyle David Koslop*

An annual award honoring a student who is reducing prejudice around mental illness, raising awareness of mental health issues at school, and encouraging help-seeking among their peers. This award was established in 2019 through the Help STOP the Silence Suicide Prevention & Support Program, founded by Samantha Neaman, in memory of her son, Kyle David Koslop. This award is designed to encourage dialogue about mental health on the school campus, reduce prejudice around emotional disorders, and raise visibility of the outstanding students who are tackling these issues at school.

*Award winners are honored for their willingness to "speak up and reach out," and for their leadership, character, and community service.*

\*The recipient will receive a \$500 award to be presented at the HAHS Senior Awards Ceremony

## **Qualifications are as follows:**

- Student must be a graduating high school senior.
- Student must plan to attend an institute of higher learning and currently be accepted / military.
- Application must be completed in full.
- Candidates must write an original one-page essay.
- All entries must be received in the Guidance Office by the **deadline – May 9, 2025**
- **Essay Requirements: In 500 Words or Less – MLA format – Select one of the following:**
  1. List two situations that demonstrated your willingness to “speak up and reach out.”
  2. Discuss how a stigmatized issue, such as a mental health disorder, substance use disorder, eating disorder, etc., has impacted you or those you know personally. What suggestions might you offer to your community to help lessen the negative impact of the stigma surrounding the issue?
  3. What do you feel is the #1 mental health challenge affecting high school students in the Hazleton Area? What suggestions might you offer to combat this challenge in your school?

## **The following must be submitted in hard copy format:**

1. One teacher or school official letter of recommendation on school letterhead
2. College acceptance letter (or copy), even if you have not made a final decision
3. Enclosed Completed Application including Essay

*Sponsored by the HAHS SADD Club*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

School Sports / Clubs / Special Programs:

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Honors / Awards:

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Community and / or other activities, if any:

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College accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School Guidance Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_