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Chapter Highlight: Jack Britt High School

Jack Britt High School started off the school year with their yearly SAVE membership drive. A video and message was displayed schoolwide in remembrance of 9-11. For America's Safe Schools Week the chapter read messages over the school PA system each day stating facts about school violence and other problems teens encounter today. For National SAVE day all students wore orange to show unity and students signed an anti-violence pledge. For Stand Up to Bullies Week, daily announcements concerning bullying and statistics were made and a lending a hand against bullying banner with student hand prints was displayed in the atrium. For Red Ribbon Week, daily announcements consisted of drugs and alcohol related facts, "booze" goggles were used to demonstrate the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body and a DWI pledge table was set up during lunch with four hundred students signing the pledge. Suicide Awareness announcements were made during Suicide Prevention Week.

During November, a food drive was held with the collection of food for needy families for Thanksgiving. The SAVE Club collected enough food to provide 2 complete Thanksgiving dinners, from turkey to dessert. Food was also collected for seventy-seven other families. For Weapon Safety Month in November, A Weapon Safety event was held by the deputy sheriffs from Cumberland County, explaining the laws about weapons on school grounds and the signs of a distressed student. Reaching out through service in December, a toy drive had taken place collecting toys for the less fortunate. Jack Britt High School has already reached over two thousand students and has several other events planned for the rest of the school year, including Jack Britt High School attending the National SAVE Summit on April 1, 2017 in Raleigh, NC.



Focus On: Diversity

"Love is the only
force capable of
transforming
an enemy into
a friend."
- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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SAVE Shining Star: **Danai Winters**

Danai Winters is a tenth grade student at Clarksdale High School in Mississippi. According to her SAVE Advisor, Kaitlyn Barton, “*Danai is an incredibly passionate and hard working student. She is committed to building a positive school culture at CHS and has worked tirelessly to make that positive school culture a reality.*” Danai has taken the initiative to lead her SAVE chapter at CHS. She has innovative ideas about how to talk to her peers about community violence and has a deep understanding of the need for awareness. She understands that violence is more than a physical act and she has worked very hard to bring awareness about bullying (online, verbal, and physical) to her peers.



Danai led a school wide pledge against bullying back in October. She hand crafted signs for her peers to sign when they took a pledge to stop bullying. She even incorporated the homecoming themes and made each sign specific to each class. Danai personally manned the information table during lunch, talking to her peers about the importance of building each other up, rather than tearing each other down.

Congratulations Danai on being SAVE's Shining Star for the month of January! Do you have a SAVE member that shines above the rest? Would you like them to be recognized for their outstanding efforts? Please complete our brief form and share with us why the student should be recognized as a SAVE Shining Star by the National SAVE office. Students honored will receive a SAVE Shining Star Certificate, be publicly recognized for their efforts in the SAVE eSource, on the SAVE Blog and in social media. <http://nationalsave.org/save-shining-star/>

Opportunities & Information

Stop Hunger Grants. One in five children in America are at risk of hunger. This is a problem that can be solved, and kids are a part of the solution! YSA and Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation are looking for 125 of the best ideas from young people about how they can help end childhood hunger in their communities. \$400 grants are available for youth leaders ages 5-25 across the U.S. to turn their ideas into action and make an impact on the issue of childhood hunger on Global Youth Service Day - April 21-23, 2017 - and beyond. To apply go to YSA.org/SodexoYouth. Deadline is 1/15.

MLK Day of Service: January 16, 2017. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is Monday, January 16, 2017. It is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service - a “day on, not a day off” - and is an opportunity for people from all walks of life to work together to help solve our most pressing problems. You can learn about the day, get planning tools & resources, register your event, and more at www.MLKDay.gov

The Conor Lynch Memorial Scholarship will award two (2) \$1500 scholarships to youth ages 16-21 who have made a positive impact on their communities by encouraging road users to be more attentive, whether they are driving, riding in the car as a passenger, or using the road as a pedestrian or bicyclist. Apply by Feb 23. <http://noys.org/conor-lynch-memorial-scholarship/>

Project Yellow Light is accepting submissions for their 2016/17 video and billboard contests. Open to high school and college students, this scholarship competition is designed to bring about change. Submissions should creatively encourage viewers to never text while driving. Apply by March 1. <http://www.projectyellowlight.com/>

Mrs. D's Motivations: New Year - New Beginnings

by Sarah Dianich, SAVE Advisor of the Year

Happy New Year, SAVE members and enthusiasts! Here's hoping that everyone had a safe and peaceful holiday season. As cliché as it may be, the new year offers us a time to reflect on new beginnings. As much as we tend to focus on these ideas in our personal lives, our SAVE chapters offer an excellent opportunity for a fresh start in January. Just after winter break and right before the halfway point of the school year, the energy and verve of the start of the year may have faded a bit as students and advisors get busy with the many responsibilities of school and life. However, as SAVE chapters, we can make our new year's resolution to refresh and ignite our SAVE chapters through the increasingly necessary focus on diversity - the acceptance of the vast range of people that make up our society, whether it be race, class, ethnicity, religion, interests, ability, disability, gender, sexuality, etc. Diversity is truly the key to all the issues that SAVE addresses - if we can accept and celebrate diversity, we can see bullying and violence fade away.

On Monday, January 16th, we will commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a reminder that fighting against violence and prejudice is never easy, but it must be done. MLK reminds us that "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." As SAVE members, we consistently bring light to our schools and communities, battling constantly to bring light to all of the dark corners of society. We do that when we celebrate diversity, when we stand up to a bully, when we fundraise for charities, when we spread the example of acceptance. All of that light is very hard to put out, my friends.

January offers the opportunity to celebrate diversity through school wide initiatives - homerooms, assemblies, poster drives, social media awareness, and so on. We must push ourselves and others to do the right thing - remind each other that we have the choice to do what is right - to treat people with dignity and kindness. It may not be easy, but it is always worth it. As King said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

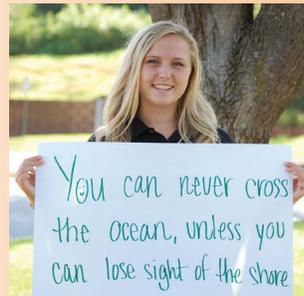
Thank you for bringing the light of acceptance and diversity to the world! Shine on, SAVE members!



YABer Yak: January is a Fresh Start

by Kaleigh Wright, Cuthbertson High School

For many, January is a fresh start to a new year and they celebrate by making new goals. Chapters could take advantage of this by having students come back to school, or the community gathering, with new ideas to grasp the new year's potential. Plus, this month is packed with great and important topics that every chapter can address. January is Human Trafficking Awareness, Mentoring, and National Stalking Awareness Month. Also, the 16th-20th is No Name Calling Week and the 24th is National Compliment Day. From raising awareness to potential predators one may face in stalking to giving people compliments, the month can give many opportunities for a chapter wanting to take this new year by storm.



To raise awareness for human trafficking and stalking, your chapter could gather together with teenagers and parents. Have a speaker, such as a police officer, teacher, or parent, explain to the group the basis of each and how they affect lives everywhere. Include what can be done to look for signs of each and how to contact the police if you see a problem. If the resources are available and your chapter wants to hold a big event for the whole community, you can hold a race/walk to get the message out. The race could have fun booths and even speakers, however you think would best shape to your community and how the message will best get across in your area. With mentoring in a middle, high, or college school, speak to your guidance counselors or principal in allowing your chapter to create their own mentoring students between upperclassmen and underclassmen who could use some help in getting used to the new environment. Encourage your members, especially upperclassmen, to ask new kids or someone they see sitting alone to join them at lunch or help someone struggling in class.

In addition to the national monthly themes, SAVE focuses on diversity this month. No Name Calling Week also falls on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the following week is National Compliment Day. For service projects, your chapter can sponsor a Cultural Awareness Fair to reflect the different cultures around the world. Also, take time to appreciate those who rarely get enough recognition, such as a principal, guidance counselor, or someone else in the community. Also, hang posters with statistics about hate crimes or with words of encouragement around the community/school or have students take a pledge to end hate crimes and harassment.

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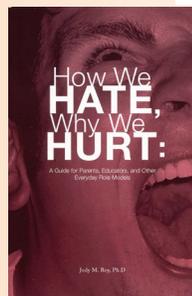
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\$5



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Item #163
\$6



How We Hate, Why We Hurt
Item #134
\$10

SAVE Question of the Month

Please share the Question of the Month with your SAVE members. This a place to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

“How does your SAVE Chapter create a more caring environment and embrace diversity?”

Please blog your responses to:
<http://nationalsave.org/qom-january/>

Upcoming Events

JAN	Focus: Diversity
	Human Trafficking Awareness Month
	Mentoring Month
	National Stalking Awareness Month
11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
16-20	No Name Calling Week
24	National Compliment Day
FEB	Focus: Character Counts
	Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
	Black History Month
3	National Wear Red Day
13-17	Random Acts of Kindness Week
17	SAVE Summit Early Bird Deadline
MAR	Focus: Youth Empowerment
1-3	National Conference on Bullying
10	SAVE Summit Registration Deadline
APR	Focus: School & Community Crime Prevention
1	National SAVE Youth Summit
3-7	National Youth Violence Prevention Week
4	Sexual Assault Day of Action
21	Global Youth Service Day

More info:
nationalsave.org/events

peace
begins
with
a smile

-Mother Teresa-

Youth Summit

April 1, 2017

McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC

Dynamic
Speakers

Stand Strong, Strive, Survive

At the tender age of 9, Kaylin Robeson was viciously attacked by a dog rendering wounds that required facial reconstruction and life support. Kaylin experienced bullying and low self esteem as a result of her injuries. This experience and it's aftermath fueled a passionate and compelling artistry and portal to combat negativity. Learn how Kaylin overcame fear and judgement and how she became an upstander to bullying. Kaylin will share how to be a role model and to love yourself and your own uniqueness.



Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) will be celebrating 28 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. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, national awareness efforts and special presentations.

What Makes You Smile?

SAVE chapter members are asked to create an 8 1/2 X 11 poster with the theme of "What Makes You Smile?" Be sure to include your name, chapter and state on your posters. Posters will be displayed at the Summit. If you cannot attend the Summit, please mail your chapter's poster to the National SAVE office before March 15, 2017.

Want 3 free tickets?

Submit a breakout session proposal. Share your chapter's success and ideas in a 40 minute session. Chapters chosen to present will receive 3 free tickets. Submit your proposal at nationalsave.org/summit

Agenda

- 9:00 Registration, SAVE Store & Activities
- 10:00 Opening Session
- 11:15 Workshop Sessions I
- 12:00 Luncheon Session
- 1:15 Workshop Sessions II
- 2:00 Closing Session
- 3:00 Adjourn

#spreadkindness: Re-Writing Our Stories and Re-Thinking Our Strategies

Join the Ripon College Speakers Bureau for a dynamic presentation about re-thinking our approach to bullying prevention. Through story-telling and story re-telling, the speakers will help you re-write the story of bullying in your school to help #spreadkindness. Along the way, they'll share the story of how they helped one middle school learn to #spreadkindness all year long!

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