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National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere Names Local Student to 2015-2016 Youth Advisory Board *Margaret Adams, Senior at Chapel Hill High School, Named to National Advisory Board*

Chapel Hill, NC. (June 22, 2015) — Carleen Wray, executive director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), has announced that Margaret Adams, a senior at Chapel Hill 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.

Ms. Adams is an executive member for the YMCA Leaders Club and has been elected to serve as the 2015-2016 YMCA Leaders Club President. Maggie was also the Captain of her club and school soccer team. These leadership positions have taught Maggie how to manage groups, plan large-scale activities, and how to make person connections with everyone that she meets all of which will help her to succeed on the Youth Advisory Board.

Since SAVE has impacted Maggie in such a positive way, she works hard to recruit new members for the club especially underclassmen. Although Maggie has not been with SAVE for very long, she has put in a lot of time and effort into learning about SAVE and now she is ready to take on a leadership position to initiate change in the organization. Maggie hopes to make the upcoming Youth Advisory Board the best that SAVE has ever seen.

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, or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.