

Violence Prevention Conference Includes A Film Festival

(NAPSA)—In a unique and multifaceted approach to youth issues, The Buckeye Ranch, a non-profit children's mental health facility in Grove City, Ohio, runs a two-day conference each year that includes a film festival. The film festival is a showcase for elementary, middle and high school-aged



The Buckeye Ranch Film Festival celebrates the creative approaches to preventing violence through student-made films.

students from across the country to offer their views on the topics and issues they face. It's all part of a three-pronged approach to the prevention of problems such as violence, substance abuse, drinking, smoking and eating disorders.

During this year's Youth Summit, which is also part of the two-day conference, Antwone Fisher spoke to foster children across Ohio. Fisher, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, survived 14 years of abuse in the foster care system and become a successful novelist and screenwriter. He is the author of *Finding Fish* and the subject of the recently released self-titled motion picture directed by and starring Denzel Washington.

The Prevention Conference is part of the Buckeye Ranch's many award-winning violence prevention efforts. This year, 3,000 students participated in the film festival. To find out about the Ranch's prevention efforts or to register for next year's film festival visit www.buckeyeranchfilmfest.org.