

# e-SAVE SOURCE

Youth Voices...Grown-Up Choices!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 26-28, 2014: National Conference on Bullying

The National Conference on Bullying hosted by the School Safety Advocacy Council and presented in partnership with Students Against Violence Everywhere, the Florida Association of School Administrators and the Florida Association of School Resource Officers will be held in Orlando, Florida. This national conference is the largest of its kind and brings together educators, law enforcement officials, and community representatives to raise awareness and provide valuable information on the issues surrounding bullying. The conference focuses on evidence-based strategies and solutions as well as national best practices for preventing bullying and building safe, caring schools, and communities. This is a must attend professional development event for any practitioner dealing with youth on any level. <http://www.schoolsafety911.org/event05.html>

### APRIL 7-11, 2014: National Youth Violence Prevention Week

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is proud to be a founding partner of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign. The campaign raises awareness and educates students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. This week long national education initiative will involve activities that demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their school and community safer. SAVE 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 national organizations sponsoring the event, articles on violence prevention, and much, much more! [www.nationalsave.org/NYVPW](http://www.nationalsave.org/NYVPW)



### APRIL 12, 2014: 25th Annual SAVE Summit

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) will be celebrating 25 years of SAVEing Youth at the National Youth Summit! The Summit will showcase successful practices in preventing violence and train participants in effective ways to make their schools and communities safer. This event is a time for youth voices to be heard in workshops, peer-to-peer presentations, and activities that Encourage, Educate, Engage, and Empower youth with violence prevention strategies.



Learn how SAVE chapters are addressing: youth violence, bullying, gangs, dating violence, theft, social media safety, substance abuse, self harm, and teen driving safety. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, national awareness efforts and special presentations. [www.nationalsave.org/summit](http://www.nationalsave.org/summit)

**Early Bird Registration Rate has been extended to 2/28/14!**

## Character Counts

"Character is like a tree and reputation its shadow. The shadow is what we think it is and the tree is the real thing."  
~ Abraham Lincoln

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## Monthly Focus: Character Counts

All is fair in LOVE and SAVE! February, the month of love, is the perfect time to show your good character! What are some positive character traits that you admire in others? During this month, try to demonstrate good character traits. Be a positive role model for those around you so they can learn good traits as well. Choose a person in your life that demonstrates good traits and shadow that person for a day. Use the activity ideas to put the following traits and others in action this month in your school and community.

Good Character Public Service Announcement - Created by the SAVE Youth Advisory Board

For activity ideas and lesson plans focusing on character and other upcoming topics, visit <http://nationalsave.org/who-we-are/chapters/chapter-access/>

## Tell Us Your SAVE Story!

Many blogs, newspapers and other media outlets publish contributed articles from guest writers. This could be a published author, an industry expert or a general community member. As a valued supporter of SAVE, we'd love to work with you to author an article of your own! This is a great way to help further the SAVE mission, share your personal experiences, and build your resume and portfolio.

### Here's what we need:

A 700-1500 word article written in first person about your personal experiences dealing with, witnessing, overcoming or learning from your mistakes surrounding bullying, violence or unsafe driving.

### The process:

Submit all articles to [lindsay@boltpr.com](mailto:lindsay@boltpr.com). You can also contact Lindsay with any questions or help choosing a topic. SAVE requests articles by the end of February 2014; however, we'll also be accepting articles throughout the spring.

You - the students, advisors and alumni - are what make SAVE amazing and we want to hear from you!



## SAVE Chapter Highlight

### Harding University High School (NC)

The Harding University High School SAVE Chapter received a Teen Safe Driving Grant from Allstate Foundation and have had a busy year so far. They hosted an X the Text pledge signing event at their first home football game. During America's Safe Schools week they conducted the following awareness activities:

- Students conducted a hand painting project where students placed their hand prints in orange and purple paint on a banner which signifies Stop the Violence. Banner is displayed in the cafeteria.
- During the homecoming game in October, SAVE members released purple and orange balloons in memory of Travis Davis, a Harding Football player that was shot to death. This is an annual event.
- SAVE members teamed up with the AT&T "It Can Wait" campaign to have students to sign pledges and also placed stickers on all cars in the student/teachers parking lot.
- SAVE members conducted a "Mix It Up" activity in the cafeteria allowing other students to eat lunch with others they normally would not socialize with.

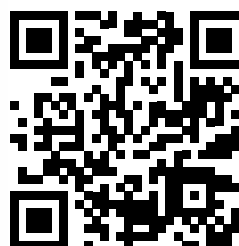
## SAVE Question of the Month

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. They can respond to the question on our website and facebook page:

**February QOM:** *"February is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month. How does your SAVE Chapter raise awareness about abuse in youth relationships and help to prevent Teen Dating Violence?"*

Please blog your responses to:

<https://nationalsave.org/qom-february-2014>



Be Heard - Get Social!

#NATIONALSAVE

SCAN THE CODE TO FOLLOW, INTERACT AND WIN!

## Ami Parker, 2013 SAVE Advisor of the Year: Parker's Points



As a counselor and SAVE advisor, I appreciate the way our club can integrate the mission of SAVE into character education. The emphasis on student initiated programming in our clubs lends itself to helping students to make character driven decisions in school and in life. Our club members are responsible and dependable. They relay the importance of these traits especially as they emphasize safe driving and making the wise decision to avoid texting and driving during our school assemblies and lunchroom activities. SAVE club members can also help to convey the message that students should show their strength of character by taking a stand against bullying. In the cafeteria and in the hallways, they are the students who befriend someone new to the school or a student who just seems lonely. As an educator, I can plan lessons and activities to teach positive character traits.

But it is the actions of my SAVE members modeling these positive behaviors that really makes an impact on school climate and character education.

### Shop at the SAVE Store



Now in the SAVE store, new black short-sleeve **polo shirts**. Shirts are available in sizes Small (S) to 2 Extra Large (XXL) The cost per shirt is \$17.00. Polo shirts are also available in purple and in white.



48% percent of youths ages 12 to 17 reported that it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" for them to obtain marijuana if they wanted some. Around 18 percent reported it would be easy to get cocaine and 10 percent to get heroin.

~ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, 2011



A whimsical, beautifully illustrated story celebrating the lives of children everywhere. Inspired by the Sandy Hook students, this book raises funds for National SAVE, Students Against Violence Everywhere. Introducing Caring Star who will soothe all your boo boos! The story behind the little lamb is that one of the Newtown kids had a favorite stuffed animal lamb. These kids were so caring, like our Caring Star.

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<https://www.facebook.com/TwentyTwinklingStars>

For more information: <http://twentytwinklingstars.org/>



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## SAVE Annual Awards

Each year National SAVE recognizes outstanding SAVE members, advisors and chapters! The winners of this year's awards will be announced at the SAVE Summit. Now is your chance to recognize students who stand out as peacemakers and SAVE advisors who go the extra mile. It is also the time to nominate your own chapter to be nationally recognized for a job well done! Award nominations are being accepted through March 25, 2014. Visit [www.nationalsave.org/awards](http://www.nationalsave.org/awards) to complete the online nomination form.



## SAVE Peace Quilt

SAVE chapters are asked to participate in the creation of a SAVE Peace Quilt! Please decorate orange, purple or white 9" X 12" felt pieces in nonviolent messages. Feel free to decorate with markers, paint, glued on items, etc. At the Summit we will be joining the squares together with purple and orange yarn to form the SAVE Peace Quilt. If you cannot attend the Summit, please mail your chapter's items to the National SAVE office before April 1, 2014.

## Call for Photos/Slide Shows!

SAVE is collecting photos for a slide show that will premier at the SAVE Summit. Send us photos of your chapters in action, or pictures of SAVE members and their favorite peace quote!

Chapters are also welcome to submit their own slide shows or videos! SAVE will select several to play in the general sessions at the summit.

In order to make the show as inclusive as possible, please submit by March 1, 2014 to [eduvall@nationalsave.org](mailto:eduvall@nationalsave.org) or mail them to the National SAVE office. Don't forget to include the following with each: School, Chapter name, and Advisor name.



## Funding/Contest Opportunities:

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

Many schools, organizations 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 high schools and community agencies who are conducting activities this spring in Mississippi. Mini grants are \$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 go to: <http://nationalsave.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Allstate-Grant-App-2013-14-FEB.pdf>



### Global Youth Service Day Grants

Deadline: February 6, 2014

Youth Service America and Disney Friends for Change want to show how small actions can add up to big change! That's why we are offering up to \$1,000 in Disney Friends for Change Grants for youth-led projects taking place on and around Global Youth Service Day, April 11-13, 2014.

### CyberCorps(R): Scholarship for Service (SFS)

Deadline: February 11, 2014

Provides funding to award scholarships to students in cybersecurity. Recipients will work after graduation for a federal, state, local, or tribal government organization in a position related to cybersecurity.

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14510/nsf14510.htm#elig>

