Title IX: It is Not Just Athletics

Title IX is a part of the US Education Amendments of 1972, amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and codified at 20 USC Sections 1681-1688:

Title IX mandates that:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Title IX is gender neutral.
Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence

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History

Why the need for an Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence?

Advocacy vs. Counseling
Why Do Students Contact the Advocacy Center

- Involved in a sexual assault
- Involved in a violent or abusive relationship
- Someone is stalking them
- Also for general sexuality & sexual health concerns
Overview of Services

- Support and Advocacy
- Consultations
- Academic accommodations
- Residential accommodations
- Referrals for healthcare needs and exploration of options
- Assistance throughout a student conduct process
- Assistance through a criminal process
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Respect Consent.

No = No
Maybe = No
Silence = No
I don’t know = No
"Yes" when drunk = No
Only YES = YES

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Entrance is located at the bottom of the exterior staircase closest to the track.
Scope of the Problem

Sexual Assault
- 1 in ___ female college students
- 1 in ___ male college students

Relationship Violence
- 1 in ___ by a current partner
- 1 in ___ by a former partner

Stalking
- 1 in ___ female college students
- 1 in ___ male college students
Silent Epidemic

- Nationally only 5% of campus sexual assaults are reported to police.
- 42% of college students say they told no one.
- The most often cited reason for not reporting is institutional barriers.
Sexual Violence Reporting: Our Responsibilities
Policy Changes as a Result of the Violence against Women Act (VAWA)

- The SUNY system encourages students to report sexual misconduct/sexual violence to allow the University to quickly respond to the allegations and offer immediate support and services to the victim.

- We are still committed to protect the privacy of victims, though there are changes in what responsible employees need to report.
Confidentiality

Only staff in the following offices are able to offer confidential services to victims:

- Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
- University Counseling Center
- University Health Center
- Interfaith Center

Everyone else is a “Responsible Employee”.
What are “Responsible Employees” mandated to report?

- Time, date, location
- Details of the incident as reported to you
- Under new law we are now obligated to put forward the names of the victim and accused if known.
  
  Privacy is still a top priority.

- Refer to the Advocacy Center for services

A report to a “responsible employee” constitutes a report to the University and generally obligates the college to investigate the incident and take appropriate steps to address the situation.
QUESTIONS?

Sexual Assault  Stalking
Relationship Violence Welcoming
ADVOCACY
Support  Project SHAPE: PREVENTION
Sexual Health and Peer Education
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