

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

# Allstate Foundation awards Mississippi grants to St. Patrick Catholic High School's Chapter of Students Against Violence Everywhere

National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere is proud to announce that it has been presented with a grant from The Allstate Foundation to support statewide teen safe driving initiatives and sponsor the efforts of 15 SAVE chapters in Mississippi. 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 15 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 teen safe driving messages and be involved in activities led by their peers.

The participating Mississippi chapters' primary focus will be teen safe driving. Recognizing that the leading cause of death in teenagers is car crashes, Mississippi chapters teaming with Allstate hope to change that statistic by providing students the knowledge to make informed, safe and smart decisions on the road. SAVE student members at participating chapters will take the lead planning and executing teen safe driving campaigns aimed to help youth understand the dangers of distracted driving, as well as activities surrounding conflict management, bullying and violence prevention and peer mentoring to younger students. 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



**St. Patrick High Schools annual "Buckle Up: Are you a smartee or a dum dum" event. SAVE members stood at the student parking lot entrance and handed out Smartee candies to everyone wearing a seat belt and Dum Dum lollipops to people not wearing a seat belt to encourage teen safe driving.**

Safe Driving Month in May.

SAVE and The Allstate Foundation have already awarded the grant to 15 Mississippi school chapters:

"With nearly 8,000 people killed in crashes involving drivers ages 16 to 20 each year, encouraging and empowering teens to promote safe driving amongst their peers has never been more important," said Allstate agent Steven James, James Insurance Agency. "We are excited to be teaming up with SAVE to help make an impact in educating students on safe driving and

arm them with tools to be better prepared behind the wheel."

"These mini-grants allow SAVE chapters to implement a variety of campaigns and empower youth with critical life skills including informed decision making, communication, leadership, positive peer pressure 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 increase the safety of our youth."

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](http://www.nationalsave.org).

## FATHER ENDERLE

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"They were so obviously overcome with the sense that they would pray to God through Blessed Francis Seelos," he said.

"To me, it was a very moving experience."

Father Enderle said he would very much like to see Blessed Seelos canonized "for the sake of the people."

"He was never self-promoting," Father Enderle said. "The people are promoting him. It is very impressive to me that this spontaneous enthusiasm for Father Seelos is what followed him wherever he went. He did not seek it, but he was so close to the people. I think he is a great embodiment of what St. Alphonsus wanted us to be as missionaries."

*(Editor's Note: The Redemptorists of the Denver Province contributed the biographical portion of this story).*

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