

# SAVE eSOURCE

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Jackson Middle School SAVE students at National SAVE Summit

### National SAVE Award Winners Announced!

The Annual National SAVE Award Winners were announced at the National SAVE Summit on April 5, 2008. There were many outstanding nominations in all categories, and we congratulate our winners. To learn more about the winners, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/spotlight.php>. This year's winners were:

#### National SAVE Students of the Year

Darnella Reeder, Jackson Middle School (NC)  
Neiman Riley, North Chicago High School (IL)

#### National SAVE Advisors of the Year

Kris Bethscheider, Montbello High School (CO)  
Christine Tolbert, Phillips Middle School (NC)

#### National SAVE Chapters of the Year

Konnoak Elementary (NC)  
Moore Intermediate (SC)  
Chandler High School (OK)



Moore Intermediate SAVE Chapter accepts National SAVE Chapter of the Year Award from SAVE's Executive Director, Dr. Pamela Riley.

### Monthly Focus – RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE PREVENTION

**"HAND IN HAND," RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE PREVENTION** - SAVE members can strive to prevent relationship violence by educating the public about warning signs, consequences and proactive steps to safeguard possible victims. By focusing on this important topic for the month and approaching the program from three angles: crime prevention, conflict management, and service projects, SAVE members can help thwart this growing area of violence. Relationship violence can cover many areas including dating violence, child abuse, sibling abuse, domestic violence, and interpersonal violence (e.g. between friends). With April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month, relationship violence prevention is a perfect topic to address in your school community. For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/april.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

### SAVE Question of the Month – April

Please share the SAVE Question of the month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the website is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country! **The April Question of the Month: "Cyber Bullying or Electronic Aggression incidents are currently dominating the news, how is your SAVE Chapter addressing this issue?"** 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!

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## Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar for These Events!



**National Youth  
Traffic Safety Month®**

- **NATIONAL YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH (MAY)**

Would you like to receive a \$1,000 award for your efforts to reduce teen driving crashes in your community? Plan on participating in this year's National Traffic Safety Month, sponsored by National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS)! NOYS has once again designated May as National Youth Traffic Safety Month because it is an important time for teens to be focused on driving safety. To support National Youth Traffic Safety Month and as an incentive, Allstate Foundation is awarding \$1,000 to 50 local youth organizations for their youth-developed and implemented projects that demonstrate a strong focus geared towards youth traffic safety. [www.noys.org](http://www.noys.org)

Other events: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

### National SAVE Summit Highlights!

*Thank you Allstate Foundation for sponsoring this important annual event!*

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual SAVE Summit held on April 5, 2008 was a huge success. Students and advisors attended from across the country. SAVE Chapters presented informational breakout sessions and the Konnoak SAVE Step Team provided awesome lunch time entertainment! Check out the SAVE website next week to view photos from the event. The hard work of the National Youth Advisory Board in planning and coordinating this important event is to be commended. View media coverage of the Summit online at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/news.php>



*Julianna Sparks from the Allstate Foundation speaks to SAVE Summit Attendees*

### National SAVE Searches for a Few OUTSTANDING SAVE Members!

National SAVE is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board. This prestigious board, made up of high schoolers from across the country, provides important student leadership, guidance and ideas for the national organization. If you have a student that would be an outstanding addition to our board, please have them complete an application form and submit it to National SAVE by **May 15, 2008**. <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php>

### National SAVE Conducts District Wide Training for Clark County Schools in Las Vegas

A team of trainers from National SAVE including Assistant Director Carleen Wray, Board Chair Calvin Hodnett, SAVE Advisor of the Year Kris Bethscheider and SAVE Youth Advisory Board Chair, Christian Gonzalez traveled to Las Vegas, NV at the end of March to conduct a Trainer of Trainers workshop for Clark County School District and local community members. The workshops were sponsored by Clark County School District and the 10,000 Kids Partnership. Fifty teachers, parents, counselors and Safe and Drug Free School Coordinators were trained as trainers in the SAVE program at this two day training. Clark County is hoping to implement the program district wide during the 2008-2009 school year. The Allstate Foundation is assisting them in their efforts by sponsoring five SAVE Chapters. If you are interested in having a SAVE training conducted in your district, contact National SAVE.



*SAVE Board Chair Calvin Hodnett and Youth Advisory Board Chair Christian Gonzalez conduct training in Las Vegas.*

## Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

### Cyberbullying Prevention & Information Brochure

Special thanks to Laney High School for creating a timely Cyberbullying Prevention and Information brochure for SAVE! You can download the reproducible brochures on our website on the samples page: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/samples.php>

### Suicide Prevention and Information Lesson Plan and Brochure

Special thanks to the National Youth Advisory Board and SAVE Intern Beth Keller for their work on the Suicide Prevention and Information Lesson Plan. The lesson plan and brochures may be downloaded in the Chapter Access section of the website. Please contact National SAVE if you need your access login and password. [http://www.nationalsave.org/access\\_chapter/resources.php](http://www.nationalsave.org/access_chapter/resources.php)

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## National Criminal Justice Reference Service creates Youth Violence Special Feature

In recognition of National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 31 to April 4, 2008), NCJRS has created a [Youth Violence Special Feature](#). This special feature contains publications and resources concerning gun violence, violence in schools, youth gang activity, and the prevention of youth violence. Links to research and statistics related to youth violence are also included. (NCJRS). <http://www.ncjrs.gov/yviolence/>

## Child Maltreatment Seen As Significant Problem

Child maltreatment is a significant social and public health problem in the United States. In 2006, child protective services confirmed that approximately 905,000 children in the U.S. were victims of maltreatment and 1,530 died from abuse or neglect. Unfortunately, these numbers likely underestimate the magnitude of the problem in this country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is pleased to announce the publication of Child Maltreatment Surveillance: Uniform Definitions for Public Health and Recommended Data Elements. This document provides conceptual definitions of child maltreatment, presents associated terms, and recommends data elements for voluntary use by the public health community in the development of surveillance systems. <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/>

## Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

### ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS

To help celebrate [National Youth Traffic Safety Month](#) in May, The Allstate Foundation announces the inaugural Activist of the Year Awards. The awards will recognize one teen and one parent who went above and beyond in 2007 to address the issue of teen driving and advocate for a change in the staggering teen driving statistics. The Allstate Foundation began recently accepting submissions for the awards. Again, anyone can nominate a parent or teen, and teens and parents may nominate themselves by visiting [www.TeenDrivingActivist.com](http://www.TeenDrivingActivist.com). Complete rules and eligibility requirements for awards also are available at [www.TeenDrivingActivist.com](http://www.TeenDrivingActivist.com). Nominations are due by **April 21st**. The winners will be notified in May during [National Youth Traffic Safety Month](#). The Parent Activist of the Year will be able to designate National SAVE to receive a \$10,000 grant. The Teen Activist of the Year will win a \$10,000 cash prize and the opportunity to designate a \$5,000 grant to National SAVE. We hope your chapter will participate in this worthwhile recognition opportunity for teens and parents doing exemplary work on the teen driving issue.



### RECOGNIZE SAVE MEMBERS WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The President's Volunteer Service Award, created by The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation is a way to thank volunteers for their commitment to volunteerism and community service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain number of volunteer hours over the course of a year, or lifetime. The National Association of SAVE is a certifying organization for SAVE members. SAVE members must track their hours of volunteer service, advisors must verify these hours and then they may be submitted to SAVE for certification purposes. If you are interested in learning more about the President's Student Service Award, please contact National SAVE or visit <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/index.cfm>. **If you would like to recognize members this school year, documentation of volunteer service hours must reach the National SAVE office by May 1, 2008.**

### NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH FOR THE BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2008 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 that have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. To learn more, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/> **Deadline: April 30, 2008**

### THE PEOPLE SPEAK VIDEO CONTEST

The People Speak is challenging U.S. high school students to create one to two minute video news stories showing a local angle to global issues. The prize for the top three teams is an all-expenses-paid trip to New York to attend the United Nations Foundation Youth Leadership Summit July 17-19. Video finalists will also be broadcast at the UN and seen by thousands of people from all over the world. To learn more, visit <http://www.thepeoplespeak.org/contests/reportlocally.html> **Deadline: May 2, 2008**

## **LEGO Invites Children to Display Their Creativity With**

LEGO Systems, Inc. (<http://www.LEGO.com/>) invites children between the ages of 6 and 13 who consider themselves curious, imaginative, and creative to apply for the second annual LEGO Creativity Awards. Designed to encourage lifelong curiosity and creativity, the LEGO Creativity Awards are an opportunity for young people to gain recognition for the imagination that will make them the "builders of tomorrow." Children from across the U.S. and Canada (excluding Quebec) are invited to submit essays showcasing their creativity at home, at school, and in their communities. The essay contest is intended to encourage children to think of creativity as more than practicing art or music; it is also about taking a new approach to everyday challenges. The five winners will each receive \$5,000 to further their creative projects. **Deadline: May 23, 2008**

## **News From Around The Country**

### **Group Looks to 'Cyberarmy' to Stop Violent Videos - Latest Online Beating Videos Part of Growing Phenomena**

"It's a simple move from doing this in the schoolyard, the hallway and the classroom, to the medium that the students have available to them today," said Pamela Riley, executive director of Students Against Violence Everywhere. "Bullying has been taken to a new level now." "Popular sites such as MySpace and YouTube can provide very valuable and beneficial activities for young people, but they have also been used for problems," she added. "As we can see with any increase in technology, the good comes with the bad. And unfortunately we have seen students who have transferred their bullying behaviors and aggressive behaviors to the Internet." <http://abcnews.go.com/TheLaw/Story?id=4650695&page=1>

### **AFTER CAMPUS SHOOTINGS, U.S. TO EASE PRIVACY RULES**

The Federal Education Department proposed on Monday new regulations to clarify when universities may release confidential student information and, after the Virginia Tech shootings last year, reassure college officials that they will not face penalties for reporting fears about mentally ill students. 3/25/08. The New York Times.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/25/us/25privacy.html?\\_r=1&scp=1&sq=ease+privacy+rules&st=nyt&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/25/us/25privacy.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=ease+privacy+rules&st=nyt&oref=slogin)

### **IN AN ERA OF SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, A NEW DRILL**

Gone are the days of the traditional fire drill where students dutifully line up in hallways and proceed to the playground, then return a few minutes later. Now, in a ritual reminiscent of the 1950s, when students ducked under desks and covered their heads in anticipation of nuclear blasts, many schools are preparing form among other emergencies, bomb threats, hazardous material spills, shelter-in-place preparation, and armed, roaming socipaths. 3/25/08. The New York Times.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/25/nyregion/25drills.html?scp=1&sq=ERA+OF+SCHOOL+SHOOTINGS&st=nyt>