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National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere Names Local Students to 2015-2016 Youth Advisory Board *Sarah Spradlin and Larissa Wilson, Juniors at Ira High School, Named to National Advisory Board*

Ira, TX. (June 22, 2015) — Carleen Wray, executive director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), has announced that Sarah Spradlin and Larissa Wilson, juniors at Ira High School, have been selected as two 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.

Sarah was the leader of her school's first Junior High SAVE group. Sarah has been instrumental in her county's SAVE chapters as she was President of the Ira SAVE and President of the Scurry County SAVE group. Additionally, Sarah served as the Secretary of her SAVE chapter during the 2011-2012 school year. Sarah is confident that through her position on the SAVE Youth Advisory Board, she will be a great role model for SAVE members everywhere and will encourage them to achieve their goals!

Ms. Wilson has been a member of SAVE for four years in which time she has served as the club's Treasurer and Vice President. During the 2014-2015 school year, Larissa also served as the Scurry County SAVE group President. Larissa is hoping to change the lives of others by speaking out to them about their struggles.

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.