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Youth Empowerment

Chapter Highlights:

Cuthbertson High School SAVE Chapter ~ Waxhaw, NC

Cuthbertson High School has implemented a new SAVE Chapter this year as an Allstate Teen Safe Driving grant recipient. Their plans for Teen Safe Driving activities include holding a Teen Safe Driving rally for their school to address the dangers of drinking and driving, and texting/talking on the phone while driving. Other activities planned include promoting SAVE awareness in their school and community, with a goal to invite a guest speaker to their school each month. The chapter has also partnered with Wingate University's Alpha P Club for a "Light The Night" project. They are encouraging their community to join them in April to walk the Wingate campus with candles, taking a stand against all forms of violence.



Highland High School ~ Albuquerque, NM

The Highland High School SAVE Chapter's Gun Pledge (pledging not to bring guns onto campus or carry one off campus) in October went well. Over 1,000 signatures were obtained and eight new members were recruited. Their Toy and Stuffed Animal Drive for the battered women's shelter was also successful as four large bags of toys were donated in December. Students participated in a field trip to Santa Fe in January to see how legislative bills are passed and how to advocate for non-violence. The chapter will set up a non-violence exhibition table at their school's Spring Fling in March and host a Teen Safe Driving Assembly in April.

Brookings FCCLA SAVE Chapter ~ Brookings, SD

The Brookings Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter is a recipient of the Allstate Teen Safe Driving grant. The chapter held a drunk driving simulation during Homecoming with the assistance of the sheriff's department, highway patrol and other local law enforcement. A videotape was also created and will be used for future PSAs and educational presentations. Plans for the spring include participating in Distracted Driving Week activities and they will also continue random seat belt safety checks.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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DATE	EVENT	MORE INFO
Now - May 20	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SAVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2011-2012 NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php
MARCH 17	THREAT ASSESSMENT IN SCHOOLS: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SCHOOL ATTACKS, MANAGING THREATENING SITUATIONS AND CREATING SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATES SNOW HILL, MD	HEATHER E. GREEN-HORNER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE hhorner@co.worcester.md.us 410.632.1111 X-2221
MARCH 21-25	NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php
MARCH 25	6TH ANNUAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION CONFERENCE CHARLOTTE, NC	https://www.charlotteahc.org/continuing_education/registration/workshop.cfm?EventID=32407
APRIL 15-17	GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY	http://www.gysd.org/
MAY	TEEN SAFE DRIVING MONTH	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/teendrivingfocus.php
MAY 11	DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY	http://www.makeroadssafe.org/Pages/home.aspx
JUNE 20-22	NATIONAL CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON, D.C.	www.certain.com/system/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x2425938a42
JULY 29-30	MILLION YOUTH PEACE MARCH INTERNATIONAL WASHINGTON, D.C.	http://www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org/
JULY 30	YOUTH PEACE DAY INTERNATIONAL	http://www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org/

**National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere
NOW ACCEPTING Applications for 2011-2012 National SAVE Youth
Advisory Board (YAB)
Deadline: May 20, 2011**

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere will select SAVE members for the 2011-2012 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The YAB will be composed of high school students from across the nation who have demonstrated leadership skills and service in their school and community, as well as having experience and service with the SAVE program. These students should also possess a commitment to the ideals of SAVE. Creative and energetic students are needed to create new materials, plan and attend National Workshops and provide the youth voice necessary to propel SAVE to greater achievements. Rising freshman through juniors are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php>



**National Presentation: SAVE Youth Advisory Board Presents at
National School Safety Conference, Orlando, FL**

The School Safety Advocacy Council, in partnership with the Florida Association of School Resource Officers (FASRO) and SAVE, held the first annual NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BULLYING in Orlando, Florida in February. This was a "not to be missed event" that featured some of the nation's leading experts in the field of Bullying, both from the prevention and response side. Members of the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB) presented to over 400 School Administrators, Social Workers, Counselors, Psychologists, Resource Officers, etc. at the conference. The YAB shared information on SAVE's history, ideals, three essential elements, and bullying; illustrating how SAVE is part of the solution in overcoming the national (not to mention global) epidemic. Other outstanding speakers included Kevin Jennings, U.S. Office of Safe & Drug Free Schools; Dr. Scott Poland, Nova University; Dr. Tamera Coyne-Beasley, UNC; and Carol Greta, Iowa Department of Education.

SAVE Question of the Month:

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the forum is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

March QoM: "What SAVE chapter activities are you planning for National Youth Violence Prevention Week?"

Please send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org

Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

Monthly Focus: Youth Empowerment

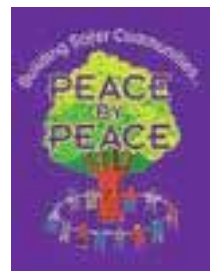
Reach for the Stars! SAVE was started by students in 1989 with the vision that all students would one day embrace the idea that the power of positive change was in their hands. SAVE has stayed true to its roots and today the overall goals of the program are still guided with the assistance of a Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Youth who are EMPOWERED to make a difference in their schools and communities are a key component of the SAVE program. No matter what your age or school level, you can make a difference. Your ideas, views on safety and violence prevention, as well as your talents are important and vital since you are the future. Never set limits on what you want to accomplish! Feel the power within to take a step forward and Reach for the Stars! National Youth Violence Prevention Week occurs this month (March 21-25, 2011) be sure to visit www.nationalsave.org or www.nyvpw.org for activity ideas for each day of the week!

For suggested activities and downloads, visit: <http://nationalsave.org/main/march.php>

For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>

**National Youth Violence Prevention Week
(March 21-25, 2011)**

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is proud to be a founding partner, along with the Guidance Group, of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. This weeklong national education initiative involves activities that demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their school and community safer. The campaign



website, www.nyvpw.org, serves as the crossroads to the campaign and provides countless resources to prepare for the event, including the official campaign Action Kit that serves as a step-by-step planning guide, suggestions for how each sector of the community can support the campaign, activity ideas, links to over 40 national organizations sponsoring the event, articles and interviews on violence prevention, and much, much more!

For more information, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php>



Beth's Blog: 2010 SAVE Advisor of the Year - Beth Scheirer, Laney High School (NC)

Is anyone too young to make a difference? On February 8th, my husband Jared and I welcomed into the world our first child, Emmett Jonathan. As an advocate for preventing youth violence, I had high hopes that my son would also be interested in keeping the peace and sharing the importance of this with others. Since the second day of his life, he has been throwing up the peace sign when he is wide awake and even in his sleep! I am a very proud mama and look forward to him growing up and sharing the importance of preventing violence with others.

During the month of March, I want to send out a special message to SAVE youth everywhere by simply answering the question I posed at the beginning of my blog: no, NO ONE is too young to make a difference. Each and every young person has the power and the potential to influence someone or something else positively. If you are new at this or a little nervous about exercising the potential power you do have, take advantage of a great opportunity for leadership by celebrating National Youth Violence Prevention

Week (March 21-25, 2011) with your chapter members and your local community. Encourage those around you to prevent violence by creating activities focused on the daily challenges brought forth throughout National Youth Violence Prevention Week:

- Day 1: Promote Respect and Tolerance
- Day 2: Manage Your Anger
- Day 3: Resolve Conflicts Peacefully
- Day 4: Support Safety
- Day 5: Unite in Action



If you need help coming up with ideas for these days, check out the SAVE website or work with other SAVE members. Please let SAVE know: What is your chapter doing to celebrate National Youth Violence Prevention Week? How does your chapter ensure that youth have leadership opportunities? Feel free to contact me with questions, comments, and topics for future articles at: beth.scheirer@nhcs.net, 910-350-2089 ext. 439.



YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member - Shadezja Garrett, North Chicago Community High School (IL)

March is here and everyone is feeling the "Luck of the Irish." March is the month known for new beginnings and fresh starts, and many students use this time to do great things in their community and with fellow classmates. This is known as youth empowerment. Students helping other students is more powerful than it sounds; it gets goals accomplished and makes a positive impact on those who witness it. With that in mind, here's the challenge: go help another student who may need help in algebra or needs help memorizing a play. Whatever the problem may be, before you know it, that same student will be helping another student, starting a chain reaction worth starting.

Special pricing on Unmasking the Violence T-shirts!

Purple T-shirt with 20th Anniversary SAVE Summit logo, "Unmasking the Violence for 20 YEARS!" on back. Small SAVE logo on front chest area.

Available in sizes S- XXX

Product Number: 152

SPECIAL REDUCED PRICE: \$6.00 each!!

<http://nationalsave.org/order/unmasking.php>

GOING FAST!



Prevention Resources:

Free On-Line Violence Prevention Course!

Each year, more than 53,000 people lose their lives to violence. In addition to the tremendous physical and emotional toll, violence has substantial medical and lost productivity costs. In 2000, these totaled more than \$70 billion in the United States. The figure grows when we add criminal justice system costs, social services, and other expenses.

One way CDC is helping the nation prevent violence is a free on-line course that's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's called Principles of Prevention. The course—which offers continuing education credits—teaches key concepts of primary prevention, the public health approach, and the social-ecological model. Participants complete interactive exercises to learn to help prevent five types of violence:

- Child abuse and neglect
- Intimate partner violence
- Sexual violence
- Suicide
- Youth violence

The course is available at: <http://www.vetoviolence.org/pop/prevention-intro.html>



Best Practice in Bullying Prevention & Intervention

A review of bullying prevention programs and feedback from educators in the field led to suggest 10 strategies that represent “best practice” in bullying prevention and intervention.

Check out the 10 suggested strategies in Bullying Prevention and Intervention: <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/adults/best-practices.aspx>



Report Describes Trends in U.S. High School Dropout and Completion Rates

The National Center for Education Statistics has published a report that provides high school dropout and completion rates in the United States between 1972 and 2008. Data also present students' age, sex, and race/ethnicity, and the rates of on-time graduation from high school.

Read the report's findings: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2011012>



Study Probes Impact of Acceptance, Rejection of LGBT Youth

The first major study of how families respond and adapt when LGBT youth come out during adolescence was hailed yesterday by an Obama administration official, David Hansell, for its recommendations on how to stem what he called “the tragic rash of suicide and bullying” in which targeted LGBT young people are victimized.

Read the article: <http://www.washingtonblade.com/2011/02/08/study-probes-impact-of-acceptance-rejection-on-lgbt-youth/>

Buckle Up in the Back Seat, Too

Research shows there are only 25 states and the District of Columbia that have laws requiring adults to wear seat belts in the back seats.

Read more: <http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20110207/NEWS/110209839/1011/NEWS?Title=Buckle-up-in-the-back-seat-too>

Connecting Violence Prevention and Chronic Disease

Let's Move! highlights not just physical activity, but safe accessible places to play. Prevention Institute, in partnership with Senator Tom Harkin, Chair of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and Representative Barbara Lee, sponsored a joint congressional hearing, Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living. The standing-room-only turnout was testament to the fact that congress, federal agencies, and national organizations are interested in understanding the linkages and identifying policy solutions that will make a difference. Braided strategies and multi-field partnerships between physical activity, food systems and violence prevention advocates and institutions are needed to foster healthy and safe communities.

Read more: <http://www.preventioninstitute.org/press/highlights/584-beltway-connects-safety-to-chronic-disease.html>



Scale Back TV Time, Video Games, Youth Violence Expert Tells Holland Crowd

Retired Army Lt. Col. Dave, who is one of the nation's leading experts on violence among young people, encourages parents and educators to make efforts to limit kids' access to violent media.

Read about the school shooting that motivated him to become an advocate: http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2011/02/scale_back_tv_time_video_games.html

2011 Roadmap to State Highway Safety Laws

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety released their eighth annual report card grading all 50 states and the District of Columbia on their performance in adopting 15 basic, lifesaving highway safety laws on teen driving, occupant protection, and impaired and distracted driving.



Read the report: <http://www.saferoads.org/files/file/Full%202011%20Roadmap%20Report%20sm%281%29.pdf>

Under YOUR Influence

Parents: use your unexpected time with your teen to work out a parent teen driving contract with your teen driver. Teens want more driving freedom - earn it through a workable parent teen driving contract!



Customize your search for driver education

resources by ordering free information from: <http://www.underyourinfluence.org/resourcerequest.html>

Bullying Linked to Depression and Substance Use in Girls

Although being a victim of bullying increases teen depression regardless of gender, a new study found it puts girls at additional risk for substance use.

Read more: <http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2011/bullying-linked-to-depression.html>

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Mini Grants Available for Teen Safe Driving Activities!

Teen Safe Driving Month (May) is just around the corner! Many schools and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during key times including Teen Safe Driving Month, Prom and Graduation. The National Association of Students Against Violence



Everywhere (SAVE) has mini grants available for schools and community agencies who are conducting activities this spring in the following states: AK, AZ, CA, DC, DE, HI, IA, ID, KS, MD, MO, MT, NE, ND, NM, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, and WY. Mini grants range from \$500 - \$1,000 and include educational items, materials, Teen Safe Driving Toolkits and a free SAVE Chapter affiliation.

For a very brief (less than 2 pages) grant application, contact: info@nationalsave.org

Teacher Grants (Deadline: 4/30/11)

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.

Find out more at: http://www.grantgopher.com/grants_for_nonprofits/articletype/articleview/articleid/620/grants-for-teachers.aspx

2011 ClipsByU Anti-Bullying Video Challenge (Deadline: 5/31/11)

ClipsByU is powered by the Great Minds Foundation. Their primary focus is to provide an outlet for students to inform and inspire each other to act responsibly and reach their highest potential. This year their video challenge is focusing on the topic of Anti-Bullying. Students will create a short video about bullying and submit it to their website: <http://www.clipsbyu.com/> to be entered into the contest. The prize for best video is \$2,000, along with 5 runner-up prizes.



WaysToHelp.org Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant by visiting <http://waystohelp.org/> and for any issue area, selecting "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant." Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start, and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

ACT OUT LOUD! Enter to win up to \$10,000 (Deadline: April 11, 2011)

The Act Out Loud contest empowers teens to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and provides teens the opportunity to create and implement distracted driving prevention projects in their communities. Through Act Out Loud, teens could win up to \$10,000 for their local youth safety organization.



Teams must submit their distracted driving prevention project proposals by April 11, 2011 and videos of their implemented projects must be submitted by May 6, 2011. Only one team from each high school is permitted to enter.

The first 200 Act Out Loud entries will receive a FREE toolkit containing over 1,500 items to help promote safe teen driving and support National Youth Traffic Safety Month. Act Out Loud is made possible through generous support from The Allstate Foundation.

For more information and to enter, visit: <http://actoutloud.org/index.asp>