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### **National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere Names Local Student to 2015-2016 Youth Advisory Board** *Kaleigh Wright, Sophomore at Cuthbertson Hill High School, Named to National Advisory Board*

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Waxhaw, NC. (June 22, 2015) — Carleen Wray, executive director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), has announced that Kaleigh Wright, a sophomore at Cuthbertson High School, has been selected as one of ten high school students from across the country to serve on the 2015-2016 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Members of the board are meeting in Raleigh NC to participate in a National Youth Leadership Institute on July 16-19 2015 where they will be trained as presenters and spokespersons for the national organization. At the institute, YAB members will also plan the 2016 National Youth Summit to be held in Raleigh NC on March 12, 2016.

Kaleigh is very active in her school as she is on the Principal's Advisory Council, a member of the BETA club, and is an officer for Health Occupation Students of America. Outside of school, Kaleigh participated in competitive cheerleading and recently accepted an internship at Carolinas Medical Center Main. Kaleigh has also volunteered with organizations such as the Special Olympics and Relay for Life.

Ms. Wright is always eager to take the lead on projects with her SAVE chapter and hopes to bring this enthusiasm to the SAVE Youth Advisory Board. As a member of the YAB, Kaleigh would like to promote the benefits of non-violence and spread the SAVE club into schools that do not have the program as well as reach younger kids in order to impact them when they are most impressionable.

Members of the YAB will develop their leadership skills through participation in training sessions, discussions of best practices for school violence prevention and the practice of educational activities for sharing with other SAVE students. They will create goals for the year as well as a proactive action plan to combat violence through the implementation of the three essential elements of SAVE: crime prevention, conflict management and service projects.

SAVE is a student-run, student-initiated public nonprofit violence prevention organization with over 2,000 chapters in 48 states and more than 230,000 members in elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and communities nationwide.

**For additional information on the 2015-2016 Youth Advisory Board visit**  
<http://nationalsave.org/youth-advisory-board/>

#### **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](http://www.nationalsave.org), or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.