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National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere Names New Board Members and Holds Annual Meeting *Annual Board Meeting to be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, February 25, 2012*

Raleigh, NC (February 23, 2012) — Carleen Wray, Executive Director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), has announced the addition of five new members to the organization's board of directors. These individuals will commit to and uphold the vision, mission and strategic plan of SAVE.

Jacalyn Barnes, a Washington, DC consultant specializing in project management, business strategy and online outreach, has a background in international politics and human rights. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and international studies from UNC-Chapel Hill, a certificate in cross-cultural communications from the Center for New North Carolinians at UNC-Greensboro, and a master's in international affairs and a graduate certificate on the Americas from the School of International Service at American University.

Alex Brown, Worldwide Pricing & Investment Specialist for IBM in Raleigh, NC, has a unique background in both accounting and information technology. His skill set includes financial analysis techniques, treasury services, fixed asset accounting, and budget preparation and review.

Ida Hancox is passionate about youth violence prevention. Her son Willie Tatmon III was shot and killed in September of 2007 after an argument erupted during a basketball game. Since then she has made it a mission to provide outreach to youth and their parents. She volunteers at local and community events in Oakland, CA and looks forward to continuing to work for justice and change, making the community a safer place.

Anne Marie Jasinowski is a Senior Consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, a top tier management and technology consulting firm based in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area with a focus on providing solutions for the US Government in defense, intelligence, and civil markets. Anne Marie's specialty is in the areas of strategic communications planning, marketing, and branding and organizational identity development.

Jim Sustache lives in Kenosha, WI, and lost his son Nino to violence at age 16 in January of 2005. Jim has been a strong supporter of SAVE and has awarded scholarships to multiple students who have been leaders of the SAVE Chapter in Kenosha. He looks forward to becoming more involved with SAVE at the national level.

"We are thrilled to have these talented individuals join SAVE's board of directors," said Wray. "They bring a combination of business, community, youth engagement skills and strategic vision which will benefit SAVE as it examines its future goals, objectives and direction."

"We are honored to welcome these new board members to our organization. Their diverse backgrounds and perspectives are a testament to how SAVE's mission of reducing youth violence unites leaders from all segments of society. I look forward to working with Jacalyn, Alex, Ida, Anne Marie, and Jim to empower students from across the country with the tools, resources, and support they need to effect positive change in our schools and communities," said Brandon L. Boxler, Chairperson for the SAVE Board of Directors.

SAVE will hold its annual Board of Directors' meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Morrisville, NC.

SAVE is a student-run, student-initiated public nonprofit violence prevention organization with over 2,000 chapters in 48 states and more than 225,000 members in elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and communities nationwide.

About the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere:

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, N.C. in 1989 following the tragic death of a student who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. Students met first to console each other, then as an organization to promote violence prevention and to work together to prevent future incidents from occurring. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities. For more information on SAVE or starting a SAVE chapter, visit www.nationalsave.org, or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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