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### **Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Youth Advisory Board Presents at National Conference on Bullying in Orlando, FL**

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**Orlando, FL (February 26, 2013)** - The Youth Advisory Board of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), Inc. will present at the National Conference on Bullying at the Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, FL February 27 – March 1, 2013. Presentations are for middle and high school students who want to learn about the latest ways students are stepping up and speaking out against bullying. Specialty speakers, breakouts and receptions are planned. In addition, all students are awarded the “Ambassador Against Bullying” Certificate of Training from both the School Safety Advocacy Council and SAVE. More information can be found at: <http://nationalsave.org/event/national-conference-on-bullying/>

Members of the 2012-2013 SAVE Youth Advisory Board presenting are:

- Brady Ledbetter - Ira High School, Ira, TX
- Jaclyn Morton, President - Highland School of Technology, Gastonia, NC
- Justin Pearson, Vice President - Mitchell High School, Memphis, TN
- Anna Tsui, Secretary - School: Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, NC
- Alexis VanKoughnett, Public Relations - Cuthbertson High School, Waxhaw, NC

Members of the Youth Advisory Board 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 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. More information of the SAVE Youth Advisory Board can be found at: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YAB12-13.php>

Participants at the Bullying Conference will also learn skills and ideas for activities for their schools to be utilized during National Youth Violence Prevention Week, March 18 – 22, 2013. Each day of National Youth Violence Prevention Week will highlight a specific challenge to prevent youth violence and will be sponsored by a national premier youth-serving organization. The challenges highlighted for 2013 can be found at: <https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-youth-violence-prevention-week/>

**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](http://www.nationalsave.org), or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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