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Allstate Foundation Awards \$75,000 Grant to Students Against Violence Everywhere for Teen Safe Driving Campaign

Safe Driving Initiatives to be Steered by 20 SAVE Chapters in Mississippi

Raleigh, North Carolina – Oct. 21, 2014 – With motor vehicle accidents topping the list as the leading cause of death among teenagers in the United States, the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere is proud to announce that it has been presented with a grant from The Allstate Foundation to sponsor a teen safe driving and youth safety campaign led by 20 of its chapters across Mississippi. SAVE, a national nonprofit committed to reducing and preventing violence in our schools and communities, joined forces with The Allstate Foundation in 2005.

As part of the grant, each of the chapters will receive free SAVE affiliation and mini grants for teen safe driving activities, educational materials, ongoing support and technical assistance for SAVE's youth safety efforts, and opportunities to partner with local Allstate agents to further the cause.

SAVE and The Allstate Foundation have already awarded the grant to these 15 chapters:

St. Patrick Catholic High School (Biloxi)	Columbia High School (Columbia)
Biloxi High School (Biloxi)	Gulfport Middle School (Gulfport)
Ocean Springs High School (Ocean Springs)	Gulfport High School (Gulfport)
Provine High School (Jackson)	Hancock County High School (Kiln)
Callaway High School (Jackson)	Hattiesburg High School (Hattiesburg)
Noxubee County High School (Macon)	Hopewell MB Church (Noxubee)
South Pike High School (Magnolia)	Vicksburg High School (Jackson)
Port Gibson High School (Port Gibson)	

SAVE is still accepting applications for the five remaining Mississippi grants. Interested schools and community groups can submit the application at: www.nationalsave.org.

"It's great to see teens recognizing that they have the ability and power to encourage their peers to be safe drivers," said Allstate Agent Steven James, James Insurance Agency. "Programs like SAVE are helping give teens the tools to be better prepared on the road and have the smart driving conversation with their classmates."

With support from Allstate agents, and employee volunteers, SAVE Chapters will be able to provide leadership in their schools and communities to ensure that all students will be encouraged and empowered with healthy life skills while engaging in educational activities and opportunities to promote teen safe driving and youth safety.

In addition to safe driving education, SAVE chapters host activities throughout the school year, including rallies, seat belt checks, impaired driving obstacle courses, safe driving pledge events, and more. To kick off efforts for the 2014-2015 school year many chapters will celebrate Teen Safe Driving Week and America's Safe Schools Week, Oct. 21-25, and National SAVE Day, Oct. 22, with special events and activities. These include hosting a compliment day in which every locker will get a note with a compliment on it and handing out confidence cards with self-esteem boosting statements.

"We cannot thank The Allstate Foundation enough for awarding us this grant," said Carleen Wray, executive director of SAVE. "Our core mission is to keep kids safe – and we've already seen how this program furthers that mission. It's

helping our SAVE students get their message out in ways that weren't previously possible, so we're incredibly grateful for the support and dedication of Allstate."

Since its inception in 1989, SAVE has grown from one school group to more than 2,100 chapters located in seven countries and 48 states. The organization mentors and provides resources, confidence and support to empower student leadership to help prevent school shootings, eliminate bullying and make their schools and communities safer for everyone. For more information on SAVE, please visit www.nationalsave.org.

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 youth safety 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 startup materials and guidance.

About The Allstate Foundation:

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