

NIKHIL'S LAW



nikhil badlani foundation

About Nikhil

- Born August 23rd, 1999
- Academically gifted, straight-A student
- Talented musician, excelling in trumpet and piano
- Avid reader, from paleontology to mythology to modern mysteries
- Loyal scout, noted for taking on duties with a smile

The Foundation has been set up to honor his memory, his passion for music and academic excellence and to raise traffic safety awareness



"He will always be remembered for his fearlessness, intelligence and undying motivation. His intuitive questions and his talent in acting was an inspiration to everyone. We had several great experiences together just in the one year in which he attended. Nikhil, we will never forget you and what you stood for."

Joseph Romano, Band Teacher

Our Mission

To expand and enhance the lives of underserved children by providing:

- 1. Individualized lessons for talented musicians*
- 2. Scholarships for academically gifted graduating seniors*

And to make our roads safer through:

- 3. Traffic safety education and awareness*

Traffic Safety Awareness

- Over 37,400 people were killed in traffic crashes in 2016*
- Fatal crashes involving 16-20 year old drivers jumped up by 3.6% in 2016*
- Motor-vehicle injuries in 2016 are estimated to be about 4.6 million**
- A Public Health Crisis

*Source: NHTSA

*Source: National Safety Council

Traffic Safety Awareness

- Nikhil's Law was implemented in 2016 through DMV
- Educated over 5,300 high school students on safe driving practices
- Donated 160 reflector strips to towns in Essex and Union counties
- Launched Families for Safe Streets NJ Chapter in June 2017
- Hosted 7 STOP For Nikhil Run/Walk events

Nikhil's Law

- Signed into effect on August 4, 2015



Nikhil's Law

“Nikhil's Law”; requires MVC to **inform and test** drivers on dangers of failing to comply with traffic safety laws and offer them the opportunity to take the “STOP for Nikhil Safety Pledge.”

STOP For Nikhil Safety Pledge

In order to ensure the safety of others on the road, passengers in my car, and myself as a driver, I pledge to obey traffic rules when driving and to be extra cautious and supremely attentive. Specifically, I will:

STOP For Nikhil Safety Pledge

- **STOP COMPLETELY.** I will come to a complete halt at any STOP sign and will never go through a red light



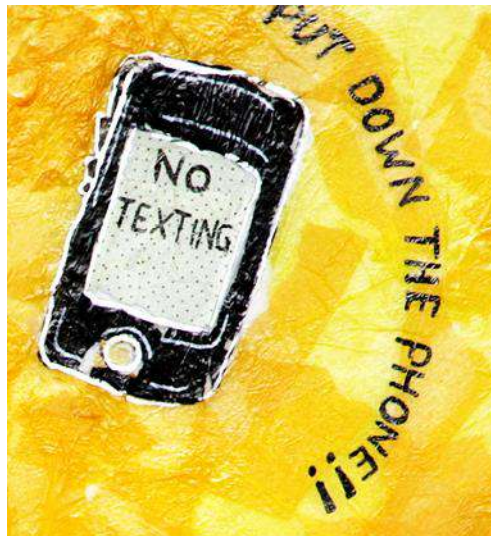
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- **STAY ALERT.** I will strive to keep my hands on the wheel and my mind on the road



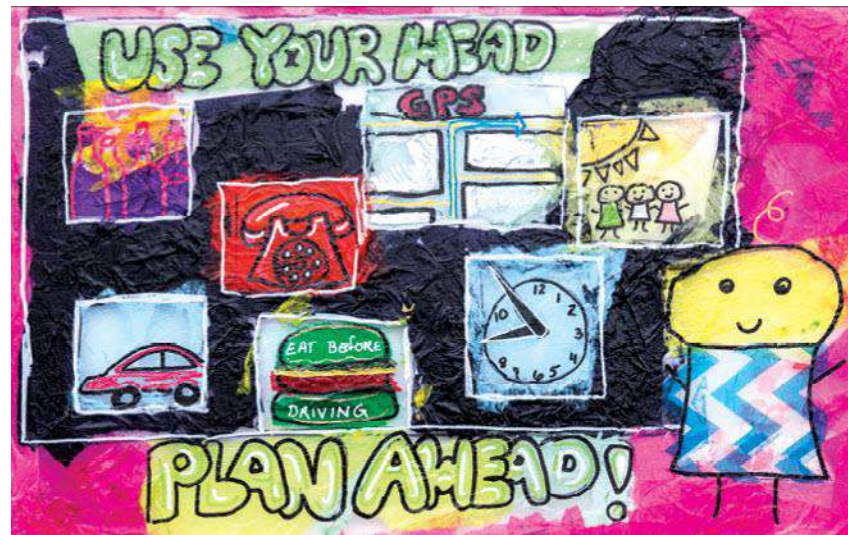
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- **TALK SAFE.** I will use a hands-free cell phone system while driving, and will not text or use a handset unless I pull over



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- **PLAN AHEAD.** I will give myself an extra 5 minutes to get to any destination



Importance of Nikhil's Law

- Reinforce safe driving behaviors
- Stop bad habits before they begin
- Another tool that will effect positive change in driving behaviors through increased awareness

Education

- Drivers Education through an immersive exercise of creating artwork
- Worked with 15 high schools in NJ, created 20 murals
- Public service announcements using the artwork in NJ Transit buses and stations



Families for Safe Streets NJ

- Comprises of victims and families affected by traffic violence
- Advocate for physical and cultural changes on our streets
- Provide support services to others



Music For Nikhil

- Launched in January 2012 with 20 students
- Over 130 students have participated
- Provided over 2400 hours of instructional lessons (\$87K)



Nikhil Badlani Scholarship

- Awarded 2 scholarships in 2012
- Offered scholarships to 27 students in 2017
- To date , 48 scholarships awarded (\$82K)



STOP For Nikhil Run/Walk

- To Raise Traffic Safety Awareness
- To Remember and Honor those who have died or have been seriously injured
- Fundraiser

