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During their lunch breaks and after school for two weeks, students in Brian Kells's television production classes at University High School in Orange City ran the teleprompter, operated the cameras and set the boom microphone as they worked in the video production studio.

Men and women in Volusia County volunteered to be taped for commercials raising awareness about domestic violence and the Domestic Abuse Council of Volusia County. Women and men from law enforcement, sports teams and academia are just some of the professions that are represented in the commercials.

The Domestic Abuse Council, Inc. reached out to Kells for this project for several reasons. "We had this wonderful opportunity to air some commercials through a burgeoning relationship with Bright House Networks, yet we had no means to produce the commercials. Brian Kells along with the principal at University High School and the school system allowed us to create two commercials at no cost," Cheryl Fuller, Domestic Abuse Council, CEO said.

Kells has been teaching TV production for the last 13 years. There are approximately 350 students enrolled in the program at University High School, and since the school opened four years ago, Kells and his TV production students have won several awards in the student category including an international film festival in Montreal, Canada for a 20 minute short film on drinking and the prom. His students also won a film competition in California and the Port Orange film festival.

Through a sponsorship with Bright House Networks the commercials will air on a broad spectrum of channels. By raising awareness, Bright House Networks will assist the Domestic Abuse Council, Inc. by educating the population of Volusia County as well as potentially contributing to the reduction of domestic violence incidents. The commercials will air from January 29th through February 12th.

To learn more about Domestic Abuse Council go to www.domesticabusecouncil.com. The Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-500-1119.

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In the photo: University High School students are: Ryan Brown, 17 of DeBary, a high school junior in burgundy shirt. He is working the camera with the teleprompter.

Teacher Brian Kells in white shirt and grey shorts

Lindsay Cohen, 17, DeBary a high school junior in a blue shirt, obscured by teleprompter, working a digital camera.

Laura Bessette, 17, DeBary a high school junior in white sweater and boots, working a digital camera.

Seated, R.J. Larizza, state Attorney 7th Judicial District.

The team is discussing the best camera angle for the taping.