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will defend her thesis:

Distracted Driving in Clark County, Nevada: Analysis of an Intervention on College Students

Abstract

Distracted driving is a growing public health concern. Increased associations of motor vehicle crash related injuries and fatalities with distracted driving, especially involving youth drivers, have been highlighted. The goal of this thesis was to test the effects of a distracted driving intervention on college students at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Quantitative statistical analysis was performed to compare self-reported pre and post-intervention questionnaire responses of the experimental and control groups. The results indicate an overall observed desired effect of change with statistical significance for the experimental group after the intervention, which was not observed for the control group. There were also statistically significant differences within the experimental group responses in all three themed components of the questionnaire: behavior, attitude, and knowledge. There is a clear urgency for evidence-based, effective, prevention/intervention distracted driving programs to be developed.

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Faculty, students, and the general public are invited.

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