

Allstate Foundation Awards North Carolina Grants to Students Against Violence Everywhere



Youth Empowerment Initiatives to be Led by 20 SAVE Chapters Across the State

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 empower and engage North Carolina youth in safety and violence prevention activities. Twenty elementary, middle and high schools throughout the state and more than 10,000 students will be involved in the year-long initiative. SAVE, which is committed to preventing violence and advocating for student safety in schools and communities across the country, joined forces with The Allstate Foundation in 2005. The foundation aims to help the nonprofit further its mission: to engage, to empower, to encourage and to educate students.

As part of the Allstate Foundation grant, each of the 20 chapters will receive free SAVE 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 will be educated and directly engaged in SAVE chapter activities, while thousands will hear youth safety messages and be involved in activities led by their peers.



The partnership's primary focus in North Carolina is youth empowerment. SAVE student members at participating chapters will take the lead planning and executing youth safety campaigns aimed to inspire their peers to stand up and take action in keeping schools and communities safe. This includes 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 March, National Youth Violence Prevention Week in April and National Teen Safe Driving Month in May.

SAVE and The Allstate Foundation have awarded the grant to 20 North Carolina chapters, two of which are in Wake County: Garner Magnet High School (Raleigh-Durham) and Vernon Malone College and Career Academy (Raleigh-Durham).

"It is important we do our part and offer positive and supportive education for teens on youth safety and crime prevention, as well as offer them the experiences through service projects that provide vital connections to their peers," said Thomas Walters, Allstate agent with Walters Insurance Agency. "Partnering with SAVE to empower youth to take an active role in ensuring their schools and communities are safe will make a long-lasting difference in student's lives. We're thrilled to be able to partner with SAVE and their exceptional student chapters."

"These mini-grants allow SAVE chapters to implement a variety of youth safety campaigns while empowering them with life skills, including project planning and management, communication, leadership and public speaking," said Carleen Wray, executive director of SAVE. "We can't thank The Allstate Foundation enough. We're glad to team up with a foundation that shares the same desires as our organization – to promote meaningful student involvement, education and service opportunities in hopes to decrease the potential for violence."

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.

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