

# e-SAVE SOURCE

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## Speaking Out: Communication

### SAVE Youth Leadership Institute



#### YABers

(front row, left to right): Jaclyn Morton, Jessica Weber, Shadezja Garrett  
(back row, left to right): Nigel Cox, Brady Ledbetter

Members of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) recently participated in a National Youth Leadership Institute where they were trained as presenters and spokespersons for National SAVE. The YABers developed their leadership skills through participation in training sessions, discussions of best practices for school violence prevention, and practiced educational activities for sharing with other SAVE students. YAB members discussed Back to School activities (August 2011), America's Safe Schools Week (October 17-21), National SAVE Day (October 19), National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 19-23) and Teen Safe Driving Month (May 2012). The YABers created goals for the year as well as a proactive action plan to combat violence through the implementation of the three essential elements of SAVE: crime prevention, conflict management and service projects.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	MORE INFO
SEPTEMBER 9	WEBINAR: ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION: PUTTING WHAT WE KNOW INTO PRACTICE	<a href="https://event.onlineseminarsolutions.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&amp;eventid=345586&amp;sessionid=1&amp;key=1588833968840195COC5762D3665F555&amp;sourcepage=register">https://event.onlineseminarsolutions.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&amp;eventid=345586&amp;sessionid=1&amp;key=1588833968840195COC5762D3665F555&amp;sourcepage=register</a>
SEPTEMBER 11-21	11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY - 11 WAYS TO CHANGE THE WORLD	<a href="http://www.we.net/11days">http://www.we.net/11days</a>
OCTOBER 10-14	OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION'S NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE CONFERENCE	<a href="http://ojjdp.gov/events/EventDetail.asp?ei=19475&amp;p=list">http://ojjdp.gov/events/EventDetail.asp?ei=19475&amp;p=list</a>
OCTOBER 17	NOYS NATIONAL TEEN DISTRACTED DRIVING PREVENTION SUMMIT	<a href="http://noys.org/">http://noys.org/</a>
OCTOBER 17-21	SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php</a>
OCTOBER 18	MIX IT UP AT LUNCH DAY	<a href="http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up?newsletter=TT050411">http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up?newsletter=TT050411</a>
OCTOBER 19	NATIONAL SAVE DAY	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php</a>
OCTOBER 21	SAVE ROCK-A-THON	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php</a>
JANUARY 23-27	No NAME-CALLING WEEK	<a href="http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html">http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html</a>
SAVE THE DATE: 2/15-17/2012	NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BULLYING ORLANDO, FL	<a href="http://www.schoolsafety911.com/">http://www.schoolsafety911.com/</a>

## Monthly Focus: Speaking Out: Communication

In September, SAVE chapters really get rolling. It takes good communication to get the word out about your chapter and the great things you are doing. Have kickoff meetings, membership drives, and start planning projects and fund-raisers for the year. This is the time when most chapters elect their officers for the year and begin publicizing SAVE and all of the great activities that will lie ahead. Start contacting resource people in your school or community (i.e. counselors, SROs, violence prevention specialists, etc.) that can help enhance your meetings or serve as speakers. You may also contact businesses or civic groups about becoming possible sponsors for your planned events. Get together with other schools in your area to begin planning joint projects for the year such as participating in the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon!. Middle and high school chapters may want to contact feeder schools to set up presentations for younger students who may be interested in joining SAVE. For suggested activities and downloads, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/septembertheme.php>. For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

### SAVE Question of the Month:

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

**September QoM:** *“What are some ways that your SAVE chapter makes meetings fun, exciting, and informational? How do you promote them to your peers/potential members?”*

Please send your responses to: [forum@nationalsave.org](mailto:forum@nationalsave.org)

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

### Techno Tidbit

The FBI launches Child ID Mobile App. This free mobile app provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about one's children that can be easily provided to authorities if a child goes missing.



Learn more about the FBI's Child ID App at [www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/august/child\\_080511](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/august/child_080511).

The FBI's new Child ID App can be downloaded for free from the App Store on iTunes at [itunes.apple.com/us/app/fbi-child-id/id446158585?ls=1&mt=8](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fbi-child-id/id446158585?ls=1&mt=8).

## Sabrina Steger... From A Parent's Perspective



Communication is the simplest, trickiest thing in the world. It seems pretty easy - just tell others what you want or pass information to them. Others pass information to you and let you know their needs. But we humans are great at messing up something simple. We say yes when we mean no, we laugh when we are embarrassed, confused or angry. It can get complicated when we have to decide if the tone of voice, facial expressions, and gestures match the words or not. It usually isn't as apparent as when somebody says everything's fine while tears are running down their face. If a classmate tells you that the person you have a crush on likes you, it can get really tricky to figure out if they are serious or just messing with you. Dozens of times a day, we match verbal and non-verbal communications to try to understand what someone else is communicating to us.

There is one exception to figuring out what a person means. If a student, or anyone else, says or does something that could be a threat, do not, repeat do not, try to decide if it is serious. It is a real threat and it has to be reported as soon as possible. You can use a tip line or tell a teacher, a SAVE advisor or other adult you trust. It is not tattling, it could easily be lifesaving. People who make threats don't always intend to carry them out, but it is the responsibility of a trained adult to find out. It is never another student's job. We know that students who have committed school violence acts tell others beforehand.

My daughter, Kayce, went to high school with a boy who told many students that 'something big' was going to happen on Monday. He told several of his friends not to be in the school lobby on Monday. No one paid much attention to him. Kayce died on Monday. She and seven other students were shot by that boy. Three girls died and another will spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. If just one person had reported the threats, it's very likely that no one would have been hurt, a school wouldn't have been traumatized, and a boy wouldn't spend the rest of his life in prison. Kayce always wanted to be a police officer and she was willing to risk her life to protect others. By promising to report any threats, any 'something doesn't feel rights', even if you doubt it is serious, you are helping fulfill Kayce's dream to protect others. If you report something and don't want to give your own name...just say your name is... Kayce.



### **Katrina Reynolds, 2011 SAVE Advisor of the Year: From the Heart!**

In September, SAVE focuses on getting your chapter started. Your chapter takes care of things such as electing officers, getting the word out about your upcoming events, such as fund raisers you may have planned during your school year, and you may even conduct a SAVE drive (this is where you are challenging each member to bring another student to a meeting) some groups do this to build their chapters. Several ways to get the word out about your chapter include holding events, “kick off events” as we call them in West Texas. One of the things our chapter at Ira ISD has done in the past was called, “Putt into A Great Year with SAVE”. The idea of this event was to get the word out about our chapter as well as, what National SAVE stands for. We held this event at our local putt-putt golf course, our SAVE students wore their SAVE t-shirts and we invited every student in the surrounding county to come and play a game of putt-putt golf. Our students handed out information about National SAVE as well as information on our local SAVE chapter. This is just one idea on how to get your year started. As you start your new school year with your SAVE chapters, let me give you this challenge: each of you encourage the other members to be more involved in your group. Get out there in your community, start more projects, begin your planning now, and on a national level start your preparation to participate in the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon! After all you, the youth, are what SAVE is all about, its your voice that your community wants to hear. Good luck with each of your projects and I know you will have great success!



### **YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member Jessica Weber ~**

Communication is an essential part of having positive, strong relationships with your friends and family. Talking allows both viewpoints to be heard and understood. With that said, you also need to be a good listener. Listening is just as important as talking when it comes to communication. To be a good listener, it's important to make eye-contact. To be a good talker, you should try not to raise your voice or say anything disrespectful. Respect is also a big part of communication, so you should always treat others the way you want to be treated. The SAVE chapter at Cuthbertson High School in Waxhaw, North Carolina will be putting up posters about the importance of communication. The Cuthbertson SAVE chapter will also be playing each one teach one throughout the year. To play this game everyone gets one fact. When the leader says go, everyone walks around, introduces themselves and their fact to one person at a time. You continue to meet and greet the people in the room, one at a time, until the leader makes a signal or says to return to your seats. It's an easy game that allows people to work on communication, social skills, and it teaches you simple facts in a matter of minutes.



## Prevention Resources:

### Peer Learning Forum

UNITY is launching a peer learning forum for members of the UNITY City Network and their local partners to share best practices and address specific trends in cities across the U.S. UNITY staff and outside experts will facilitate these discussions, and the UNITY Peer Learning Forum will use interactive webinar technology to cover priority topics related to preventing violence. The five topics for 2011-2012 are:

- Bullying Prevention, Sept. to Dec. 2011
- Engaging Community, starts Jan. 2012
- Funding Strategies and Sustainability, TBD
- Trauma-Informed Approaches, TBD
- Multi-Sector Collaboration, TBD

For more information about the UNITY Peer Learning Forum or to register for the entire Bullying Prevention series, contact Benita Tsao at [benita@preventioninstitute.org](mailto:benita@preventioninstitute.org) or 510-444-7738 by Friday, Sept. 2

### Kids Count 2011: Promoting Opportunity for the Next Generation

The annual Data Book from the Annie E. Casey Foundation provides a comprehensive look at how our nation's children, youth and families are faring. This year's edition also includes some real-life stories behind the numbers, and an essay by Foundation President Patrick McCarthy that looks at our economy's impact on families and what we know about what works at the federal and state levels. <http://sparkaction.org/resources/60151>

### Nearly One in Four Households with Children Can't Afford Enough Food

A new report from the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), *Food Hardship: A Closer Look at Hunger*, finds that nearly one in four families with children across the country faced times in the past year when they didn't have enough money to buy food for themselves or their children -- and in 21 states and the District of Columbia, that rate was over 25 percent. <http://sparkaction.org/content/nearly-one-four-nation%E2%80%99s-households-childr>

### PhotoEssay: Where Children Sleep - A Moving Look

Photographer James Mollison spent more than three years traveling the world and getting glimpses of where all sorts of children spend the night. It's a moving look at what they have, and what they don't. <http://sparkaction.org/resources/60076>

### New Child Identity Theft Article Available

"Stolen Futures: A Snapshot of Child Identity Theft" is an article that illustrates the issue of child identity theft and identifies key challenges. [http://www.ovc.gov/pdf/Article\\_ChildIDTheftSnapshot.pdf](http://www.ovc.gov/pdf/Article_ChildIDTheftSnapshot.pdf)

### Off-Campus Cyberbullying and the First Amendment

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit recently upheld a school's discipline of a student for engaging in off-campus cyberbullying of another student. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/daniel-j-solove/offcampus-cyberbullying-a\\_b\\_911654.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/daniel-j-solove/offcampus-cyberbullying-a_b_911654.html)

## Funding/Contest Opportunities:

### Allstate Foundation Mini Grants Available for Teen Safe Driving Activities!

Many schools and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during key times including back to school, America's Safe Schools Week, holidays, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Traffic Safety 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 fall in the following states: AK, DC, DE, HI, ID, MD, OR, TX, VA, WA, and WV. 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](mailto:info@nationalsave.org)



### Toshiba America Foundation K-5 Grants

Deadline: October 1, 2011

Toshiba America Foundation's Mission Is To Provide Teachers With Additional Funds To Support Classroom Projects. After School And Summer Projects, And Independent Study Projects Are Not Eligible. [http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5\\_teachers.jsp](http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5_teachers.jsp)

### Kids In Need Teacher Grants

Deadline: 09-30-2011

All certified K-12 teachers in the U.S. are eligible. The Purpose Of The Grants Is To Provide Funds For Classroom Teachers Who Have Innovative, Meritorious Ideas. <http://www.kinf.org/grants/>

### Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) Grant

Deadline: 10-05-2011

An individual nominee must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident. Students at the K-12, undergraduate, or graduate education level, or early career scientists, mathematicians or engineers who have completed their degree in the past three years. [http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11563/nsf11563.htm#pgm\\_desc\\_txt](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11563/nsf11563.htm#pgm_desc_txt)

### Sharing the Dream

Deadline: 09-21-2011

NAESP And MetLife Foundation Is Awarding 25 Elementary And Middle School Principals With \$5,000 Each To Create Globally Oriented Schools And International Learning Communities, And To Engage Children In Transformative, Multidisciplinary Experiences And Service Learning Projects That Will Help Them Succeed In The Interconnected World Of The 21st Century. [https://www.naesp.org/sites/default/files/2011\\_2012\\_Sharing\\_the-Dream\\_0.pdf](https://www.naesp.org/sites/default/files/2011_2012_Sharing_the-Dream_0.pdf)

## YABer CLOSE-UPS



Nigel Cox of Farmville High School in Farmville, North Carolina, was elected Chair of the current Board. He has been an active member of SAVE for seven years and has served on the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board for the past 3 years. He has held leadership positions in his school's chapter including Vice Chair, Vice President and Sergeant of Arms. In addition to being a member of SAVE, Cox is involved with the youth in his church and mime dances with youth both his age and younger to teach them about responsibility.



Shadezja Garrett, a student at North Chicago High School, in North Chicago, Illinois, was elected by her peers to serve as Vice Chair of the Board. This is Garrett's second year on the national board. Garrett has been an active member of SAVE for three years and was elected to serve as Sergeant of Arms in the 2010-2011. In addition to being a member of SAVE, Garrett is involved in other activities including basketball, JROTC, cross-country, and drum line.



Brady Ledbetter was elected by his Board peers to serve as Historian. Brady is a SAVE member of Ira High School in Ira, Texas. Brady has participated in many different service projects with his SAVE chapter and helped head up the first SAVE summit that Ira hosted. Ledbetter has also been a member of the Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Students, throws the discus in track, and is very involved in his church and all of its activities.



Jaclyn Morton, from Highland School of Technology in Gastonia, North Carolina, was elected by her peers to serve as Secretary of the Board. This is the third year that Jessica has been involved with her local SAVE chapter, and her first with the National Youth Advisory Board. During her freshman year of high school she served as Secretary of her SAVE Chapter and during her sophomore year and into her junior year she is serving as President.



Jessica Weber was elected by her peers to serve as Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator. Jessica, of Cuthbertson High School SAVE Chapter in Waxhaw, North Carolina, is the current President of that chapter and they have made great progress throughout their first year. Weber also plays softball and is looking to go to college on a softball scholarship. She plays centerfield for the high school team and was nominated as captain this past season.

### National SAVE Day (October 19) America's Safe Schools Week (October 17-21) CONTESTS!

**Chapter Contest:** Create a 30 second video highlighting your SAVE Chapter's Spirit.

**Individual Contest:** Design the back of a T-shirt with a new SAVE design using the 2 colors of SAVE: orange & purple. One of the winning designs may be chosen for a new T-shirt to be sold in the SAVE store. Graphic should be no larger than 11" x 11."

Prizes are \$50 gift certificates for SAVE merchandise. Three winners will be chosen in each category - one at each grade level: Elementary, Middle and High School.

Entries are due by October 28, 2011. Videos and pictures of the T-shirt design can be emailed to: [info@nationalsave.org](mailto:info@nationalsave.org) or mailed to the SAVE office.

Winners will be announced on November 1, 2011.

**Good luck!!**

### The Great American NO BULL Challenge Stand Up & Come Together to Eliminate Cyberbullying in America

The Great American NO BULL Challenge is an annual competition and event, and is the nation's first youth-led, multi-tiered, anti-cyberbullying short film/video challenge and multi-million dollar Red Carpet Awards Event and celebration that brings awareness to the issue of online bullying in America.

The campaign involves the entire nation of 6th through 12th graders, their teachers, their parents and their communities along with youth organizations and national non-profits to create an anti-cyberbullying movement by offering students a venue to participate in a video/short film challenge, have the opportunity to win some incredible prizes and be prominently recognized, all at the same time.

For more information go to: <http://nobullchallenge.org/>