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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Dear Supporter:

Sixteen years ago, SSDP was launched over the still-nascent internet when a handful of college students acknowledged that the devastating drug war would not end without the contribution of an empowered and organized youth movement. Today, when we join with our allies to reform drug laws and policies from campus to the United Nations, students are fighting the punitive and dangerous results of the misguided War on Drugs, demanding like they did then that the drug war not be waged in their names.

Our students have reformed countless laws and policies in our 16-year history, beginning with modifying the Higher Education Act to ensure fewer young people are disenfranchised from the opportunity to access higher education. Today, we are expanding access to naloxone, implementing 911 Good Samaritan policies, instrumentally participating in marijuana policy reform, working to fix destructive criminal justice policies such as mandatory minimums, and more.

But we don't just reform laws: one of the most important things we do is build leaders. Our students frequently join or start an SSDP chapter with a passion for dismantling the War on Drugs, but minimal advocacy experience. By the time they graduate, SSDPers will have cultivated the ability to activate others and create meaningful change through lobbying, letter writing, campaigning, and their fair share of rabble-rousing. Today's students will play critical roles in the most immediate reforms, and they will direct both the future of drug policy reform and regulatory and public health policies in the post-prohibition era.

Sixteen years ago, our founders might not have imagined that we would have come this far, as an organization or as a movement. But this year, as attitudes about how we interact with drugs and drug users are rapidly shifting around the globe, SSDP is embarking on a period of tremendous growth. We've doubled the size of our permanent staff to better meet the needs of our members, and will soon grow again as we continue to refine and expand the support provided to our ever more effective network. We expect to enlist hundreds more students in the 2014-2015 school year, and changes to the way we support both students and our broad community will mean we're more engaged in reform than ever before.

Put simply, we have never been in a better position to elevate the student voice to effect real and lasting change.

The present and future leaders of the drug policy reform movement have a serious responsibility to fix broken systems and end the injustices of draconian drug laws. I count myself as astonishingly fortunate to be able to guide SSDP and those future leaders coming up in our network through these next transformational years. I invite you to join me in supporting these extraordinary young people by becoming a member of our family of philanthropic supporters. We pledge that your gift will return lasting dividends.

Sensibly,

Betty Aldworth



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SUCCESS. NOW I’M SERVING MY FIRST YEAR
AS AN ELECTED STUDENT BOARD MEMBER
AND I’M MORE MOTIVATED THAN EVER TO END
THE WAR ON DRUGS!”**

Frances Fu
Student, Northwestern University

MEET THE BOARD

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



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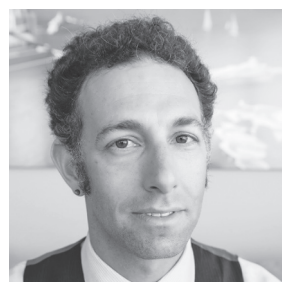
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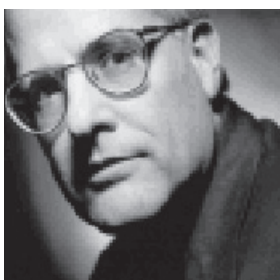
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DAN GOLDMAN

LeGAYlize It!

Dear Supporter,

I've been a part of Students for Sensible Drug Policy for 5 years now, the latter half of which I've been proud to serve on its board of directors. As my term's conclusion rapidly approaches, I often find myself reflecting on my time with this amazing organization — and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished, nor more optimistic about what we'll do next.

To start with, Betty Aldworth joined us as our new Executive Director in February. Formerly Deputy Director of the National Cannabis Industry Association and Advocacy Director of the Colorado Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, Betty has worked hard to foster positive relationships between policy reform organizations and the emerging cannabis industry, securing monetary support for our work and connecting SSDPers with employment opportunities in this exciting field where businesses are proving the argument that regulation works. She and our Deputy Director Stacia Cosner truly are a dream team, and together they've put SSDP in the strongest financial position in our organization's history.

Much credit for this exciting growth and security also goes to my fellow board member Randy Hencken, who led a massively successful crowdfunding effort from November to January. This campaign featured inspiring stories of many of our student members, and the \$100,641 that it raised — from 449 donors in only 50 days — will go a long way towards strengthening our network and chalking up even more victories in our fight to end the War on Drugs.

In addition to these exciting developments for SSDP, the past year was filled with numerous milestones in drug policy reform across the country and the globe. Colorado has seen great success in the months since it first taxed and regulated marijuana for all adults, Washington state is finally starting to implement its own law, and Uruguay is set to be the first country to adopt such regulations. Many other jurisdictions are considering joining them with sensible marijuana policies of their own, with Alaska, Oregon, and Washington DC all voting on legalization this November, and Florida voting on a measure that would make it the 2nd largest medical marijuana state. We've hired campus coordinators in DC and Florida to not only help pass these important initiatives, but to stick around after the elections to channel the campaigns' energy into a lasting movement for broader drug policy reform.

Finally, our renewed alumni engagement efforts and newly-formed Sensible Society are providing opportunities for our 30,000+ alumni to stay involved with SSDP after graduation, from hosting regional events to mentoring local chapters. Even after I leave the board, I'll always be an SSDPer, and I look forward to working with my fellow alumni to keep improving this organization that we love so dearly.

I hope you'll consider joining us as a member of the Sensible Society, as it's only through the generous support from people like you that we're able to pursue our mission of ending the Drug War while empowering countless student activists along the way.

Sensibly,

Sam Tracy

EVENTS

MARCH

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Our students at West Chester University hosted 80 students and supporters from the northeast region at this year's Northeast Regional SSDP Conference. Speakers from across the drug policy reform spectrum spoke about issues like marijuana law reform, overdose prevention policies, harm reduction, and police accountability. Keynote addresses were given by experts from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education and Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

West Chester University
West Chester, PA

MARCH

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Making it the largest of our six regional conferences this year, over 100 students, alumni, and supporters gathered at UC-Hastings School of Law for a day of drug policy programming and networking. SSDP alumnus and Professor Alex Kreit, of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, delivered opening remarks to the enthusiastic group. Attendees heard from professionals from all realms of the drug policy reform movement, including representatives from the Drug Policy Alliance, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, DanceSafe, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), and the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS).

University of California - Hastings
School of Law San Francisco, CA

MARCH

MOUNTAIN PLAINS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Our chapter at ASU hosted dozens of students and supporters for this week-end event. Attendees heard from Arizona dispensary owners about the process and the patients involved in their state medical marijuana program. Dr. Sue Sisley spoke about her own research and how we can work to eliminate barriers to marijuana research. In addition to several student-led skills building workshops, the group heard from Aaron Smith from the National Cannabis Industry Association and SSDP alum Kris Krane from 4-Front Advisors.

Arizona State University Phoenix, AZ

MARCH

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

50 students and supporters came together in Orlando for two days of learning from and networking with others who share their passion for ending the war on drugs. Topics discussed included remaining active after activism and how SSDP chapters in Florida can get involved in the United for Care campaign. Allies from A New Path (Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing), the Orlando Activist Alliance, and Vocal Florida also shared their expert perspectives with attendees.

University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

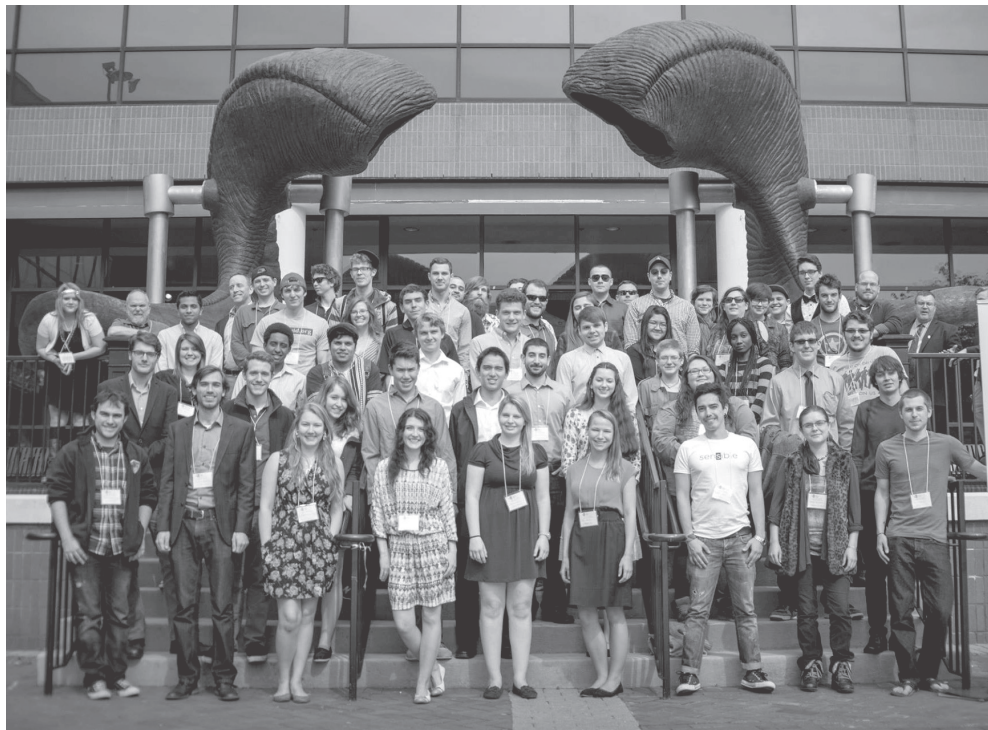


APRIL

MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

During this weekend of learning, training, and networking, nearly 60 students heard presentations on a range of drug policy issues. A panel, led by Gail Smith, Founder of the Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM), featured mothers who were incarcerated for drug offenses and left unable to receive the help that would have improved their health and protected their children. In addition to sessions on how to turn activism into a career, fundraising, drug overdose education, and constitutional rights, the closing address was given by Kathie Kane-Willis, co-founder and director of the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy, Adjunct Professor at Roosevelt University, and advisor to Roosevelt University SSDP.

[Northwestern University](#) Evanston, IL



APRIL

IRISH SSDP CONFERENCE

Our chapter at National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) hosted the first National SSDP Irish Conference in April. Students and supporters in attendance heard from, among others, Ex-Police Constable and International Drug Policy Adviser Tom Lloyd and Dr. Paul O'Mahony, Criminologist, Author of 'The Irish War on Drugs', and member of the Irish Penal Reform Trust. Additionally, the conference featured a film screening and a concert for attendees to network and celebrate their hard work.

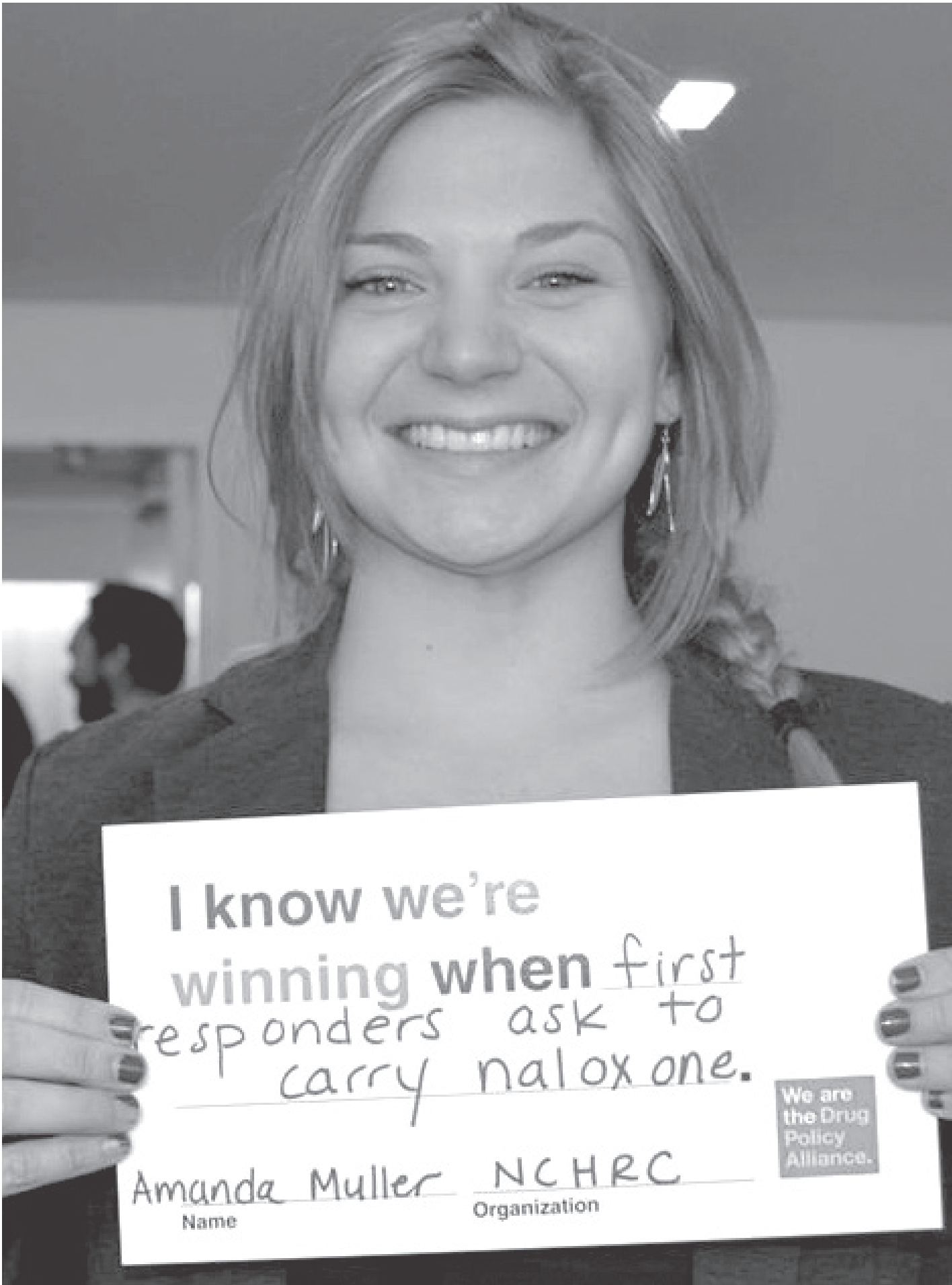
[National University of Ireland Galway](#)
Galway, Ireland

APRIL

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

More than 80 students were in attendance in Richmond for this jam-packed weekend. In addition to networking and team building, attendees heard from two distinguished VCU professors on their research in the areas of the endogenous cannabinoid system and synthetic cathinones (also known as "bath salts"). Additionally, the event featured two student-led panels on harm reduction and lobbying.

[Virginia Commonwealth University](#)
Richmond, VA



I know we're
winning when first
responders ask to
carry naloxone.

Amanda Muller NCHRC
Name Organization

We are
the Drug
Policy
Alliance.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2012, AMANDA JOINED 4FRONT ADVISORS, A CONSULTING FIRM FOUNDED BY FELLOW SSDP ALUM KRIS KRANE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO THE BEST PRACTICES AND PEOPLE WITHIN THE RAPIDLY EVOLVING CANNABIS INDUSTRY. FOLLOWING HER WORK WITH 4FRONT, AMANDA WORKED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HARM REDUCTION COALITION ON THEIR NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, WHICH SAVED 115 LIVES IN ONE YEAR. SHE NOW WORKS IN HIV/AIDS PREVENTION IN FLORIDA.

Amanda Muller
Alumnus, Florida State University

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LAUNCHED CAMPUS DRUG POLICY GRADEBOOK

SSDP analyzed the drug and alcohol policies of the top 300 U.S. schools according to Forbes Magazine. From this analysis, SSDP created the Campus Drug Policy Gradebook, a resource which provides both a grade for each school and recommendations for improvement. Campus drug policies were evaluated according to several factors. Each school started with an average C grade. Positive policy aspects—clearly defined sanctions for specific violations, sanctions focusing on treatment and education, and medical amnesty or Good Samaritan policies—improve the school's grade. Negative factors—zero tolerance policies, sanctions focusing on punishment, and reliance on referrals to law enforcement—warrant lower grades. An ideal alcohol and drug policy includes a full medical amnesty policy and applies sanctions--focused on education and treatment--based on the number and severity of a student's infractions. In addition, the recommendations for improvement can help students identify and work to change problematic policies on campus.

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ELECTED NEW STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

SSDP held our annual Congress at the Drug Policy Alliance Reform Conference in Denver in October 2013. We said farewell to our outgoing student board members (Brandon Levey, Julie Roberts, Thom Silverstein, and Rodrigo "Froggy" Vasquez) and welcomed newly elected student board members (Scott Cecil, Evan Eisenberg, Alec Foster, Frances Fu, and Amanda Muller). Then in 2014, Jurriaan van den Hurk joined the board, replacing Scott Cecil who stepped down to join our staff as an Outreach Coordinator.

SSDP HEADQUARTERS MOVES TO NEW OFFICE

In March 2014, SSDP offices moved to Logan Circle from a tiny, yet tiny, F Street address. This move allows us to add staff and create a more comfortable work environment while still preserving our intimate, collaborative working culture. While it is true that we will no longer be able to boast about running the largest single-issue student network in the nation from a 192 square foot space, our new 1300 square foot office (for only \$500 more per month!) creates a space where we can spread our wings and enthusiastically approach growth opportunities.

3

HIRED NEW OUTREACH STAFF MEMBERS

After Devon Tackels moved on from our staff and Drew Stromberg was promoted to Outreach Director in May 2014, we hired two new full time regional Outreach Coordinators, Jake Agliata and Scott Cecil.

Jake joins us from Carlisle, PA where he attended Dickinson College. Jake co-founded an SSDP chapter during his sophomore year and served as President until accepting the job at SSDP HQ. He considers developing an organized group of activists one of the greatest accomplishments of his lifetime. During his time at Dickinson College he also interned with the U.S Army War College in Carlisle and worked on global peacekeeping initiatives.

Scott, from Omaha, NE, co-founded an SSDP chapter in Arizona at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. He served as a chapter leader for two years and was then elected to SSDP's Board of Directors in October of 2013. He was able to gain extensive knowledge about lobbying of elected officials, policy research, and political writing. Scott expresses that he is not content with living life oblivious to the sufferings of others. To him, ending drug prohibition is sensible because criminalizing drug use is harmful to individuals and communities, deterring people who struggle with substance misuse from seeking treatment services due to a fear of criminal sanctions.

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HIRED OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BETTY ALDWORTH

Effective September 31, 2013, Aaron Houston resigned as executive director. In October 2013 Betty Aldworth was selected as the next executive director, which took effect following an extended transition period during which Stacia Cosner, deputy director, served as interim executive director.

Since 2009, Betty has specialized in community outreach, public relations, advocacy, and policy reform as a consultant to cannabis-related businesses and nonprofit organizations. Prior to her work in marijuana policy and medical cannabis, she was a volunteer leadership professional with some of Denver's most well-respected nonprofit organizations.

Betty served as spokesperson and advocacy director for Colorado's 2012 Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, the collaborative committee responsible for legalizing, taxing and regulating marijuana for adults in Colorado, and was the Deputy Director of the National Cannabis Industry Association in 2013, the organization's largest year of growth.

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STUDENT DELEGATION ATTENDED UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

Utilizing our consultative status with the United Nations in April 2014, a delegation of seven students from Ireland, Canada, and the United Kingdom represented SSDP in Vienna at the 57th session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The delegation was led by Graham de Barra, secretary and student member of our board of directors as well as Chairperson of the International Outreach Committee. While in Vienna, our students networked with global experts and advocates on the issue of drug policy. We also co-hosted an event with Law Enforcement Against Prohibition and Harm Reduction International titled "Protecting Youth with Drug Policy: Criminalization has failed."

OUR MOST AMBITIOUS AND SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN EVER

Spearheaded by SSDP board member Randy Hencken in the winter of 2013, we embarked on our most ambitious fundraising campaign to date: raising \$100,000 in 50 days through the crowdfunding platform Indiegogo. We exceeded that goal, raising \$100,641 from 449 donors!

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JOINED AS PLAINTIFFS IN LAWSUIT AGAINST NSA

SSDP joined 18 other plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit against the NSA seeking to stop its surveillance of telephone and Internet communications of Verizon customers. SSDP joined this lawsuit because it is vital to our members that they retain privacy in their communications with us, with the news media, with government officials, with their professors, with university officials, and among themselves about social, political, legal, religious, environmental, and economic matters that are sensitive and often private. It is vital to us as an organization that students across the nation feel free to communicate openly with us and with others about drug policy and criminal justice without fear that their perfectly legal and constitutionally protected communications are being analyzed to identify the author for potential profiling and investigation.

SSDP CONTINUES TO ENGAGE IN MARIJUANA POLICY IN COLORADO

The Denver Law School SSDP chapter worked with marijuana policy & industry professionals to ensure that Amendment 64 was implemented faithfully and functionally. This included attending legislative meetings at the state capitol and educating the public about the impact of the law in both English and Spanish. They also worked with the “Yes on AA” campaign to levy a state sales tax on retail marijuana sales. Another SSDP chapter at University of Colorado Colorado Springs is working on implementation of Amendment 64 by lobbying local legislators in Colorado Springs to lift its ban on regulated sales.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS BRINGS GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY TO CAMPUS

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts SSDP also brought a policy change to their campus in 2013. Added to the student handbook for the 2013-2014 academic year, MCLA’s Good Samaritan Policy states that no formal disciplinary action will be taken against those who report and/or are victim of a drug or alcohol related emergency.

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENTS 911 GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY AFTER TWO YEAR CAMPAIGN

After a two year battle on campus, Roosevelt University SSDP helped enact a Call 911 Good Samaritan Policy. The “Good Samaritan Protocol” adds the policy to the University’s student drug and alcohol policy, encouraging students to call for help in a drug or alcohol overdose situation. Chapter Co-President Vilmarie Narloch explained “we were fortunate that our administrators were immediately very supportive of the idea of a Good Samaritan policy, but they had a lot of questions and concerns about such a policy. These concerns were fortunately able to be put to rest almost as immediately as they were brought up, due to our preparation, planning, and resources.”

FLORIDA CHAPTERS COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR AMENDMENT 2 TO PLACE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON THE 2014 BALLOT IN FLORIDA

The following chapters all helped collect signatures and spread awareness about the initiative: Florida Gulf Coast University, Eckerd College, University of Central Florida, University of West Florida, University of South Florida, University of Florida, New College of Florida, Florida State University - Panama City, Florida International University, and University of Miami.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY ADDS GOOD SAMARITAN, AMNESTY CLAUSES TO DRUG, ALCOHOL POLICY

Last spring, our students at Tufts were successful in enacting a life-saving call 911 Good Samaritan policy. In September, the policy changes took effect. Tufts University’s specific policy allows for up to 2 instances of medical interventions and immunity to punishment due to substance abuse per student. The first incident results in a meeting with a professional in the Department of Alcohol and Health Education, the second incident results in another meeting as well as consultation with the student’s family or guardian. The caller of the emergency (if not also the victim) is granted immunity as well.

DICKINSON COLLEGE HOSTS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Students from Dickinson College SSDP hosted John Hanger, a democratic candidate for Pennsylvania governor, for a town hall to discuss his view on marijuana policy reform. Hanger is the first Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate to publicly back legalization, and explained how setting up a regulated cannabis market in Pennsylvania would benefit the state. The town hall attracted a mixture of students, community members, and press to hear what Hanger had to say.



“SOMEBODY HAS TO BE THE VOICE OF REASON AND THE VOICE OF WHAT VOTERS WANT.”

SCOTT CECIL, “COULD ARIZONA LEGALIZE MARIJUANA? TWO GROUPS WANT ISSUE ON BALLOT,” KTAR NEWS, MARCH 8, 2014

WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL LOBBIES THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE ON SENTENCING REDUCTION

Whittier Chapter members lobbied in favor of CA Senate Bill 649, which gives prosecutors the discretion to charge simple drug possession as a misdemeanor instead of a felony. SB 649 passed into law in September of 2013.

OREGON PASSES LIMITED GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Earlier this year the Oregon legislature passed HB 4094, providing protection to underage drinkers who call for help during a medical emergency related to alcohol consumption. Portland State University SSDP helped the efforts by sending a member of student government to lobby on behalf of the bill. The legislation passed unanimously, though there is still work to be done as PSU SSDPers aim to push for a complete Good Samaritan bill this year.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA PASSES SYSTEM-WIDE 911 GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY

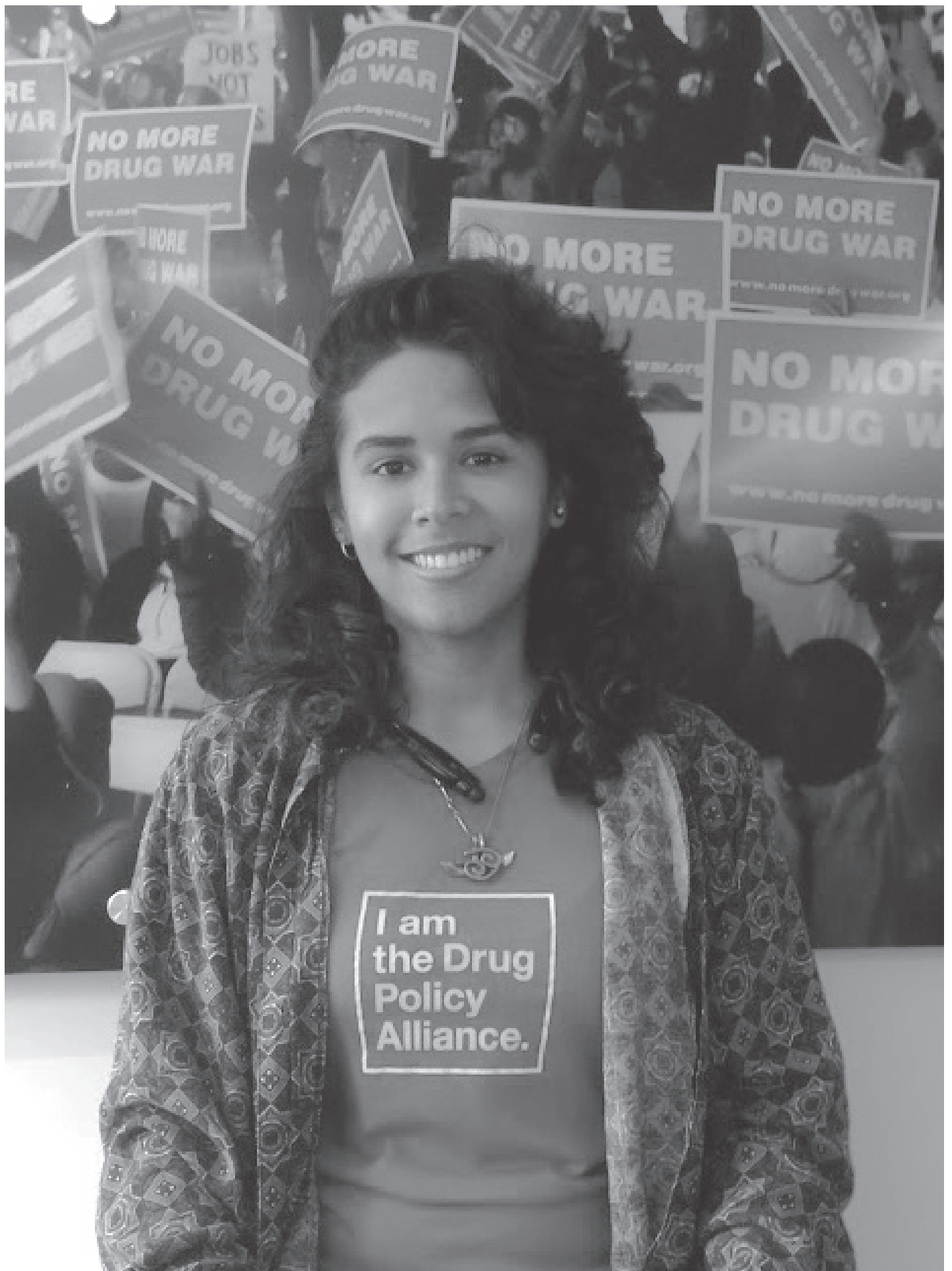
As a result of a two year campaign led by the USF SSDP chapter and SSDP student board member Evan Eisenberg, the University of South Florida implemented a system-wide 911 Good Samaritan Policy in late 2013. The policy provides protection from prosecution for simple possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia when calling for medical help during a drug-related emergency.

NEBRASKA PASSES INDUSTRIAL HEMP LEGISLATION

University of Nebraska Omaha SSDP helped a bill that would allow the cultivation of industrial hemp for research pass the state legislature with an overwhelming 39-2 vote. Students lobbied in support of the legislation and were even able to witness the state senators vote on the bill.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY INTRODUCES MEDICAL AMNESTY BILL IN VIRGINIA

Fed up with the lack of progress getting a medical amnesty policy instituted on campus, our chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University took the fight directly to the state legislature. Students at VCU were instrumental in introducing and testifying on behalf of HB 557, Safe Reporting of Overdoses. The bill would institute a statewide medical amnesty law in Virginia and ensure no one is punished for seeking emergency medical attention. While the bill unfortunately never left committee, VCU has not given up the fight and plans to pursue similar legislation in 2015.



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Stephanie Izquieta
Student, SUNY Binghamton



WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY PASSES A CAMPUSES LEVEL GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY IN SSDP CHAPTER'S FIRST SEMESTER ON CAMPUS

Western Kentucky chapter leader Kelly Cannon formed relationships with campus administration and the student government leading to the adoption of a campus-wide 911 Good Samaritan policy in their first semester as an official SSDP chapter.

SEVEN SSDP CHAPTERS IN ILLINOIS FORM AN INTER-CAMPUS POLICY CONSORTIUM

The SSDP chapters at DePaul University, Loyola University, Northwestern University, Roosevelt University, the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois-Chicago and Frances W. Parker High School formed a “chapter consortium” with the intent to collaborate on local and state level campaigns, hold joint events, develop a collegiate-high school mentorships project and foster communication between chapters in the region.

TULANE UNIVERSITY SSDP HELPS BRING MARIJUANA POLICY REFORM TO LOUISIANA LEGISLATOR

Students at Tulane SSDP worked with the SIMPLE coalition to bring reform to a state with some of the harshest marijuana penalties in the country. Tulane students phone banked and tabled in support of: HB 14 (reducing jail time for repeat marijuana offenses), HB 720 (approving marijuana for medicinal use) and HB 130 (decriminalizing marijuana).

PENNSYLVANIA INTRODUCES MEDICAL MARIJUANA LEGISLATION

State Senator Daylin Leach introduced the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act (SB 1182), which would remove marijuana as a schedule 1 substance in Pennsylvania and would open the door for doctors to recommend it as treatment for patients with debilitating medical conditions. Students at Dickinson College and West Chester University SSDP chapters helped spread awareness about the bill through phone banking and canvassing on campus and in their local communities.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FORM GOOD SAMARITAN COALITION

Portland State University SSDP spearheaded a coalition of student organizations campaigning to pass a Good Samaritan policy at PSU. The coalition hosted a forum in May and is drafting an open letter to the campus administrators. Coalition allies include: College Republicans & Democrats, Young Americans for Liberty, SAFER, PSU Student Government, Int'l Socialist Organization, and American Association of University Women.

TEMPLE SSDP TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF DECRIMINAL- IZATION IN PHILADELPHIA

Students at Temple University SSDP met with Councilman James Kenney, the architect of a marijuana decriminalization bill, to demonstrate support and volunteer help. Several students provided testimony before the Law & Government Committee to show how marijuana arrests have negatively impacted their lives. Their testimony helped the bill pass through committee, which was ultimately passed with a veto-proof majority in June.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FIGHTS TO PROTECT STUDENT ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON CAMPUS

After noting that students were being barred from using medical marijuana on campus even with a prescription, our University of Maryland chapter circulated a petition and submitted a policy proposal calling for the school to align its policies with the state law. Their proposal would protect students who have a doctor's recommendation from university sanctions if they are found possessing marijuana on campus.

RHODE ISLAND COALITION FORMS TO PUSH FOR STATE- WIDE LEGALIZATION

After a survey demonstrated that a majority of Rhode Island residents favored legalization, a broad-based coalition called Regulate Rhode Island was founded by SSDP alumnus Jared Moffat to build statewide support for ending marijuana prohibition. Students at the University of Rhode Island and Brown University SSDP chapters helped support the coalition by phone banking, collecting signatures, and canvassing around campus in order to raise awareness about potential legislation.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SSDP MEETS WITH OFFICIALS ABOUT DRUG- FREE SCHOOL ZONES

Students at UConn SSDP campaigned for legislation that would reduce the size of "drug free zones" around schools, thus reducing the area in which harsh penalties for drug use can be enforced. The chapter lobbied numerous state representatives and senators to pass the legislation and attended every committee hearing on the bill. Though the legislation failed to pass, UConn SSDP hopes to ramp up its efforts to pass an updated bill this upcoming year.

SSDP CHAPTERS IN ARIZONA ORGANIZE RALLY AT STATE CAPITOL IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH

In early 2013, a funding measure to host and pay for the first and only federal (FDA) approved study on the efficacy of medical marijuana sailed through the Arizona House of Representatives by a vote of 52-5. When a single Arizona State Senator blocked the measure from getting a vote in the Senate, SSDP chapters in the state responded by bringing together local and national drug policy reform organizations, elected officials, veterans groups, and medical marijuana patients to rally and lobby at the State Capitol in support of medical marijuana research, garnering national media attention.

GEORGIA PASSES GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Georgia became yet another state to pass Good Samaritan legislation when Governor Nathan Deal signed HB 965 into law. Students from the University of North Georgia and University of Georgia SSDP chapters met with state representatives to get the legislation a floor vote. They also testified in favor of the bill and heavily campaigned for it both on and off of campus.

MARYLAND DECRIMINAL- IZES MARIJUANA

Maryland became the 25th state to decriminalize Marijuana when Governor O'Malley signed SB 364 into law. Half of all states in the union have now lowered or removed penalties for marijuana. SSDP chapters at University of Maryland and Anne Arundel Community College helped the cause by hosting a forum to educate others on the bill, as well as urging students and community members to contact their representatives and urge them to vote yes.

2014 SSDP STRATEGY SUMMIT





OUR NETWORK

INTERNATIONAL

Aberdeen University
Scotland

Athelone Institute of
Technology - Ireland

Australia University of
Wollongong - Australia

Cork Institute of Technology
Ireland

Government Rokel Secondary
School - Sierra Leone

Ireland University of
Cork - Ireland

National University of Ireland
Galway - Ireland

Queensland Institute
of Technology - Australia

Trinity College Dublin - Ireland

University of Winneba - Ghana

Allegany College of Maryland
American University
Anne Arundel Community College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Arizona State University Polytechnic
Art Institute of Colorado Denver
Augustana College
Auburn University
Ball State University
Barry University
Bellevue College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Bowling Green University
Brooklyn Law School
Brown University
California College of the Arts
California State University - Fullerton
California State University - Sacramento
Cape Fear Community College
Cartersville High School
Chaffey College
Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Chapman University
Chemeketa Community College
Christopher Newport University
College of Charleston
College of Coastal Georgia
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Collin College
Columbia University
Colorado State University
DePaul University
Diablo Valley College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University

Duke University School of Law
East Hollywood High School
Eckerd College
Emerson College
Everett Community College
Fitchburg State University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Florida State University - Panama City
Fordham University
Francis W. Parker High School
George Mason University
Georgetown University Law Center
George Washington University Law School
Georgia State University
Golden Gate University School of Law
Gonzaga University
Green Mountain College
Grinnell College
Hampshire College
Highland Park High School
Houston Baptist University
Houston Community College
Howard University School of Law
Illinois State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Kansas State University
Keene State College
Kennesaw State University
Kent State University
Lafayette College
Laredo Community College
Lawrence University
Lewis and Clark Law School
Lewis and Clark University
Lone Star College Kingwood

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 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Lynn University
 Manchester University
 Marianopolis College
 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
 McPherson College
 Mesa Community College
 Missouri State University
 Monarch High School
 Montana State University
 Montgomery College
 New College of Florida
 New York University
 New York University School of Law
 Newcastle University
 North Carolina State University
 North Lake Community College
 Northeastern University
 Northeastern University School of Law
 Northern Arizona University
 Northern Michigan University
 Northern Virginia Community College-
 Woodbridge Campus
 Northland Pioneer College
 Northwest Vista College
 Northwestern University
 Ocean City College
 Ohio University
 Pennsylvania State University - Berks
 Pennsylvania State University - Altoona
 Plymouth State University
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 South Dakota School of Mining and
 Technology
 South Dakota State University
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 Stanford University
 State College of Florida
 SUNY Buffalo
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 The College of New Jersey
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 University of California - Davis
 University of California - Hastings Law
 School
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 Warren Wilson College
 Washington State University - Pullman
 Wesleyan University
 West Chester University
 Western Kentucky University
 Western State Colorado University
 Western Washington University
 Westminster College
 Whittier Law School
 Williams College
 William Woods University



“UPON LEAVING THE SERVICE AND CONCLUDING MY SHORT MILITARY CAREER, I WANTED TO BE A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS SERIOUS ABOUT TACKLING THE FAILED WAR ON DRUGS, AND ONE THAT WASN’T AFRAID TO GET THEIR BOOTS DIRTY EITHER.”

Eric Gudz
Student, University of California - Davis

THE DIAMONDBACK

"We believe that denying a student educational and housing opportunities because of the medicine that they are legally prescribed is effectively a form of discrimination," said [Mikayla] Hellwich [UMD SSDP Chapter President], a senior horticulture and crop production major, in her statement to the committee.

"University Senate Evaluates Marijuana Policy Shift", *The Diamondback*, April 16, 2014

PIPE DREAM

Stephanie Izquieta, founder of the Binghamton University chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and a junior majoring in philosophy, politics and law, said she was shocked by a few of Husak's opinions.

"I was surprised that he didn't really feel that drug persecution or criminalization was racist in and of itself," Izquieta said. "The movement does kind of say that ... it has racist aspects."

"Rutgers Professor Advocates for More Tolerant Drug Policies", *Pipe Dream*, March 21, 2014



Jurriaan van den Hurk with Students for Sensible Drug Policy wants to clear the air when it comes to pot use.

"We are in favor of a drug policy from a public health standpoint," says van den Hurk. "We just feel the current approach with prohibition isn't achieving the goal, so we just feel it is time for a different approach."

"Ex-prosecutor warns legalizing pot sets dangerous precedent", *CBS6 WTVR Richmond*, March 13, 2014



Brian Consuegra, president of the University of Georgia chapter of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, told The Red & Black in 2013 that most authority figures were already more concerned with student safety than criminal charges.

"Most addiction professionals and law enforcement professionals say that you should focus on keeping students safe, healthy and not dead, rather than the institution focusing on criminal prosecution," Consuegra said.

"Our take: Medical amnesty promotes safety over legality", *The Red & Black*, March 20, 2014



"For a university that has had an ongoing problem with alcohol and drugs, it was hard for administration to go for a policy like this on campus," he says. "But the most convincing aspect is that we're trying to save student lives."

"'Good Samaritan' policy encourages students to dial 911", *USA Today*, December 2, 2013

DailyEmerald

Sam Chapman, a 2012 UO graduate and founder of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, said that the new law is an important step forward, though he argues that it should be extended to include drugs aside from alcohol.

"What passed on the state level is a huge step in the right direction," Chapman said. "Not only for college students but for those across the state who find themselves in those situations."

"New law protects minors seeking medical attention for alcohol emergencies", *Daily Emerald*, March 11, 2014



Duell Lauderdale, an MU junior and president of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, has been under the impression that Missouri doctors can't legally recommend medical marijuana usage.

"I haven't had the opportunity to talk to a doctor about (medical marijuana) in an environment where we can discuss it in an open and honest manner," Lauderdale said. "I haven't brought it up to any of my doctors for that reason."

Lauderdale was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease last summer, a chronic inflammatory condition of the gastrointestinal tract that could be treated with medical marijuana.

"City Council to consider decriminalizing marijuana cultivation", *Columbia Missourian*, March 16, 2014



3,266

Emails generated to
elected officials



44,594

Facebook page likes



3,142

Active chapter members



449

Donors who contributed
to our Indiegogo
crowdfunding campaign



2,028,025

Youtube video views



1,017

One-on-one support
conversations with
chapter members



409

Attendees at our Spring
2014 regional conferences



38%

Female chapter
presidents



230

Chapters active in
the '13-'14 school year

**THE AMPLIFY PROJECT IS A SIDE PROJECT OF
STUDENTS FOR SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY WHOSE MISSION
IT IS TO CREATE A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE WORLDS OF DRUG
POLICY REFORM, HARM REDUCTION & LIVE MUSIC, BRINGING
SUPPORTERS OF ALL TOGETHER
TO WORK FOR A BETTER WORLD.**

AMPLIFY offers a voice for musicians to speak out against the failed War on Drugs and its disastrous effects upon our society--and the live music scene in particular. It also provides volunteers an opportunity to connect with their community by educating and empowering concertgoers about how to change these failed policies and keep themselves and their friends safe. AMPLIFY works year-round to connect artists who support our mission with dedicated activists around the country to spread the message of sensible drug policy, harm reduction, and asserting your rights at live music events. In the 2013-2014 school year, they continued the growth seen in recent years as students & volunteers engaged concertgoers at more than 50 individual shows and 8 major US music festivals through the involvement of over 25 active SSDP chapters.

During these events, students & volunteers provide information on starting or joining a local SSDP chapter, supporting drug policy reform, and relevant policies already in place such as life saving Good Samaritan Laws. They distribute SSDP's Know Your Rights materials and assist in providing on-site harm reduction services to tens of thousands of individuals through a partnership

with DanceSafe, as evidenced by their revolutionary work at the Tomorrow-World festival. Seven Regional Organizers based across the country were selected, trained, and supplied to assist in local outreach efforts to the live music community, further spreading SSDP's reach beyond the university. AMPLIFY Directors also represented us while presenting on their work at Club Health San Francisco 2013, the 8th International Conference on Nightlife, Substance Use & Related Health Issues, held for the first time in the US.

During the runup to the 2014 elections, AMPLIFY volunteers contributed directly to SSDP's voter outreach and mobilization efforts in support of

Florida's Amendment 2 at numerous large scale live music events, reaching tens of thousands of potential voters. Moving forward, they plan to continue their expansion by working with SSDP and other organizations to identify, develop & promote specific drug policy campaigns related to the live music scene. They will also continue their online training program which has equipped over 50 students and non-student volunteers with the unique skills needed to spread our message in the live music community. Additionally, AMPLIFY has successfully brought multiple new headlining artists into the activism fold including Conspirator, Rubblebucket, Ott., The Malah and Nadis Warriors.

CURRENT AMPLIFY ARTISTS:

Umphrey's McGee Slightly Stoopid Big Gigantic EOTO Lotus
The Black Seeds The Green Ott. Papadosio Conspirator
Zoogma Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad Roots of Creation
The Motet Yellow Dubmarine Passafire Nadis Warriors
John Brown's Body Cas Haley Antioquia Jahman Brahman
IndigoSun Cindercat Mr. Lif Erothyme Sellassie Signal Path



WHERE OUR ALUMNI WORK

After being involved with SSDP as students, our alumni go on to pursue a variety of exciting and influential professional careers:

Administrative Assistant, **280E Reform**
 Managing Partner, **4Front Advisors**
 President and CEO, **Algae Systems**
 Government Affairs Director, **Americans for Safe Access**
 Education Reentry Specialist, **AmeriCorps**
 Nutrition Education Coordinator, **AmeriCorps**
 Business Development Associate, **The ArcView Group**
 CEO, **The ArcView Group**
 Assistant Director, **Arlington County Department of Health and Human Services**
 Outreach Counselor, **At the Crossroads**
 Co-Founder, **Baltimore Green Currency Association**
 Creative Director, **Barbara Lee for Congress**
 BART Board Director, **Bay Area Rapid Transit District**
 Chief Operating Officer, **Berkeley Patients Group**
 Marketing Manager, **Blue Shield of California**
 Patient Advisor, **Brightside Community Foundation**
 Paralegal, **California Appellate Law Group**
 Government Affairs Manager, **California League of Conservation Voters**
 Inventory Manager, **Cannabis Buyers Club of Berkeley**
 Digital Marketing Manager, **Cato Institute**
 Senior Campaigner, **Change.org**
 Volunteer English Teacher, **Chilean Ministry of Education**
 Curriculum and Training Specialist, **The Close Up Foundation**
 Founder, **Collective Agency**
 Research Assistant, **Criminal Justice Policy Foundation**
 Chief of Staff, **Criminal Justice Policy Foundation**

Field Manager, **Environment North Carolina/Fund for Public Interest**
 General Manager, **Ergo Beds**
 Market Research Analyst, **Evernote**
 Tour Guide, **Farm Sanctuary**
 Associate, **Global Strategy Group**
 Owner, **Green Herbalist**
 Ombudsman, **Harborside Health Center**
 Engagement Services and Practice Enhancement Specialist, **Heartland Alliance**
 Lead Communications Specialist, **Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey**
 Founder and CEO, **IComply, LLC**
 Senior Agnostic Algorithmist, **Inigral, Inc.**
 Software Engineer, **Innovative Solutions and Support**
 Sustainability Coordinator/Attorney, **Jersey City Redevelopment Agency**
 Director, Center for Social Responsibility, **Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia**
 Intern, **Kevin Stephens Design Group**
 Media Relations Director, **Law Enforcement Against Prohibition**
 Paralegal, **Law Offices of James Anthony**
 Policy Director, **Legal Services for Prisoners with Children**
 Criminal Defense Attorney, **Leonard I. Frieling, PC**
 Founder and Chairman, **Marijuana Majority**
 Legislative Analyst, **Marijuana Policy Project**
 Rhode Island Political Director, **Marijuana Policy Project**
 Clinical Research Assistant, **Massachusetts General Hospital**
 Account Manager, **MJ Freeway**
 Associate, **Morrison & Foerster LLP**
 Policy Coordinator, **National Alliance on Mental Illness**
 Executive Director, **National Cannabis Coalition**
 Director of Events and Education, **National Cannabis Industry Association**
 Events Coordinator, **National Cannabis Industry Association**
 Digital Director, **New Approach Oregon**

Teacher (4th grade), **Phoenix Day School for the Deaf**
 President, **Renewable Choice Energy**
 Deputy Sheriff, **Pennington County Sheriff's Office**
 Executive Director, **Protect Families First**
 Co-CEO / Co-Founder, **Runa**
 Associate Director, **Sensible Colorado**
 Professor, School of Public Safety, **Sheridan College**
 Executive Director, **Show-Me Cannabis Foundation**
 Events Associate, **Students for Liberty**
 Deputy Director, **Students for Sensible Drug Policy**
 Outreach Director, **Students for Sensible Drug Policy**
 Communications Coordinator, **TechFreedom**
 Criminal Defense Attorney, **Todd Foster Law Group**
 CEO / Co-Founder, **Tower.Agency**
 Associate Professor, **Thomas Jefferson School of Law**
 Teaching Assistant, **University of California - Los Angeles**
 Constituent Development Coordinator, **College of Engineering, University of Idaho**
 Partner, **Vicente Sederberg LLC**
 Policy Analyst, **Vicente Sederberg LLC**
 Legal Assistant, **Vicente Sederberg LLC**
 Presidential Personnel Intern, **The White House**
 Marketing Director, **Walking Raven Retail Marijuana Center**
 Policy Assistant, **World Food Programme**



MOUNTAIN'S SOFTBALL
Southeast Sensation

GAHS won't NCAA Of Southeast
Regional, will host Super Regional
this weekend! (p. 14)



FLOWER
Fantastic Festival

Opening and Sunday on the Public Square and in
Macon Park in Dahlonega. (p. 18)

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STUDENTS

SAVING LIVES



COUNTY
INCOME SIGN

Is the new sign worth the cost?



“IT’S ADMIRABLE TO WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER. BUT TO ACTUALLY DO IT IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND MUCH MORE REWARDING. MY INVOLVEMENT WITH SSDP HAS HELPED ME TO DEVELOP THE LEADERSHIP ABILITIES REQUIRED TO TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTION. I COULDN’T BE MORE PROUD AND HUMBLLED TO KNOW THAT LIVES WILL BE SAVED BECAUSE OF THE WORK WE DID TO HELP PASS THE 911 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW IN GEORGIA THIS YEAR.”

Jeremy Sharp
Student, University of North Georgia

2014 - 2015 OBJECTIVES

MOVEMENT BUILDING
EDUCATION & ADVOCACY
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK

We will expand our network with presence on 250 campuses — including 150 established chapters as well as interim chapters and Ambassadors — with 3,000 active members in the United States.

We will develop and pilot a formal SSDP Alumni Association program that will more strongly connect students to Alumni members, keep Alumni engaged as advocates, and develop Alumni as philanthropists.

The SSDP Ambassador program will provide a meaningful opportunity for individual students to support and participate in SSDP even if there is no chapter on campus.

Our Campus Coordinator project will strategically leverage marijuana-related initiatives to further the goals of SSDP.

We will provide resources and support to our international chapter network.

We — staff and members — will collaborate with allies from across the political spectrum and non-drug policy reform groups to spread our message of reform.

We will actively engage our supporter base through regular, meaningful, and carefully curated contact.

We will seize compelling opportunities to address audiences concerning drug policy reform and to engage in public debates.

CREATING SAFE SPACES & FOSTERING DIVERSITY

We will create a welcoming, open, and safe space for all stakeholders, including those that stand in conflict on other issues, and work to ensure that a wide range of perspectives are represented. We will actively seek out opportunities for collaboration with other organizations, including non-drug policy reform groups and those beyond our traditional allies.

The Outreach, Recruitment and Diversity Committee will create and/or compile resources to assist chapters navigating diversity issues on their campuses, which staff will make accessible to chapters.

We will also make every attempt to ensure that SSDP-sponsored events, including conferences, provide a non-threatening environment for all of our members and potential members and strive to provide recognition of all lived experiences.

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Our staff will utilize professional best practices in event planning, execution and evaluation.

We will work with local chapters and Alumni Association members to host regional conferences—each attended by an average of 50 participants—in 6 locations during the Spring 2015 semester. We will facilitate, in collaboration with allies, two statewide training opportunities to further legislative reform.



We will successfully execute SSDP2014 Conference + Lobby Day in September in Washington DC with 500 attendees. We will connect donors, alumni, and student members through networking receptions in major cities.

PUSHING THE POLICY ENVELOPE AND SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

We will provide our membership with timely opportunities to take action on state and federal legislation and resources to change campus and local policies.

Through our online action center, we will generate thousands of communications to government officials.

Our staff will publish and maintain data on campus drug policies and Call 911 Good Samaritan policies to serve as expert resources on these issues.

Fifty percent of chapters will educate

their communities or campuses about harm reduction policies, practices, and services.

A majority of our chapters will meet with an elected or appointed official concerning drug policy reform.

Our members will provide oral or written testimony on behalf of SSDP before local, state or federal legislative or regulatory bodies at least 15 times.

HIGHLIGHTING OUR STUDENTS & THEIR WORK

We will highlight our students and their work through effective storytelling to donors, alumni, and the public — improving depth of data collected — and in hundreds of media reports, letters to the editor, and op-eds including referring media to student members as often as possible.

We will present a strong, unified, and professional brand to the public. Our

website will remain functional and content will be up to date.

Our online presence will continue to grow, our Facebook likes will exceed 54,000.

Our website will receive more than 145,000 unique visitors and 315,000 pageviews.

Additionally, our total YouTube views will surpass 2.1 million, and Twitter followers will grow to over 22,000.

EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING STUDENTS

We will provide students with a rich menu of activities to undertake and resources to support them, including changing marijuana and other drug prohibition policies to be more sensible and less punitive, promoting harm reduction/overdose prevention practices, providing evidence-based drug education, and teaching students about international drug policy, racial justice, civil rights, human rights and their constitutional rights.

At least 250 students will participate in at least one interactive skills-building workshop activity.

Additionally, 500 students will receive one-on-one support provided by our outreach staff.

We will mentor and guide our students through the leadership pipeline and encourage them to volunteer or work for state-level drug policy reform campaigns or related direct service agencies.

We will connect our students and alumni with opportunities for professional development, including employment with allied organizations, through a newly created Career Services program.

We will effectively utilize our special consultative status with the United Nations to ensure that the drug policy reform movement is represented in General Assembly meetings and other related UN events.

We will continue to facilitate active youth participation at critical conferences and events, such as the Drug Policy Alliance's biennial Reform Conference.

DEFINING HIGH-QUALITY ACTIVISTS AND CHAPTERS

Overall, a majority of our chapters will be high-quality, meaning the chapter:

- 1) is engaging in a campaign to reform at least one drug policy at the campus, local, state level, federal, or international level;
- 2) hosts at least two public educational events per year, at least one of which is co-hosted with another campus group;
- 3) recruits and trains at least one officer each semester; and fulfills at least half of the following criteria:
 - a) proactively sends SSDP headquarters their chapter information, such as rosters, at least once per semester;
 - b) recruits at least five students each semester;
 - c) hosts chapter meetings at least once per month;
 - d) elects a chapter member to student government;

e) provides harm reduction training and/or information to their community;

f) conducts tabling outreach every semester;

g) attends at least one SSDP national or regional event per year;

h) maintains an online network (such as a Facebook group) for the SSDP chapter;

i) successfully manages its affairs through effective communication and delegation; and

j) builds meaningful relationships with at least three other campus organizations, faculty, and/or administrators

A majority of our SSDP Ambassadors will be high-quality, meaning they fulfill at least 3 of the following criteria:

- 1) recruits someone on campus to establish a chapter;
- 2) distributes SSDP materials (i.e. through tabling);
- 3) tracks and shares information on state/local legislation;
- 4) identifies campus policies to be changed;
- 5) assists staff with resource development;
- 6) submits content for the blog;
- 7) participates in local/state policy change campaigns led by allies;
- 8) connects with allies on campus; or
- 9) organizes campus events and/or general interest meetings.

AMPLIFYING OUR MESSAGE

Through a partnership between SSDP and the music community (the AMPLIFY project), SSDP students will reach out at concerts and music festivals to recruit new supporters, provide on-site harm reduction, and educate the public about harm reduction policies, practices, and services.

CULTIVATING MEANINGFUL DONOR RELATIONSHIPS (JAN - DEC 2014)

Evidence of nurtured relationships with our donor network will include:

- major individual gifts will be received in excess of \$215,700, a \$23,000 increase over 2013;
- foundation grants will be received in excess of \$219,000 and will include two foundation grantors who have never given to SSDP before or not given in the last 5 years;
- sponsorship, event, and conference income will exceed \$65,000; and
- other gifts will exceed \$60,000 through strategic fundraising drives including “back to school” and “graduation” and our monthly giving program, the Sensible Society, which will enroll more than 50 new donors representing an approximate \$35,000 increase over 2013.

Donor files will regularly be up-to-date. Each of our board members will give or raise at least \$1,000 per year.

We will diversify our sources of funding.

STAYING SENSIBLE

Our organization will prioritize stability, ensuring that when expansion does occur, it is managed responsibly.

Our staff will embody a culture of excellence that emphasizes going above and beyond to reflect the following core values: efficiency, transparency, humility, optimism, inclusiveness, light-heartedness, diligence, objectivity, compassion, and consistency.

MANAGING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

We will be well managed.

The board of directors will hold itself accountable for carrying out their responsibilities.

Board and staff will actively ensure compliance with government regulations and industry best practices. We will invest in keeping SSDP free from liability and in organizational good standing.

Staff will feel appreciated and will be fairly compensated.

Staff will be given regular and prompt feedback about their performance, both regarding what they do well and where they need to improve.

Additionally, staff members performance will be formally reviewed annually and salary will be assessed at that time; salaries and benefits will be competitive with organizations of similar size and scope and will reward excellence.

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Expectations will be clearly set and understood and deadlines normally met. Staff will proactively communicate with and respond promptly to the board.

Staff will quantify organizational accomplishments.

Conflicting priorities will be addressed and readjusted as needed.

Staff will seek to improve their professional abilities and proactively seek new opportunities for growth, participating in at least two professional development opportunities annually.

SSDP's supporter data will be up to date.

We will provide a robust and meaningful internship experience by ensuring interns have ownership over projects, regular feedback, and access to unique opportunities outside of the day-to-day functions of the organization.

We will make every effort to capture and maintain institutional knowledge.



“STARTING AN SSDP CHAPTER WAS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS OF MY LIFE. THROUGH MY WORK WITH MY CHAPTER, AND THEN BEING ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS I MADE THE CONNECTIONS THAT LANDED ME A JOB A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE WITH THE ARCVIEW GROUP. BEYOND THAT, SSDP HELPED ME LEARN HOW TO MANAGE AN ORGANIZATION, CONVINCE PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE VIEWPOINTS OF THE MERITS OF MY ARGUMENT, AND SO MUCH MORE. MY ROLE WITH ARCVIEW INCLUDES OVERSEEING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR COMPANIES THAT PITCH TO OUR NETWORK OF OVER 300 ACCREDITED INVESTORS.”

Michael Blunk
Alumnus, University of Houston

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Students for Sensible Drug Policy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Organization & Students for Sensible Drug Policy Inc, a 501(c)(4) Organization

JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$277,839
Accounts receivable	\$74,480
Prepaid expenses and deposits	\$3,535
Property and equipment, net	\$4,765
Total assets	\$360,619

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$31,109
Loan payable	\$40,189
Total liabilities	\$71,298

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$298,321
Total net assets	\$298,321
Total liabilities and net assets	\$360,619

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Students for Sensible Drug Policy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Organization & Students for Sensible Drug Policy Inc, a 501(c)(4) Organization

JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013

UNRESTRICTED REVENUE & SUPPORT

Contributions and grants	\$500,850
Sponsorships	\$1,000
Conferences	\$818
Sales	\$2,208
Other income	\$10,864
Interest income	\$740

Total unrestricted revenue and support **\$516,480**

EXPENSES

Program services	\$237,212
Management and general	\$73,452
Fundraising	\$68,276

Total expenses **\$378,940**

Change in Net Assets **\$137,540**

Net Assets, beginning of year **\$151,781**

Net Assets, end of year **\$289,321**

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2013



\$366,985

EXPENSES

62.8% Salaries & benefits **10.7%** Financial Service Fees **7.2%** Rent **6.6%** Travel & Meals **2.9%** Scholarship **1.6%** Pass Through (Chapter Support) **1.6%** Printing **1.6%** Telecom **4.7%** Misc



\$513,739

INCOME

50.4% Grants **46.7%** Individual Contributions **2.9%** Other

The figures above reflect income and expenses for our 501(c)3 organization only. Complete audit reports and IRS Forms 990 are available on our website: ssdp.org/about/reports. The remainder of the content in this annual report represents activity from July 2013 through July 2014.

FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

Bergstrom Foundation
craigslist Charitable Fund
Criminal Justice Policy Foundation
Drug Policy Alliance
Flom Family Foundation

JK Irwin Foundation
Libra Foundation
Open Society Foundation
PECO Foundation
The San Francisco Foundation



SENSIBLE SOCIETY DONORS PLEDGE MINIMUM GIFTS AT ONE OF FOUR LEVELS ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

sensible SUPPORTER

\$25 per month or \$300 annually

Here's what your gift can fund:

Four new chapter starter kits to aid organizing and recruiting efforts

Travel expenses for one staffer to visit an SSDP chapter for on-campus training

1 month of utilities

sensible SUSTAINER

\$100 per month or \$1200 annually

Here's what your gift can fund:

Registration and travel expenses for two exhibitor tables at conferences where new members are recruited

One semester's production costs of the Student Organizing Manual

DC office internet access

sensible SPONSOR

\$250 per month or \$3000 annually

Here's what your gift can fund:

Three Regional SSDP Conferences to train and educate students

Eight scholarships to our network-wide conference

Phonebank setup and maintenance to generate thousands of phone calls for one state-wide campaign

sensible SUPERSTAR

\$500 per month or \$6000 annually

Here's what your gift can fund:

One intern stipend funding a campaign outreach specialist

Technology platforms that help us most effectively engage our growing network of supporters

Office supplies for one year

These unrestricted funds support Students for Sensible Drug Policy's day-to-day operations, staff, and infrastructure to ensure chapters can continue to thrive and resources to grow will be available when they are needed. Sensible Society members who join at the Sustainer level and above can choose to receive a Sensible Society t-shirt, and those who join at the Sponsor level and above receive VIP access at SSDP events. Sensible Society donors understand that consistent funding provides the stability SSDP needs to remain

a dynamic, flexible, scrappy organization, and they commit themselves to helping SSDP build a more sensible society in which we value schools, not prisons.

To join the Sensible Society at the Supporter, Sustainer, Sponsor, or Superstar level, please visit ssdp.org/sensible-society. For more information, or to make a monthly gift of another amount, email us at ssdp@ssdp.org or call **202-393-5280**.



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