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## 'HAZE' Documentary and Panel Discussion STILL ON for Tonight at Darien Library

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***UPDATE:** "[T]he screening of Haze tonight is on despite the Darien schools' snow day. The roads are clear and the library is open!" Emily Larkin, the Thriving Youth Program director for the Community Fund of Darien announced Monday morning.*

Haze, a documentary about a college freshman who died from alcohol poisoning during a fraternity initiation in 2004, will be shown at Darien Library on Monday, March 4, followed by a panel discussion with experts.

You're invited to the event, which takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Darien Library Community Room.

— *an announcement from the Community Fund of Darien*

The panel discussion includes Police Officer Bryan Wallman, the Darien High School student resource

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officer; Phyllis Weihs, a licensed professional counselor; Mackenzie Coughlin, Darien High School graduate and current senior at Providence College; and a special guest who will share his journey to substance abuse recovery.

“As the Community Fund of Darien's Thriving Youth Task Force continues its powerful campaign about the concerns of underage drinking (especially binge drinking), there is simply no excuse to not see this film,” said Darien Youth Director Alicia Sillars.

“All young people along with their parents need to see this film and together be a part of the conversation to keep themselves and their friends safe.”

In September 2004, fraternity pledge Gordie Bailey died from alcohol poisoning after passing out on a couch in his fraternity house following a hazing initiation at the University of Colorado.

In 2008, The Gordie Foundation produced Haze, a documentary telling his story and discussing the issues surrounding college drinking and hazing. This program is for parents and mature high-school aged students.

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, [The Community Fund of Darien](#), [the Darien Youth Commission](#), [YWCA Parent Awareness](#), [Darien Depot](#) and [Darien Library](#) are co-sponsoring this event.

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