

## **Suggested talking points for summit's "Closing Challenge"**

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Note: A video version has been filmed with youth delivering a closing challenge **OR** you could use the talking points below to have local youth/adult or state speaker deliver the closing challenge live.

- “So, here we are, faced with a really tough problem and a lot of choices about how we want to deal with it. Solving this problem is not going to be easy, and it’s not necessarily going to be fun – its tough work and this event was only the beginning. Hopefully, you’re asking yourself - now what?”
- “We are all really busy and it would be far too easy for all of us to head back to our normal lives and allow nothing to happen as a result. I’m hoping you won’t let that be the case. It is too important – you’ve heard a lot of reasons here why it’s too important an issue to sit back and do nothing, but I’m guessing that you knew that already, that’s why you came. The stakes are too high.”
- “There is no quick fix for this issue, and no single solution. What we really need is a bunch of people willing to start, to step up to the plate and do something that will make a difference to start changing the role that alcohol plays in our whole environment. Underage drinking is not a youth problem, it’s a community problem. We all have some responsibility for the solution, and it’s time for all of us to take on that responsibility. Do we really have a choice?”
- “So, I ask you, I *challenge* you – Please don’t leave this room without deciding on one or two things that you are going to do after you leave here. You can start with just one or two things that you know you can do to start impacting this problem, you don’t have to solve the whole thing yourself. You just have to start doing your part, and encouraging others to do theirs. You came out for one night – don’t let that be it.”
- “Thank you for making this commitment. Our future - *all* of our futures - will be brighter because of it.”