Bucknell University’s Programs & Initiatives to Address Sexual Harassment and Violence (Spring 2014)

As a continuation from the Coalition’s Fall 2013 campus update, the following is a list of programs and initiatives conducted during spring 2014 specifically addressing sexual harassment and violence. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Coalition for Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Education.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- **Speak UP Bucknell Sexual Violence Positive Bystander Follow-Up program** for first-year students. This program was the second of two follow-up sessions to the initial mandatory bystander program. The follow-up sessions reviewed concepts from the previous two presentations and helped students to better recognize potentially sexually violent situations that they might not have previously identified. The peer educators facilitated 15 presentations in January 2014 and reached approximately 290 first year students, which is 31% of the class of 2017.

- **Speak UP Bucknell Fraternity Ally program** was piloted in the spring 2014 semester. This program was a voluntary training offered to fraternity men who were interested in learning more about sexual violence prevention. It was facilitated by two fraternity Speak UP Bucknell peer educators and consisted of seven 90 minute sessions over the course of six weeks. The training provided the fraternity men with a deeper understanding of sexual violence, bystander intervention, and survivor support. The content, examples, and discussions were centered on their role as fraternity men, as it relates to sexual violence prevention. The training provided these fraternity men with the necessary tools to recognize inappropriate language and behavior, in an effort to be more effective positive bystanders, both in the Bucknell community and society as a whole.

- **Speak UP Bucknell Dating Violence and Stalking program**. In addition to educating students about sexual assault, Speak UP Bucknell also created and piloted a dating violence and stalking curriculum that is based on the Integrated Behavioral Model and informed by research. The curriculum focuses on helping students understand and recognize abusive behaviors and power and control strategies in order to practice positive bystander behavior as the prevention method. During the Spring 2014 semester, Speak UP Bucknell presented this curriculum to 10 different student groups across campus, including sororities, fraternities, athletic teams, and student organizations, which reached about 150 students.
• **Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.)** is a 12 hour class offered to Bucknell women by the Department of Public Safety to develop and enhance the options of self-defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked.

• **Self-Defense Awareness Familiarization Exchange (S.A.F.E.)** is a 2-hour educational awareness, crime-victim prevention program offered by the Department of Public Safety that provides teenaged and adult women with information that may reduce their risk of exposure to violence and introduces them to the physical aspects of self-defense.

**CAMPUS-WIDE EVENTS**

• The Department of Athletics brought the “Can I Kiss You” program to campus in February 2014. Mike Domitrz from the Date Safe Project facilitated a 60 minute interactive discussion with our student-athletes focused on discovering realistic tools and skills for making better decisions on consent, intervening to help friends, and supporting survivors. Approximately 600 student-athletes attended this program.

• **Sex Signals** was a 90-minute improv based program co-sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center and Speak UP Bucknell that used humor to talk about rape culture and the systems that allow for sexual assaults to happen. The program was facilitated by one male and one female performer from Catharsis Productions, who are extensively trained in sexual violence prevention.

• Speak UP Bucknell coordinated a [Postcard Project](#) where students could write why they speak up against sexual violence. These postcards were then photographed, edited into a video, and shared with the campus community during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. The postcards were also displayed in various areas around campus.

**TRAINING PROGRAMS**

• **Speak UP Bucknell Peer Educator Training**. In January 2014, the Speak UP peer educators received training to present the January first-year student follow-up program and new Dating Violence and Stalking program. All peer educators also attended weekly meetings throughout the semester.

• **Title IX and VAWA (Clery) Compliance Training** provided by Barbara Martin, Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator, for faculty and staff.

• **Law Enforcement Training** for Bucknell Public Safety and Buffalo Valley Regional Police Departments (March and May 2014). In March 2014 the training was entitled “Boots on the Ground: Increasing Success in Courts and On Calls,” and it addressed the legal landscape, the SANE program, using a survivor-led approach to address sexual assault on college campuses and information about the lethality assessment program implementation in Union County. The May 2014 training was entitled “Alcohol
Facilitated Sexual Assault: Law Enforcement’s Role in Building a Case” and was presented by Viktoria Kristiansson, Attorney Advisor with AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women.

FACULTY INITIATIVES

- **Gender Differences in Romantic Beliefs presentation.** Professor of Sociology, Deb Abowitz, facilitated a program (research based) on different beliefs and attitudes among undergraduates toward romantic relationships. She discussed not just differences but implications of gender differences for "healthy" relationships or relationship conflict.

- **Professor Flack’s Sexual Assault Research Team presentation.** Professor of Psychology, Bill Flack, provided a presentation to students, faculty, and staff regarding his most recent findings from his Sexual Assault Research Team. He also facilitated a conversation with the audience regarding the implications of his research on our campus.

- The Coalition sent out a campus survey to faculty to gather information regarding teaching and research initiatives focused on gender issues and/or sexual misconduct issues. Information was collected regarding courses and research conducted over the past 3 years that covered the following topics: gender stereotypes, objectification, intimate relationships, hook up culture, rape culture, stalking, gender violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and/or sexual violence. This information from over 80 faculty members will be utilized to facilitate campus partnerships with faculty addressing these topics.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE STATISTICS

Bucknell [Crime & Fire Safety Log](#)

Bucknell [2013 Annual Security & Fire Safety Report](#) (pdf)

NEW/UPDATED/RELEVANT PRODUCTS

- [Speak UP Bucknell](#) website
- [Installments](#) bathroom stall newsletters
- [Speak UP Bucknell Facebook](#) page
- [Speak UP Bucknell Twitter](#) account
- [Speak UP Bucknell Instagram](#) account
- Coalition’s [How to Help a Student brochure](#) (pdf)
Online Reporting Form that faculty and staff members are required to complete if information regarding an incident of sexual misconduct or relationship violence involving a student(s) is shared with them. Please note, you must be logged onto myBucknell to access this form.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Bucknell Public Safety is our campus law enforcement. Allegations of Sexual Misconduct and Relationship Violence may also be reported directly to Public Safety.

Title IX Coordinator is responsible for overseeing all reports of Sexual Misconduct and Relationship Violence and identifying and addressing any patterns or systemic problems that arise during review of such reports. Allegations of Sexual Misconduct and Relationship Violence may be reported directly to the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator may issue no-contact orders and can answer questions and provide information concerning the policy, available resources and support services, and external criminal and legal options.

Bucknell Advocates are on-call 24 hours, 7 days a week and provide information to student survivors regarding the medical, academic and legal options or needs a student may have following a sexual assault.

Counseling & Student Development Center provides individual counseling, crisis, psychiatric, outreach and consultation services.

Bucknell Student Health provides medical care, including gynecological care and testing for sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy.

Evangelical Hospital has Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE nurses) who are on call 24-hours a day to conduct sexual assault evidentiary examinations to collect and preserve evidence (within 96 hours of an incident). Treatment is also available for injuries and to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

Transitions is a local crisis center that provides confidential counseling services, advocacy, emergency shelter, and relocation assistance to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other serious offenses.

Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department

Campus-Community Response Team meets to achieve greater coordination and communication among on- and off-campus response services for sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.