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SARATOGA COUNTY SPONSORS “SPEAK SOBRIETY” PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOOLS

National Speaker Stephen Hill Returns to Area Schools as Part of Saratoga County’s Ongoing Effort to Address Substance Abuse & Combat the Opioid Epidemic

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Phil Barrett today announced the Board is once again providing area schools with a special presentation by renowned national speaker, Stephen Hill, who will share his personal story of addiction and redemption with students.

Building on the success and positive feedback from the County’s initiative during the 2023-24 school year, Mr. Hill will return to Saratoga County to present “Speak Sobriety,” to students and community members.

Schedule of student events at area schools:

- Ballston Spa High School, March 31, 2025
- Saratoga Springs High School, April 2, 2025
- Schuylerville Middle/High School, April 3, 2023
- Waterford-Halfmoon Jr/Sr High School, April 11, 2025
- Shenendehowa High School East, April 21 & 25, 2025
- Shenendehowa High School West, April 24, 2025
- Stillwater High School, April 23, 2025
- Burnt Hills- Ballston Lake High School, May 1, 2025
- Galway Jr/Sr High School, May 2, 2025
- Oliver W. Winch Middle School, South Glens Falls School District, May 27, 2025

A community event, open to the public, will be held at Schuylerville High School on April 2 at 6PM.

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Phil Barrett (Clifton Park) said, “Partnering with our school districts, students and families across the County through comprehensive support efforts to assist with the battle against substance abuse, has been a consistent focus for Saratoga County. I witnessed the ability of Stephen Hill to engage with students in a meaningful fashion during the first phase of this program. The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors has also approved a new program offering CRPAs (Certified Recovery Peer Advocates) who work directly with our schools and students. We will continue to expand our ongoing efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and address substance abuse in our communities. I thank our participating schools for allowing us to bring Speak Sobriety to Saratoga County students and community members.”

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Stephen Hill is the founder of Speak Sobriety, a young person in recovery, bestselling author, recovery coach, and a defense attorney. He is a renowned national speaker on substance use prevention & mental health awareness with a truly inspiring comeback story that everyone must hear. Stephen has presented in front of thousands of people for more than 500 schools, drug free community coalitions, alliances, and organizations across the country, sharing his cautionary tale of addiction to recovery and beyond, leaving people better educated, feeling hopeful, and motivated to make smart choices and positive change.

The substance use prevention and mental health awareness presentations are provided to schools for free by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Saratoga County is utilizing a multi-department approach to address the opioid epidemic through prevention, education, treatment, and response efforts and continues to make investments in a wide range of programs, equipment, and professional personnel to help communities battle the harmful grip of drug addiction that affects every municipality.

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