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National SAVE Awards Announced!

SAVE STUDENT OF THE YEAR: JAMES PHAGAN WILSON, TX

James Phagan (JP) Wilson, a junior at Ira ISD High School, was recognized by the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) for his volunteer work and youth safety efforts, including safe teen driving. The 2009-2010 National SAVE Student of the Year Award was awarded to James for outstanding performance and lasting contributions to the school, community, and students and for exemplifying the ideals of SAVE.



“JP had a busy year making a positive difference and changing the lives of others. Since being in the SAVE Chapter he has taken on role as the president and has been awesome for us in getting our group more involved in activities and helping in community projects.” stated Katrina Reynolds, IRA’s SAVE Chapter advisor. “JP has applied to serve on SAVE’s National Youth Advisory Board and would also like to be involved in SAVE on a college level, he told me recently that being in SAVE has made a difference in his life and he just hopes that he can do the same for others. I would only hope that every SAVE group has their own “JP” in their SAVE chapter. I know he has been a delight for me to have as a SAVE coordinator and I will enjoy having him as a senior next year.”

SAVE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR: NORTH CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL PASS SAVE CHAPTER, IL

The North Chicago High School PASS SAVE Chapter was recognized by the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) for their work and efforts in preventing youth violence. The 2009-2010 National SAVE Chapter of the Year Award was awarded to the North Chicago High School PASS SAVE Chapter for outstanding performance and lasting contributions to the school, community, and students and for exemplifying the ideals of SAVE.



The North Chicago High School SAVE chapter has had a productive school year. The chapter participated in many events and conferences during the year including the Annual North Chicago Community Day parade, the College of Lake County Leadership conference, The Illinois Dropout Prevention Summit, and the National SAVE Summit. On January 15, 2010 they celebrated a day of service by volunteering to clean up the grounds at the Neal Math and Science Academy. The chapter also works with a local coalition to raise awareness about preventing violence and this year conducted Safe Teen Driving activities and a Rally with the support of the Allstate Foundation. The SAVE Chapter presented to every middle school classroom promoting youth safety and conflict resolution. SAVE chapter member BreShay Taylor stated, “My mother told me that joining SAVE was one of the best decisions I ever made. SAVE is not just an after school program to me. SAVE is my family. I want to thank you so much for giving me and many others the opportunity to make a difference in our community, our city, our world and most importantly, ourselves.”



SAVE ADVISOR OF THE YEAR: BETH SCHEIRER, NC

Ms. Beth Scheirer, Advisor of the Laney High School SAVE Chapter, was recognized by the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) for her work and efforts in preventing school violence and promoting youth safety. The 2009-2010 National SAVE Advisor of the Year Award was awarded to Ms. Scheirer for outstanding performance and lasting contributions to the school, community, and students and for exemplifying the ideals of SAVE.

Ms. Scheirer has been a dedicated advisor to her SAVE chapter. She motivates, supports, and leads her students by example. This past school year Laney High School participated in the Allstate Foundation Teen Safe Driving grant program and Ms. Scheirer led the SAVE students in safe driving activities such as seat belt surveys, the creation of public service announcements and campaigns focusing on the dangers of using cell phones while driving.

"Ms. Scheirer is well deserving of the SAVE Advisor of the Year Award. She is one of the most helpful individuals at Laney High School going above and beyond her position to make her school and the SAVE chapter the best it can be." stated Jonai Lloyd, Laney SAVE member and National SAVE Youth Advisory Board member. "Ms. Scheirer has encouraged the students to conduct many youth safety projects, providing guidance and assistance but still allowing us to run our chapter. Under her guidance our SAVE chapter just recently conducted a mock crash to teach students about safe driving. She is always willing to lend a helping hand in order to see others succeed. Many students go to Ms. Scheirer for advice and she always encourages students to make good decisions."

Changes at SAVE: Riley Announces Retirement

Dr. Pamela Riley, Executive Director of SAVE, will be retiring on June 30, 2010. After serving many years as a teacher and principal, and directing the Center for the Prevention of School Violence, and then National SAVE, she now has plans to spend plenty of time enjoying the beach, the lake, her husband, family, and three dogs. Through her leadership and guidance SAVE has grown from seven chapters in North Carolina to a nationwide organization of over 1800 chapters with 200,000 students involved. Thank you Dr. Riley for your unwavering commitment and dedication to the safety and empowerment of youth. The Board of Directors has announced that the current Assistant Director of SAVE, Carleen Wray, will become the Executive Director effective July 1, 2010.

Monthly Focus: Internet Safety

SAVE encourages students to be extremely careful when using the internet. Messages posted in any kind of a public forum can be read by anyone. Personal information such as name, address (home and email), telephone number, school name, or information on family and friends should never be shared with anyone you meet in cyberspace. Never reveal anything about other people that could possibly get them into trouble. It is important to remember that people you meet online, whether in a chat room or message forum, may not be who they say they are. Also, be careful not to put any personal details, including locations, on your instant messenger "away" message. The approaching end of the traditional school year calendar is a good time to spread awareness in your school about internet safety. For suggested activities and downloads, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/june.php>

Question of the Month:

Since many schools are out for the summer, students will be on the Internet more frequently. How can you protect yourself from a Cyberbully?

YABer YAK: John Scott, West Charlotte High School (NC)

Internet Friend Now, Foe Later. As summer break approaches and we have more free time to be on our computers, the monthly focus of Internet Safety should be a top priority. Pictures, messages, videos, and letters are just some of the few things that are put on the internet everyday for anyone to see. The remarkable social impact and economic success of the Internet is in many ways directly attributable to the architectural characteristics that were part of its design. The Internet was designed with no gatekeepers over new content or services (Vinton Cerf). The three



types of people you should be most worried about seeing what you put on the internet are future job interviewers, college admission officers, and sexual predators. All three of these have one thing in common, they want you. So this summer when you're playing on your Facebook or twittering away on Twitter be aware of what you are putting on the net. Because the interesting thing about the internet is that nothing is ever completely gone.

Somehow, somehow everything you put on the internet can be brought back up no matter how much further down the road it is. So all of those so called protection programs you put on your computer, are about as effective as a paper shield against a rhino. The internet should be used for two things: communication and information. You should never put more than is absolutely necessary about your life because you never know who is watching. And if you ever have trouble deciding on what to put on the internet just imagine that a sexual predator or your dream college is looking at what you're about to put up and ask yourself if you want them to see it.

MOSER'S MOMENTS: Mike Moser, 2009 Advisor of the Year



During the beginning of April and May I found myself working up the ground in my small garden plot. I worked in a little lime and fertilizer and thought that some compost would help my garden grow better. A few days later I laid out several rows and began putting in some seeds which I was looking forward to produce my summer vegetables. Most of my seeds have sprouted and are up now. The young tender leaves search the day for rays of sunlight that will help produce food. There has been much rain for roots to gather water for the process and everything looks like it is going to grow just fine. I believe that the organization called Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is kind of like my small garden plot. That is to say that one will get out what one puts in. When you work with SAVE as an Advisor you plant seeds in the minds of our children about being safe and creating a violence free society. These children with your help take those seeds and grow to become everything that you wish your chapter to be. The big thing about that is that without you, the one who plants the seed, children can do very little. You the Advisor are the gardener. Children will grow with those ideas that are presented to them about the goals of SAVE. And you, the Advisor will enjoy the results and will be very proud that you planted that seed.

This week I received an invitation to attend a High School Graduation. It was from one of my former SAVE Chapter members, Cassady Tetsworth. As I think back to when she joined SAVE at the beginning of her seventh grade year and all the great things that she has accomplished, I am just amazed at how much she has grown. I am extremely proud of her and all our SAVE Chapter members. I also know that all of their parents are very proud too.

Our SAVE Chapter here at Kernodle Middle School has grown immensely over the years. With the help of our new gardener and SAVE Advisor, Mrs. McKinney, I know that it will continue to move to a new level. I retire from teaching this year and I really think that my garden has fully produced its crop. I hope that you will continue planting seeds with your students and work hard toward a violence free society for our children. Congratulations to the 2010 SAVE Advisor of the Year, Beth Scheier, I look forward to reading her monthly eSource articles starting in July.
~ Mike Moser, 2009 SAVE Advisor of the year

Special thanks to Mike Moser for serving on the Board of Director's of SAVE for the 2009-2010 school year and writing a monthly article for the eSource. Best wishes to him in his retirement!

Prevention Resources:

Preventing Gang Violence and Building Communities Where Young People Thrive

This toolkit draws upon lessons learned over the past three years from the California Cities Gang Prevention Network. Each city is implementing a comprehensive gang reduction plan that blends prevention, intervention and enforcement and includes a focus on increasing opportunities for young people.

http://www.nlc.org/ASSETS/A2179E500B6D4A4896A23874CFBA013B/IYEF_CCGPN_Toolkit_01-10.pdf

Children's Hospital Boston Addresses Bullying

Children's Hospital Boston is doing our part to address the concerns of parents who are worried about bullying online and in schools. The following links are to two of Children's recent blog posts, written by doctors, that offer tips for parents of bullied children, and insight as to why many adults fail to recognize bullying problems until after it's too late.

My child is being bullied on Facebook, what can I do?

<http://childrenshospitalblog.org/my-daughter-is-being-bullied-on-facebook-what-can-i-do/>

Bullying- why do so many parents miss it?

<http://childrenshospitalblog.org/bullying%e2%80%94why-do-parents-miss-it/>

Good Intentions: The Beliefs and Values of Teens and Tweens Today

Beliefs and values, and their influence on decision making, have commanded significant media and public attention in the new millennium. What life choices will youth make when confronted with real-life dilemmas? How different or similar are youth on ethics and moral judgment compared to youth 20 years ago? Good Intentions: The Beliefs and Values of Teens and Tweens Today (2009), a national study conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI) in partnership with Harris Interactive explores what youth today value and how they go about making decisions, based on research conducted with 3,263 3rd to 12th-graders from around the country. This work paints an encouraging picture about a generation of youth responsible to themselves and to others, and who value diversity, acceptance, and community involvement. It also highlights the important role that adults play in helping girls to actualize their good intentions. Download the Executive Summary and learn more at:

www.girlscouts.org/research/publications/girlleadership/good_intentions.asp

PTA Summer of Learning Toolkit

The PTA Urban Family Engagement Initiative Summer of Learning Toolkit calendar features quick ideas on almost every day of the week. This calendar of summer activities for children can help you keep your students engaged in fun learning activities throughout the summer. You will find activities, developed by National PTA's family engagement experts, for students at all grade levels, no matter what their interests are. Special links take you to downloadable, step-by-step instructions for longer activities. The calendar runs through August with dozens of summer activities for children. To access the calendar, click below or go to

www.PTA.org/summeroflearning

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Grants

Thanks to a partnership with The Allstate Foundation, SAVE is conducting special activities and events focusing on Teen Safe Driving in the 2010-2011 school year for selected high schools in most areas of the country. If you are aware of schools interested in receiving grant funds, please contact the SAVE office.

Graffiti Hurts Grant Program (Deadline: June 30, 2010)

Keep America Beautiful has begun its 2010 Graffiti Hurts Grant Program, which offers three grants of \$2,500 each to help communities step up their local graffiti-prevention activities. This year's program will present one grant to a community with a population under 75,000, one to a community with between 75,000 and 250,000 residents, and one to a community with more than 250,000 residents. The funds must be used for projects that will be initiated in fall 2010 and completed no later than December 31, 2011. Local governments, police departments, youth groups, downtown associations, crime prevention organizations, and other groups dedicated to eradicating graffiti vandalism are encouraged to apply. Proposed projects can address graffiti prevention and education, eradication, or enforcement of local anti-graffiti laws. Programs that include prevention initiatives and engage and educate youth are encouraged to apply.



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Be Big In Your Community! (Deadline: June 30, 2010)

Clifford wants to hear about your BIG ideas. The BE BIG in Your Community Contest will award \$75,000 in community grants* to BIG ideas that best demonstrate Clifford's BIG Ideas which are Share, Be Kind, Help Others, Be a Good Friend, Play Fair, Have Respect, Be Truthful, Believe in Yourself, Work Together and Be

Responsible. Scholastic, HandsOn Network and American Family Insurance will work with the winners to bring their Big Ideas to life! Everyone is invited - parents, kids, teachers or community leaders - to submit their ideas now through June 30, 2010. For contest entry forms and official rules visit www.scholastic.com/cliffordbebig/contest



Safety Scholars Contest (Deadline: July 1, 2010)

Just make a 25 or 55-second video about any issue related to teen driver safety, and upload it to www.safetyscholars.com. The top 10 videos will be posted online, and America votes which ones should be made into public service announcements. The creators of the winning videos receive a \$5,000 college scholarship! To learn more about the contest, and to see the 2009 winning videos, visit www.safetyscholars.com. Safety Scholars is sponsored by Bridgestone.

The United Methodist Church - Youth Violence Prevention Grants (Deadline: 7/1/10)

The United Methodist Church is offering Youth Violence Prevention Grants to address the needs of children and young people between the ages of 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse and relationship abuse. <http://new.qbgm-umc.org/umw/give/grants/brighterfuture/>

U.S. Department of Justice - Secure Our Schools (Deadline: 7/2/10)

The purpose of the Secure Our Schools grants are to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of school safety efforts within communities. Funding under this program may be requested for such things as: placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; security assessments; security training of personnel and students; coordination with local law enforcement; or any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2368>

AMA Foundation Healthy Living Grant Program (Deadline: July 15)

The Healthy Living Grant Program, an initiative of the AMA Foundation, supports grassroots public health projects that encourage healthy lifestyles in communities across the nation. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded in the following three categories: Nutrition/Physical Fitness; Alcohol, Substance Abuse, and Smoking Prevention; and Violence Prevention. Funded projects should target underserved and/or at-risk youth between the ages of 2-21. Organizations that have been in existence for at least one year and that have an annual operating budget of \$500,000 or less are eligible to apply. Application guidelines and forms are available at: www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/public-health/healthy-living-grants.shtml

Fizwoz Campus Challenge (Deadline: Ongoing)

The fizwoz Campus Challenge is offering ten \$500 grants to school organizations that use the FREE fizwoz Assignment Desk to invite photo and video submissions taken at service projects for possible use by the news media. fizwoz.com is the premier online marketplace for iPhone captured media. Utilizing a state-of-the-art auction engine and cutting-edge mobile applications, fizwoz enables the average citizen to reach all levels of media buyers, from multinational media powerhouses to campus newspapers. Just tell fizwoz how your school organization would use \$500 and the FREE fizwoz Assignment Desk to get students and others with iPhones to submit newsworthy pictures and videos of service projects on GYSD or anytime in April 2010. If they like your plan, your organization will get \$500 to take your project and could receive \$5,000 in December for the Best Use of Fizwoz by a student group. Learn more at www.fizwoz.com/college