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### Cuyahoga Career Valley Career Center Conducts Teen Safe Driving Event

**Brecksville, Ohio. (June 1, 2011)** — Thanks to the Allstate Foundation, Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), Inc. presented a grant to Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) to increase youth safety and promote teen safe driving.

The CVCC SAVE Chapter, advised by Amy Jaramillo, has been busy promoting SAVE awareness in their school and community. Utilizing Allstate Teen Safe Driving materials and SAVE materials, they are educating and empowering teens with Teen Safe Driving skills and youth violence prevention strategies. The chapter held an X the TXT campaign last Monday, May 23rd. Local Allstate Agent Sharon Ayers provided the X the TXT kit and assisted the chapter with their campaign.

With support from Allstate agents and employee volunteers, SAVE chapters are providing leadership in their schools and communities to ensure that all students will be encouraged and empowered with healthy life skills while engaging in educational activities and opportunities to promote teen safe driving and youth safety.



Cuyahoga Valley Career Center SAVE Chapter members after signing their Allstate X the TXT pledge banner on Monday, May 23, 2011

SAVE is a peer-to-peer organization that focuses on the power of positive peer influences. According to a recent Allstate Foundation survey, *Shifting Teen Attitudes: The State of Teen Driving 2009*, peers are a major influence on teens – both positive and negative. Some of the concerning statistics that SAVE chapters are addressing include:

- Eighty-two percent of teens reported using cell phones while driving.
- Nearly half (48 percent) of girls admit they are likely to speed more than 10 mph over the limit, versus 36 percent of boys.
- Seventy-seven percent of teens admit they have felt unsafe with another teen's driving.

“This generous grant from The Allstate Foundation will assist students in finding real solutions to the issues of teen safe driving that they face each day,” stated SAVE’s executive director, Carleen Wray.

“By empowering teens to become smart driving activists in their schools and communities, we hope to reverse the staggering statistics,” said Allstate vice president Thomas Clarkson. “Through The Allstate Foundation, we seek to develop innovative, teen-focused approaches to raise awareness of the issue and, ultimately, to help save lives and reduce injuries.”

Previous assistance from The Allstate Foundation has benefited SAVE schools in North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Nevada, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, Wisconsin, California, Colorado, and Ohio.

**About the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere:**

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, N.C. in 1989 following the tragic death of a student who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. Students met first to console each other, then as an organization to promote violence prevention and to work together to prevent future incidents from occurring. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities. For more information on SAVE or starting a SAVE chapter, visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org), or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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