

**Revolution  
Speakers  
Bureau**

# Spring Newsletter



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## Abbie Road

Happy summer!!

Well, this time of year is always my favorite; except the fact that a few of our Revolution members will be moving on to college! Kelly, Brandon, Andy, Ben, Emma, Stacia, Omar, and Mollie: I will miss you more than I can say!! Always surprising me are Kelly and Stacia, who continually make me laugh. Emma, it's been a total joy getting to know you the last 4 years and I thank you for giving Revolution a shot from the very first day I started as Supervisor. Brandon, I so appreciate your technical and musical genius!!

I had no idea what buddies we would become!! Andy and Ben, you always bring a smile to my heart. I love all your antics and will miss the way you crack me up. Mollie, from the day I met you I knew we were kindred spirits. Follow your heart, because it's a good one! Omar, ok so I just love ya. I feel like we've done this Revolution thing together and I will forever be indebted to you.

Since July of 2011, we have had 19 presentations. We have educated 2129 youth and 297 adults. We have helped with Sundaes in the Square, tie-dyed cool shirts, walked with United Way in the parade, played with

kids at the Fall Festival, and lent our beautiful voices for Cookies & Caroling. We've laughed, danced, cried, eaten, played, screamed, sung, eaten, been crazy, embarrassed ourselves, and been so proud we could burst. It's been an amazing year and I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. You will always be part of the Revolution family!! Don't forget to come back and visit me!!



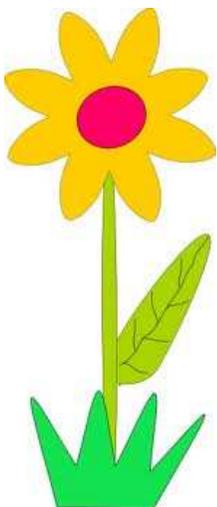
## Savannah's Story

Hi everyone! My name is Savannah Wolfe and I am going to be a sophomore at Columbus High School. I have been in Revolution for one year. When I was first asked to be in Revolution I didn't really know what it was. I can remember the day Abbie called me in and told me all about the message that Revolution was trying to spread and I knew right then and there that I had to be in this group. I know that being in Revolution for one year doesn't seem like that long but I

have learned so much and met so many people and I'm really glad that next year I get to continue my journey and become Student Coordinator.

I'm so excited to start this upcoming year with Revolution. We have some new members coming in this year who I think will bring a lot to this group. I'm kinda nervous about taking over as Student Coordinator and not knowing what to expect but I

know that these next three years will be awesome. I had a good time meeting all you guys at training!



## Past Presentations

As the school year came to an end, Revolution presented to three more high schools and one college.

On March 13th, Revolution presented at Franklin High School. There were other schools from the same area that were also able to attend the performance. The most exciting thing about this trip was that the Franklin Newspaper wrote an entire page on Revolution. They even had someone tape the presentation, make a DVD and then they gave us a copy!

On March 23rd Revolution presented to High Plains High School in Polk, Nebraska. Revolution

did an amazing job and we all got to display some of our dance skills that day.

On April 2nd Revolution presented at Fullerton High School. The members did another great job presenting to the students. After presenting, we drove home and took a picture. This was the best part of the day because we all pretended to be our good friend Daniel Stecker (see picture below.)

On April 11th Revolution presented at Wayne State. We don't usually present to colleges. However two of our Revolution

alumni, Cale Albracht and Taylor Baumgart wanted us to come and present at their college. It was a fairly small group, but the audience was very educated in this area so the members still had to stay on their toes when it came to question and answers.

Now that the presentations are over for this school year, Revolution is looking forward to summer activities and training new



## New Recruits

Another year of Revolution has gone by which means spring recruitment and summer training time! Revolution spent a good deal of time trying to find recruits (out of the 400 that expressed interest) that fit in with the group. This year we have 11 new members from Scotus Central Catholic, Columbus High, and Central Community College. We are excited to start off another great year with the new members. This year, in all, we have a total of 32 members.

### Scotus Central Catholic

Valerie Borer  
Joe Sonderman  
Melissa Thalken  
Jordan Zoucha

### Columbus High School

Lance Barcel  
Brielyn Borer  
Taryn Pospisil  
Aaron Rogers  
Christian Tate  
Nallely Sanchez

### Central Community College

Bryan Vacha



## Congrats Grads!



**Ben Heusinkvelt** will be attending Northwest Missouri State. He will major Biology. His favorite memory of Revolution is dressing in women's clothes. From being in Revolution he gained, an awareness about violence and knowing how to help.



**Kelly Augustine** will be attending Mount Mary. She will major in Special Ed and elementary education. Her favorite memory of Revolution is Cookies and Caroling. From being in Revolution, she will know, what to say to help people with whatever they need.

**Andy Heusinkvelt** will be attending University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He will be majoring in secondary education. His favorite memory of Revolution is having a water balloon fight with Levi at summer training last year. From being in Revolution, he will know, how to help people who have been affected by violence.



**Stacia Rawhouser** will be attending the University of South Dakota. She will major in education and creative writing. Her favorite memory of Revolution is laughing every time we had to sing the word "figgy pudding" when we went caroling. From being in Revolution, she now knows, how to build her own healthy relationships and also how to help others who may be in a bad relationship.

**Emmalee Nelson** will be attending University of Nebraska at Omaha. She will major in secondary education English and minor in German. Her favorite memories of Revolution are the games of tug of war and what she learned was never judge people.



**Mollie Shevlin** will be attending Midland University next year. She will major in secondary education and minor in theatre. Her favorite memory of Revolution is the countless hours in the van eating junk food and listening to Abbie's terrible 80's music. She said that being in Revolution has made her learn a lot about herself and she has also come to learn that even if you feel like no one cares about what you are doing, you have helped at least one person and that is all that matters.

**Brandon Campbell** will be attending the Art Institute of Kansas City. He will major in Game Art and Design. His favorite memory of Revolution is the road trips and what he will take away is the amazing opportunity to simply reach out.



# Omar's Adios Amigos!

Hi everyone! Well this school year went by a lot faster than I thought it would. This is probably because of all the fun I had being the Student Coordinator. Savannah Wolfe will be taking over as Student Coordinator, and I'm sure she will do great! This year was also my last year in Revolution, which makes me really sad. I remember when I first heard about Revolution I was not sure it was something I wanted to be a part of. Now here I am, four years later, and I cannot imagine who I would be without this amazing group. Revolution has changed me in so many ways, it has taught me how to be a leader and role model for people in my community and to be more open minded and not judge people, because something may have happened to them. I have also learned that dating violence and sexual assault affects everyone, not just the people it happens to. Revolution has made me a better person and has changed me forever.

The thing I will miss the most when I'm gone is the kids and staff that were involved with Revolution. I got a chance to meet a lot of great kids while in Revolution and it made me want to be great too. Another big part of Revolution's success is because of the amazing staff at the Center for Survivors. Jenna Clark and Deanna Rodriguez are there with us at most of our presentations, ready to help the teens at the schools, so for that would like give them a big thank you! I also want to say thank you to Erin Nahorny for being my fellow responsible person on our long trips and for being someone I can come to when I need advice. Next I would like to thank Jonathan Niles for helping me get through the boring time at the office. The last person I would like to thank is Abbie Tessendorf. Abbie is a big reason why Revolution is what it has become today. Abbie is a great leader for this group, she welcomes everyone and tries to make it feel like one big family. I'm not even joking, she keeps up on what each of the members are doing and what they are involved in. She has been a big part of my life the last four years, she is someone I can always come to with anything and I will miss working her.

Revolution has changed me forever and even though I am leaving I will always keep it in my heart.

