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**GETTING HIGH:  
AN INSIDE LOOK INTO COLLEGE STUDENTS' LIFE WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES**

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Using the visual media of photography and collaborative ethnographic research methods, this poster presentation aims to gain insight into the life of college age students who live with Type 1 Diabetes. By utilizing participant observation and group interviews, the ethnographer worked collaboratively with the students who live with Type 1 Diabetes to create photographs and captions that define them as a unique group. The research not only allows for outsiders to see the hardships the group has to face when dealing with the highs and lows of sugar levels, carbohydrate counting, and balancing a college life, but also allows the group to reflect on how they view themselves. The research highlights the importance of distinguishing between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes for the participants.