

Violence Prevention and Student Success

Student Success Team
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- **Campus violence continues to confront students, faculty, and staff**
 - 13 students killed on campuses this year
 - Up to 25% of women sexually assaulted by end of college years
 - 14% of students (men?) report having been in physical fight in past 12 months
 - 8.5% of students report carrying a weapon in past 30 days

(The Higher Education Center)

■ Resulting in:

- Individual student well being impacted by violence – hence student success impacted
- Disruption to micro-cultures and affinity groups
- Lost productivity in and out of classroom
- Negative perception of institution
- Who doesn't know a student negatively impacted by violence on our campus?

■ **Strategies for Violence Prevention**

- Goal = Foster safe, healthy, and civil campus
- Counter attitudes and beliefs that contribute to violence
- Support healthy group norms
- Promote bystander intervention
- Communicate clear expectations
- Develop and implement clear policies and procedures addressing violent behavior
- Provide range of services

■ RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT UI

- Campus and Flagship DOJ Grants
- WRAC MAC (Men's Antiviolence Council)
- Regent directives to examine policies and procedures re: sexual harassment and sexual misconduct
- Formation of men's faculty and staff group*

■ **Men's faculty and staff group**

- Provide positive and visible role models and mentors for male students
- Speaker's Bureau
- Programming on 'men's issues'
- Support White ribbon campaign
- Support Take Back the Night
- Lunch meetings for networking and resource sharing

■ Program and speaker topics include

- Healthy relationships
- Gender and media, masculinities, video games
- Men's health
- Sociology of gender
- Social justice and ally development with men
- Being a creative bystander
- Greek responsibilities
- Anger management
- Other ????? (This is where you can contribute!)

The White Ribbon Campaign



The White Ribbon is the symbol of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women –November 25.

The White Ribbon Campaign focuses on the positive role men can play in stopping violence against women.

Join us from 12 – 3 in the Iowa Room of the IMU on Tuesday, December 2.

Want to get involved?

Want to host a speaker or discussion?

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