



The **National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere** is a nonprofit aiming to provide safer environments for our youth. Its mission is to decrease the potential for violence in our schools and communities by promoting meaningful student involvement, education and service opportunities.

**SAVE's Vision:** Schools and communities will be safer and more secure, free of fear and conducive to learning as a result of students being actively involved in meaningful violence prevention efforts.

**How It Got Started:** SAVE was started by students in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1989 after the tragic death of a classmate who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. A group of students who did not want this death to be "just another statistic" took action and created a violence prevention program.

**Chapters:** SAVE has evolved into an international association with chapters in elementary, middle and high schools as well as at colleges and community organizations across the country and worldwide. Today, there are more than 240,000 students involved nationwide.

**Activities:** Student members take the lead in planning chapter activities by using the three SAVE Essential Elements: conducting **crime prevention** activities, conducting **conflict management** activities and providing **meaningful service** through projects in schools and communities. SAVE chapters also plan safety rallies and awareness campaigns, engage in peer mentoring to younger students and conduct fun and educational meetings.

### The Goals of All SAVE Chapters Are To:

## ENGAGE

students in meaningful violence prevention efforts within their school and community

## EMPOWER

youth with knowledge and skills necessary to provide service to their community and school

## ENCOURAGE

positive peer influences within the school and community through violence prevention efforts

## EDUCATE

students on the effects and consequences of violence as well as safe activities for students, parents and the community

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## Meet the Executive Director, Carleen Wray

Wray was drawn to her current position leading SAVE throughout the country because of her desire to ensure that youth are safe in their schools and communities. Her previous work in the juvenile justice field exposed her to the fact that youth today are in need of assistance to ensure that their schools are free of crime and conducive to learning and their communities are safe. Prior to becoming executive director, Wray served as the assistant director of SAVE from 2001 to 2010. Wray has spoken at many conferences across the country and has conducted numerous youth safety implementation workshops. She is viewed as a national expert on youth violence prevention and has been interviewed by numerous local, state, national and international media.

## 2017 National SAVE Events and Observances

### National SAVE Youth Summit

**(April 1)** will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina and join SAVE participants, students, teachers, law enforcement, counselors and parents together in the fight to stop shootings, bullying and other violence in our schools. The Summit will showcase successful practices in preventing violence and train participants in effective ways to make their schools and communities safer through motivating workshops, peer-to-peer presentations and



nationally acclaimed speakers. The theme for this year's Summit comes from Mother Teresa's quote, "Peace begins with a smile," and youth-led sessions will include topics, such as The Anonymous Bully: New Trends in Cyberbullying; Collaboration for a Cause; Bullying and LGBTQ Awareness; and more.

**National Youth Violence Prevention Week (April 3-7)** is a weeklong national initiative to raise awareness and educate youth and adults everywhere on effective ways to prevent and reduce youth violence. SAVE is a founding partner of the week that will include activities that demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making schools safer. SAVE has partnered with the following organizations to sponsor daily activities: American Academy of Pediatrics, Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network, Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere, Teaching Tolerance, Youth Service America, School Safety Advocacy Council, American Psychological Association and NWI P.O.P Foundation.

**Teen Safe Driving Month (May)** will focus on keeping youth safe on the road. SAVE and The Allstate Foundation have partnered to use this month to host teen safe driving activism projects and events.

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## Allstate Youth Empowerment Grants

SAVE received a generous grant from The Allstate Foundation to aid local chapters at schools in North Carolina, Mississippi and South Carolina to further its mission to encourage and empower students to keep their schools safe from bullying, crime, violence and reckless driving during the 2016-2017 school year. As part of the grant, each of the selected chapters will receive free affiliation and mini grant funds, educational materials, training for school and community activities, ongoing support and technical assistance and opportunities to partner with local Allstate agents to further the cause.

SAVE student members at participating chapters will take the lead planning and executing safety and teen safe driving campaigns aimed to empower and engage youth to make their schools and communities safer for everyone. Through these efforts, hundreds of students will be educated and directly engaged in SAVE chapter activities, while thousands will hear safety messages and be involved in activities led by their peers. Participating chapters include:

### Carolinas

Chapel Hill High School  
 Communities in Schools-Performance Learning Center  
 Early College High School  
 East Chapel Hill High School  
 Fairmont High School  
 Garner Magnet High School  
 Highland School of Technology  
 Hunters Creek Elementary School  
 Hunters Creek Middle School  
 Jack Britt High School  
 Laney High School  
 Lumberton High School  
 Optimism Preventative Services, Inc.  
 Parkwood High School  
 Performance Learning Center High School  
 Pinecrest High School  
 Swansboro High School  
 Vernon Malone College and Career Academy  
 West Clayton Elementary School  
 White Oak High School

### Mississippi

Biloxi High School  
 Clarksdale High School  
 Columbia High School  
 Hattiesburg High School  
 Ocean Springs High School  
 Port Gibson Middle School  
 John W. Provine High School  
 South Pike High School  
 St. Patrick Catholic High School  
 Tupelo Middle School  
 Vicksburg High School  
 Stringer Attendance Center

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## 2016-2017 Youth Advisory Board

The National Youth Advisory Board consists of high school SAVE members from across the country. As a student-led organization, Board members contribute more than 300 hours annually planning the year's events, creating brochures and writing lesson plans. And, each of them has their own unique story.



**Kailey Wright**

**Cuthbertson High School; Waxhaw, North Carolina**

*"SAVE has positively impacted my life by opening me up to a whole new world of experiences and people. Prior to high school, I had very few friends, and faced bullies daily, but now I speak against bullying and have a wide range of friends."*



**Taleek Harlee**

**Purnell Swett High School; Pembroke, North Carolina**

*"SAVE has made a positive difference by exposing the youth at Purnell to the dangers of violence and drugs, and providing prevention strategies."*



**Rhiannon Potwin**

**Jack Britt High School; Fayetteville, North Carolina**

*"SAVE has impacted my life by giving me a sense of belonging. Also it gives me courage to stand up for what I believe in and stand up for others. SAVE made me realize that violence, harassment and harm to yourself or others in not going to fix itself. Instead we as students, and humans really, must work to stop it."*



**Macey McKenzie**

**Ocean Springs High School; Ocean Springs, Mississippi**

*"I have been able to grow and develop as a person in speaking up. Before SAVE, I was very shy and unable to speak up. Once learning about how much of an impact bullying can have on people's lives, I have been more able to speak up even if I'm scared. I know it's the right thing to do."*



**Kaitlyn Wade**

**White Oak High School; Jacksonville, NC**

*"Being friends with someone that was truly bullied, sparked me to help others. I joined SAVE, a place where people saw people as equals to end and prevent violence, a place where I felt truly at peace to be who I am."*

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## 2016-2017 Youth Advisory Board Continued



**Marjorie Lam**  
Biloxi High School; Biloxi, Mississippi

*"I have always been committed and passionate about SAVE and feel as though being a part of the National Youth Advisory Board will provide more opportunities and allow me to expand my knowledge; it will allow me to build more character and view things from a broader perspective with the other members from around the country."*



**Devin Phillips**  
E.A. Laney High School; Wilmington, NC

*"I hope to help establish more SAVE chapters in other schools because I think SAVE is a great program that is not only beneficial to the people in the program, but also the people in the school and community. At a time like this where a lot is going on in the world, I think we need SAVE in every school."*



**Jordan German**  
Optimism Preventive Services; Georgetown, South Carolina

*"SAVE impacted my life by showing I can be a help to society and not a burden. I can go against all odds with the values I've learned through SAVE. I can help better myself and my community."*



**Melquan Cromedy**  
Georgetown High School; Georgetown, South Carolina

*"SAVE has really changed my outlook on life. It has allowed me to know that there is more to experience and enjoy besides football."*

For more information on SAVE, details on starting a chapter or to learn how to get involved, visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org)



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