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Shenandoah High School SAVE Chapter Recognized as National SAVE Chapter of the Year

El Dorado, CA (May 31, 2011) — Carleen Wray, Executive Director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), has announced that Shenandoah High School SAVE Chapter was recognized by the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) for its youth safety and violence prevention efforts. The **2010-2011 National SAVE Chapter of the Year Award** was awarded to Shenandoah High School (SHS) SAVE for outstanding performance and lasting contributions to its school, community, and fellow students, and for exemplifying the ideals of SAVE.

"The direct, positive impact of the students serving on the SHS SAVE Chapter has been evident through their enthusiasm and in the knowledge they have gained and shared with others," stated Susana Mayfield, SHS SAVE Chapter Advisor. "The students have been exposed to a wide variety of teen/school safety topics and have been tasked with setting a positive example for others. Since our SAVE Chapter's inception on January 2, 2011, our group has met on a weekly basis to participate in school safety related activities, and to plan and coordinate future activities and events. Highlights include: Teen Truth Bullying video and activities; field trip to a local organization: The Center for Violence Free Relationships; video and discussion on teen driving and texting; planning and organizing a SAVE awareness day event with a focus on an X the TXT campaign; a School/Teen Safety poster contest, etc. During our meetings, each SHS SAVE member has been an active, serious participant; they understand the importance and significance of the work that they are doing. Our group is diverse and everyone brings an individual strength, making our chapter highly energetic, creative and successful."

"The Shenandoah High School SAVE Chapter embodies the ideals of SAVE and is a model for SAVE chapters everywhere," stated Carleen Wray. "SAVE's vision is for all students to be able to attend schools that are safe and secure, free of fear, and conducive to learning. As more students join SAVE chapters all across the country, we are moving closer to making our vision for safer schools a reality."

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, or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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