

National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit

2015 Immunization Excellence Award

Honorable Mention - Outstanding Influenza Season Activities



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The [NAIS](#) annually recognizes the value and extraordinary contributions of individuals and organizations towards improved adult, adolescent, and/or childhood vaccination rates within their communities during the past year.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with Alana's Foundation, implemented a new program in the fall of 2014 with the goal of increasing flu vaccination uptake among college-aged young adults. The first [College and University Flu Vaccination Challenge](#), modeled after the American Red Cross Blood Battle between rival universities, was implemented in the 2014-15 flu season. Participation in the Flu Challenge was voluntary, and 14 public and private institutions enrolled in the pilot year. Schools were given a College and University Influenza Vaccination Toolkit to increase campus awareness of the importance of immunizations. Alana's Foundation offered all participating schools the opportunity to apply for grant funds to purchase flu vaccine and offer it free of charge to uninsured and underinsured students. Winners were awarded a traveling trophy sponsored by Alana's Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alana's Foundation AND Michigan Department of Health and Human Services!



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