



Report to the Board of Trustees on Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2020

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Santa Monica College.

SMC has key goals.

1. To provide support for survivors of sexual assault.
2. To raise community awareness about sexual harassment, sexual violence, and abuse.
3. To educate our community how to prevent sexual abuse.

While Sexual violence does not just occur in April during this month at SMC we annually provide a special focus to spotlight the issues. This year, during a moment of society wide stress and dispersal we want everyone in the SMC community to know they are not alone.

During Sexual Assault month through College wide activities and focus we will:

1. Reassure the College community that SMC and its resources are available if they need support. We will be clear that even though everyone in the SMC Community is working and learning remotely, support is available and ongoing. (through SMC or our outside agencies)
2. Provide educational resources to educate our campus community about Sexual Violence.
3. Offer a series of comprehensive online activities throughout April to reinforce Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Resolution

Santa Monica College Board Trustee leadership has always been essential in creating a College wide focus on addressing issues related to sexual violence. This has made SMC a national College leader in this area.

The Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Resolution is presented to the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees on April 7, 2020, for Trustee support.

This year the Resolution especially notes the following:

- The impact of sexual assault on marginalized groups; especially people of color and the LGBTQ+ community
- The impact of learning and working remotely due to COVID 19; particularly women and children who experience violence in the home.

Banner on SMC Main Page

Throughout April the main SMC website will host a website banner: Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Later in the month, a banner will be posted about Denim Day. Denim Day is Wednesday April 29, 2020. On Denim Day everyone is encouraged to wear jeans and denim. Both banners will be linked to the Sexual Violence Response and Prevention website (Title IX). Both banners were made possible through the support of Regina Ip, Paul Trautwein and Ming-Yea Wei.

Banner in the Covid-19 Page

Throughout April a Sexual Violence Resources banner will be located on the Covid-19 site under Student Resources. It will list specific resources and support within SMC and outside agencies focused on sexual violence resources for students. Students who need this support will find it immediately. This banner was made possible with the support of Brenda Benson and Kirsten Elliott, and Paul Trautwein.

Educational Resources

Not Anymore

Not Anymore are five (5) SMC online training modules addressing Sexual Assault and Violence. Through a series of communications, students and all employees will be encouraged to watch the modules.

1. Not Anymore Introduction. Consent/Sexual Assault, Bystander Intervention, Verbal Defense, Alcohol, Dating/Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment, Stalking, What to do.
2. Not Anymore - Alcohol and Other Drugs
3. Title IX Essentials for International Students
4. Not Anymore - Campus Leaders
5. Not Anymore Employee version

Podcasts and YouTube Videos

Selected podcasts and videos will offer the SMC community comprehensive digital information in the following areas:

1. Meditation, yoga and mindfulness to cope with the stress and anxiety of surviving abuse
2. Understanding consent
3. Bystander Intervention
4. LGBTQ+ issues
5. People of color issues

Ongoing April Activities

1. Title IX Open House invitation. A virtual invitation to visit the SMC Sexual Violence Response and Prevention website and learn more about how the Title IX office can support the SMC community that experience of sexual assault, discrimination, harassment, and more
2. Instagram Challenge. 30 days
3. Consent Quiz
4. Yes mean Yes. Coloring Page

April Dates

April 7: Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Resolution
SMC community asked to wear the color teal to support survivors.

April 28: Yoga in Honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month 4:00 pm to 5:00

This remote yoga class is an opportunity to create a safe and nourishing space, particularly for sexual abuse victims, in this uncertain time. Through the support of the Kinesiology department, Leslie Porter who has been an associate professor at SMC since 2005 and has been teaching yoga, meditation, Pilates; and practicing somatic counseling for 20 years; will present the class.

April 29: Denim Day. A day where the whole College community purposely wear jeans or denim. Even remotely!

YTB Collegewide Coffee and Donuts Zoom meeting (late April) to create a safe place to talk and ask questions on sexual abuse.

Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope is a docudrama play written by Pamela a Lassiter Cathey. Based on true stories, the play breaks through the silence around the many casualties of domestic violence, sexual abuse and Title IX violations. Touching accounts shed light and healing on sufferers who become heroes in their own life's stories.

Intended for April the play's run has now been changed to sometime in summer. (potentially) This production is a joint effort with the Theater Arts department and students, SMC Campus Police, and Human Resources/Title IX.

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