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Chapter Highlights:

IRA Independent School District, Ira, Texas

The IRA SAVE chapter has several goals for the school year. They would like their students to 1) Develop a healthier self-concept, healthier relationships and personal responsibilities. 2) Understand emotional intelligence and the skills it measures, including self-awareness, self control, self motivation, and social skills. 3) Build skills in public speaking and communication as well as understanding of personal image. 4) Recognize and resist peer pressure. 5) Learn to become better family members and citizens. 6) Appreciate the need for vision in goal-setting, personally and socially. Students are improving in these areas through conducting Teen Safe Driving activities and youth safety activities. Thanks to a grant from the Allstate Foundation, they kicked off the school year with back to school safety tips for kids. The SAVE students handed out coloring books with tips on how to get on the school bus properly, stay away from strangers, and how not to be a bully in class. The students also conducted activities for Teen Safe Driving Week, Red Ribbon Week and the Fall Festival. Each day had a theme and the students had to dress according to the theme in order to participate in an event each day. On Tuesday of that week the junior high and high school students viewed a texting video and discussed safe driving. They hosted a speaker from DPS who spoke to the students about impaired driving and distractions and driving. On Wednesday the students put on a texting and driving skit, students were moved to tears on the dramatic presentation. On Thursday the SAVE Chapter hosted a Red Meal to commemorate Red Ribbon week. They served a spaghetti meal to 200 community members and discussed their SAVE chapter activities.



Southeast Career and Technical Academy, Las Vegas, NV

The SECTA chapter of SAVE holds weekly meetings on Wednesdays after school and on Fridays for thirty minutes before school. SAVE announcements are read over the intercom in the mornings on occasion and we also have the ability to have information slides or pictures displayed as part of the slide presentation on the flat screen as students and visitors enter the building. Southeast has had multiple automobile fatalities so far this year of teenagers that were friends of SAVE members and two police officers killed in automobile crashes while on duty. Thanks to the Allstate Foundation support, we are addressing this critical issue in our chapter. We have spent numerous hours discussing these events, why they happened and how they could have been prevented. The deaths of the teenagers seemed to really bring home the fact that what they see on TV really can happen to them. Members plan to participate in the Prevent Automobile Collisions Everyday (PACE) Campaign and will participate in the orange and purple ribbon campaign for teen safe driving month in May. Other chapter activities included a Campus Beautification Day and members volunteered at Opportunity Village's Magical Forest. The chapter worked with Three Square to fill back packs for needy students and will be participating in the Relay for Life in May. The chapter will be hosting several "Miracle Minutes" to collect donations with which to purchase items to be donated to Child Haven and Safe Nest. The Southeast Chapter is having a very busy year!



Upcoming Events:

National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 22-26, 2010)

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 will involve 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!

<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php>

Rachel's Challenge (June 23-26, 2010)

The first Rachel's Challenge educators' Summit will be held June 23-26 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. The Summit is the result of requests from teachers and administrators after their schools hosted the Rachel's Challenge assembly and training programs. Rachel's Challenge originated from the Columbine High School shootings in 1999. The program's objectives are to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent positive cultural change by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. Research shows that Rachel's Challenge reduces incidences of bullying, violence and school vandalism, as well as, discipline referrals. Educators and community leaders are invited to attend. Visit www.rachelschallengesummit.org for complete program and registration information.

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR: SAVE ANNUAL AWARDS

Every year we ask our SAVE Chapters to nominate a SAVE member, advisor and/or chapter who has made a difference in their school or community. Annual award recipients will be announced on May 17, 2010. Awards are bestowed in the categories of SAVE Chapter, Advisor and Student of the Year and recipients receive a certificate and letter of recognition. Award nominations are due to the National SAVE Office on May 1, 2010. For nomination forms visit:

<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/spotlight.php>

Monthly Focus: Youth Empowerment!

Reach for the Stars! SAVE was started by students in 1989 with the vision that all students would embrace the idea that the power of positive change is in your own hands. Still to this day the overall goals of the program are guided with the assistance of a [Youth Advisory Board](#) (YAB). Youth who are EMPOWERED to make a difference in their schools and communities is a key component to 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 22-26, 2010) be sure to visit www.nationalsave.org or www.nyvpw.org for activity ideas for each day of the week!

Question of the Month:

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

New Store Item: SAVE Honor Cords!

Brand new in the SAVE Store – SAVE Honor Cords! The perfect way to recognize your SAVE graduates, these purple & orange woven honor cords are 60" long with tassels. Item # 153, \$8 each. <http://www.nationalsave.org/order/honorcord.php>





Moser's Moments

Each year as March approaches, I start to feel the end of the school year also being near. There has been a lot of activity going on over the course of the school year and your SAVE Chapter members have worked hard getting the messages about violence prevention out to school and community members. Just as it takes much of preparation to get your chapter started at the beginning of the year, it also takes preparation to bring about the close of your chapter for the end of the school year. One of the things I start to think about is who and how am I going to recognize chapter members for their work in the chapter. I think this is extremely important and is a vital part of your continuing SAVE Chapter activities. The National SAVE organization has many ideas listed on their web site to help you accomplish most different types of recognition. The one I have enjoyed using the most over the years is the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. The award is actually presented by the President of the United States, but through the National Save Organization who acts as a sponsor of the program. There are three levels of the award which is tied to the number of hours that the SAVE member has volunteered. They are Gold for 100 or more hours, Silver for 75 hours, and Bronze for 50 or more hours. Your chapter has to be registered with its yearly chapters dues paid in order for National SAVE to process your request for this award. Please check with the National SAVE organization about the process. Please remember also that you can submit students names for National SAVE Student of the Year, an advisor's name for National SAVE Advisor of the Year, and your entire SAVE Chapter for National SAVE Chapter of the Year. All of these forms of recognition will require you to think about the various accomplishments and contributions that your SAVE Chapter members have made throughout the year. I understand that this requires much thought, so let's get to work and recognize those who deserve the recognition.

~ **Mike Moser, SAVE Advisor of the Year**



YABer YAK: Nigel Cox, Farmville Central High School, NC

The dictionary defines Youth Empowerment as the attitudinal, structural, and cultural process whereby young people gain the ability, authority, and agency to make a change. Youth often feel like they can't make a difference, but we must put in our mind that we can make a positive change in our society. There are many ways to succeed in **Youth Empowerment**, but the most important step would be having the ability mentality to gain all the skills needed, such as the **(1)ability**: which could mean just setting your mind to be **Youth Empowered**, **(2) authority**: which could mean taking a stand as a youth and becoming a leader. For example, you could start with promoting National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 22-26, 2010). SAVE members across the country will be conducting activities throughout the week. Be a positive influence to the youth around you and empower them with knowledge and skills to make a difference. Be sure to inform your local media of your events so they can share how you are making a difference. Remember that it all about **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT** so let's take a stand.

Prevention Resources:

Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents

Partnering Rural Law Enforcement and the Local School Systems is an eight-hour U.S. Department of Homeland Security certified course designed to educate rural law enforcement personnel, as well as school administrators and staff, on the elements that would allow for an effective response to school-based emergencies. The course is offered FREE of charge to qualifying rural jurisdictions. Rural schools, law enforcement, and other emergency responders are often limited in resources, so it is imperative that all potentially affected parties collaborate in planning, preparation, communication, response, and recovery in a school-based incident. For more information on the course, or to register for the course, visit www.ruraltraining.org or call 1-877-855-RDPC (7372).

Cause for Concern: National Study Shows Reverse in Decade-Long Declines in Teen Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol

A new report finds that more kids say they are using alcohol and other drugs, but many parents are unable or unwilling to deal with the issue -- a bad combination when declining support for prevention and cultural apathy about the issue leave parents as the last and sometimes only line of defense against adolescent drug use. http://www.drugfree.org/Portal/DrugIssue/Research/Teen_Study_2009/National_Study

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Grants

Thanks to a partnership with The Allstate Foundation, SAVE is conducting special activities and events in the following areas of the country: Southeast Region, North Central Region, Midwest Region, Southwest Region, West Central Region, New Jersey, Texas and California (San Diego). Special opportunities for high schools in Grand Junction, CO; Wichita, KS; St. Louis, MO; Springfield, MO; Kansas City, MO; Omaha, NE; and Lincoln, NE are also available. If you are aware of schools interested in receiving grant funds in these areas, please contact the SAVE office.

Participate in the Ad Council's Teen Dating Violence Prevention THAT'S NOT COOL 'My Callout Card' Contest (Deadline March 15, 2010)

The Ad Council, Family Violence Prevention Fund, and the Office on Violence Against Women are sponsoring a contest as part of their national Teen Dating Violence Prevention campaign, in partnership with the NFLPA. The goal of the campaign is to prevent teen dating abuse by helping teens acknowledge that controlling behavior online or by cell phone can be forms of abuse. The contest asks students to let us know where they draw their digital line by creating original callout cards. www.thatsnotcool.com/contest

Underserved Teen Victim Initiative (Deadline: March 19, 2010)

The [National Crime Prevention Council](#) and the [National Center for Victims of Crime](#) are seeking applicants for the *Underserved Teen Victims Initiative*. This initiative, supported by a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime of the U.S. Department of Justice, seeks to raise awareness about and provide resources to teen victims in underserved populations. Twenty-five community youth-adult teams will be selected for the 2010-2011 school year. Each team will receive up to \$2,500 to plan and implement a youth-led public awareness campaign. Campaign projects may include public service announcements, poster campaigns, Web sites, workshops, or assemblies. Each site selected to participate in *Underserved Teen Victims Initiative* will send two youth and one adult to a training in August 2010. The National Crime Prevention Council and the National Center for Victims of Crime will provide ongoing training and support to all teams throughout the project. <http://www.ncpc.org/programs/utvi>

Second Annual Keep the Drive High School Journalism Awards (Deadline: March 20, 2010)

Use your journalism skills to make a difference and create awareness about the No. 1 killer of teens. The Allstate Foundation is sponsoring the second annual **Keep the Drive High School Journalism Awards** to encourage teens to educate their peers about the dangers of texting while driving. This year, the Keep the Drive Journalism Awards wants teens to **specifically address the dangers of texting while driving**. All stories and news segments must incorporate this topic and include the Web site www.KeeptheDrive.com. KeeptheDrive.com is a great resource for your peers to learn more about texting while driving, and how to be a great driver. Award entries will be accepted from November 5, 2009, through March 20, 2010. <http://www.keepthedrive.com/HSJ.aspx>



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Federal Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (Deadline: April 15, 2010)

This program provides grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to develop and implement innovative and effective programs to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools.

<http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2010-1/030210b.html>

ING - Unsung Heroes Program Grant (Deadline: April 30, 2010)

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning. The program looks for techniques and methods that are innovative, creative, and that positively influence students. [http://www.ing-](http://www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/CorporateCitizenship/Education/INGUnsungHeroes/index.htm)

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Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes (Deadline: April 30, 2010)

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Their leadership and courage make them true heroes—and inspirations to us all. Each year, the Barron Prize honors twenty-five winners nationwide. Half of the winners have focused on helping their communities and fellow beings; half have focused on protecting the health and sustainability of the environment.

<http://www.barronprize.org/>

Teaching Tolerance Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)

The Teaching Tolerance Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center, offers grants to pre-K-12 educators for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service, and other aspects of tolerance education. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Kinder Morgan Foundation - Youth Program Grants (Deadline: 10th of Every Other Month)

The Kinder Morgan Foundation is aimed at providing youth the opportunity to learn and grow by supporting nonprofit youth programs that focus on education, the arts and the environment. Awards are typically between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and the program must serve a community where Kinder Morgan has operations. All organizations must have 501 (c) (3) status. Please contact the Kinder Morgan Foundation for more information and to apply for this funding:

<http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/>

Disney Parks Hopes to Inspire 1 Million Volunteers Beginning January 1, 2010

Disney Parks has announced a new program that celebrates the spirit of volunteer service with a simple proposition: "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day." Disney hopes to inspire families to volunteer in their communities during 2010 through this first of its kind program. One million people who perform volunteer service for a participating organization will receive a free one-day admission ticket to a Walt Disney World Resort or Disneyland Resort theme park. While the "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" program kicks off Jan. 1, right now guests can learn more about the program and how to get their free one-day admission to a Walt Disney World or Disneyland theme park by visiting www.DisneyParks.com