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## Allstate Foundation awards \$57,000 to SAVE

*Student-led groups receive aid for anti-violence efforts*

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), a national nonprofit committed to promoting anti-violence initiatives in schools, is receiving a \$57,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation. As part of the grant, 12 elementary, middle and high schools across Mississippi will receive aid for their SAVE chapters to further its mission to encourage and empower students to keep their schools safe from bullying, crime, violence and reckless driving.

As part of the Allstate Foundation grant, which SAVE has been awarded every year since 2005, each of the 12 selected Mississippi chapters will receive free affiliation and mini grant funds, educational materials, training for school and community activities, ongoing support and technical assistance for SAVE's youth safety efforts, and opportunities to partner with local Allstate agents to further the cause. Through these efforts, hundreds of students across the state will be educated and directly engaged in SAVE chapter activities.

"Partnering with SAVE allows us to take an active role in arming students with non-violence and safe driving tools to share with their peers. We're proud to support a student-led organization whose efforts positively impact youth safety nationwide."

The partnership's primary focus is youth empowerment. SAVE chapters at participating schools are led by students for students, which gives members the opportunity to lead the planning and execution of youth safety campaigns for their peers. The students plan activities surrounding conflict management, bullying and violence prevention, diversity, teen safe driving, social media safety, peer mentoring to younger students and more. Chapter initiatives will also promote various national observances and events throughout the year, including America's Safe Schools Week in October, the National SAVE Youth Summit in April, National Youth Violence Prevention Week in April and National Teen Safe Driving Month in May.

"We are so thankful for the partnership with the Allstate

Out of the 12 Mississippi chapters, three local schools were selected. They are Biloxi High School, Ocean Springs High School and St. Patrick Catholic High School. The others include Clarksdale High School, Columbia High School, Hattiesburg High School, Port Gibson Middle School, John W. Provine High School, South Pike High School, Tupelo Middle School, Vicksburg High School, and Stringer Attendance Center.

"It's vital we do our part in providing education and support for America's youth to encourage and empower them to be leaders in making their communities safe," said Allstate Agent Steven James, James Insurance Agency.

Foundation that gives schools resources they need to spread such an important message and implement non-violence and safe driving programs for students," said Carleen Wray, executive director of SAVE. "Our main goal is to make sure students feel safe every day at school. We cannot thank the Allstate Foundation enough for being a huge part of these efforts for years."

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. For more information on SAVE, visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org)