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The SAAFE Center

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Welcome New Staff and Advocates!

Important Dates

- 4th: Karrie's Birthday
- 11th: Mother's Day
- 18th: R&R 1-2PM
3-4PM
- 22nd: R&R 7-8PM
- 26th: Memorial Day

On Campus Office

Our on campus office is located in room 355 of the **Psychology Building**. At these times each week an advocate is available to speak with individuals face-to-face.

Monday and Wednesday: 8-9AM

Tuesday: 1-2PM

Thursday 11AM-12PM

There is also an advocate available on Wednesday from 4-5PM at the Women's Center (Hanna Hall Rm. 107).

These hours will continue through the week of May 2nd. There will be no summer hours but the office is always open. Check the newsletter in August, our Facebook, Twitter, or website for our Fall schedule.

An advocate is ALWAYS available 24/7 by contacting the Link, (419) 352-1545.

Dan

Dan is an undergraduate at BGSU studying Asian Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. He is our Prevention Specialist and will be engaging boys and men in the prevention of sexual violence. He started work with us on March 24. Some of his favorite movies are Fantastic Mr. Fox and Blade Runner. His pastimes include video games, and discussing theory and concepts.

Heather

Heather is our Expansion Specialist. She will be expanding our rape crisis services into Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca counties. She is an undergraduate at BGSU majoring in Social Work with a minor in Spanish. She began work with us on April 7. She enjoys watching foreign films and documentaries with her favorite being The Foster Boy. In her free time, she writes Slam Poetry.

Cat

Cat became an advocate on March 25. She is an undergraduate studying Social Work at BGSU. She enjoys singing in her free time. Her favorite movie is Tarzan which reminds her of her childhood.

Jamie

Jamie became an advocate on April 10. She is an undergraduate studying Social Work at BGSU. She enjoys shopping for deals in her free time. Her favorite movies are Ladder 49 and Pitch Perfect.

Olivia

Olivia became an advocate on April 7. She is an undergraduate studying Social Work at BGSU. She enjoyed playing volleyball in high school. Her favorite movies are Harry Potter and Alice in Wonderland.

Our new volunteers have worked very hard to become advocates this semester. They have gone through 40 hours of training, meeting two days a week for two and half hours each meeting. Congratulations ladies, we are excited to see all the great things you will do for SAAFE. We are lucky to have you.

Advocate of the Month: Bethany

It's a pleasure to honor Bethany with Advocate of the Month for April! Bethany has been an advocate since April of 2013 and has become quite adept at running fundraisers for SAAFE. In the fall, she raised over \$130 through a fundraiser at Chipotle; the Women in Comedy fundraiser brought in almost \$210; and during April, she facilitated a successful fundraiser at Qdoba (we are waiting for the final total raised from that one). She also volunteered at the fundraiser at Stones Throw in Dec. and the last weekend in April, she participated in the 5K walk/run to benefit the SAAFE Center. During the year, she was also the Treasurer for the Student Organization of SAAFE Advocates (SOSA), was a part-time Core Leader in the spring semester and helped both semesters with the Orals evaluations with the new trainees. Bethany approaches every day with a positive attitude and is a joy to have around. Congratulations, Bethany!

Upcoming Publications

- “Prevention for boys and men” brochure

Paint the Rock!

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the SAAFE Center and Alpha Phi Omega came together to paint the Spirit Rock at BGSU teal. Teal is the official color of SAAM. Alpha Phi Omega is a co-ed service fraternity on campus. Everyone had a great time and we love having the opportunity to collaborate with organizations at BGSU.

The advocate of the year is...Lauren! She became an advocate in April of 2013. Lauren was named Advocate of the Month in November. She helped staff 2 safe rooms in October and November, and spent 6 hours at the fundraiser in December, helped with two sets of Orals for the fall training class, was a newsletter columnist in February, took on the full-time Core Leader responsibilities for the spring semester training class, and then helped with a checklist and Orals evaluation. And while it was her duty to plan this Banquet as part of her Volunteer Supervisor responsibilities, the hours she put into it went well beyond her work hours. Thank you and congratulations Lauren, we appreciate all you do for SAAFE.

Lauren – I am so honored to be given the Advocate of the Year award. It's been such a pleasure getting to know the advocates better as the Volunteer Supervisor through monthly R&R Gatherings as well as core groups, etc. Thank you for the award, and for all you do for The SAAFE Center!

2nd Place: Ashley

3rd Place: Kimber

4th Place: Bethany

Thank you!

We would like to say thank you to all who came to the Qdoba Fundraiser, the Slut Walk, the AnarchOhio Show, and the Wellness Connection 5K/Dog Walk. We greatly appreciate all the support we receive from members of the community! Total amounts received from the fundraisers will be in our June newsletter.

Lauren is always there and willing to help when you need her. She goes above and beyond what it means to be an advocate. She sets a great example for all of the volunteers and staff, I admire her hard work and dedication. I cannot think of anyone who deserves this award more than her.

-Bethany

Staff Out-and-About

Advocacy Day

On April 1, Lauren, Taneisha, and Gary from the SAAFE Center and Kelly from the HOPE Center in Toledo attended the 2nd Annual Advocacy Day in Columbus. They had the opportunity to speak with different legislators about many pending bills having to do with sexual assault. A press conference was held to discuss the proposal of a bill that would eliminate the statute of limitations on rape which is currently 20 years.

Prevention Workshop

On May 21, Dan and Julie will be attending the Prevention Workshop titled *Partnering with Campuses to Support Survivors and Provide Sexual Violence Prevention Education*, in Mansfield. This will include: ways to partner and connect with campuses, the campus judicial process, laws campuses are required to follow when dealing with incidents of sexual violence, and providing prevention education on campus.

Two Days in May Victim Assistance Conference

On May 12 and 13, Taneisha will be attending the Two Days in May conference in Columbus. This year the theme is *Access to Justice for Victims of Crime*. It will showcase many organizations and service providers that are available to assist victims in Ohio. Thirty-five workshops will be presented over this two-day period. This is an annual conference sponsored by the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

OAESV Statewide Prevention Conference

On June 25 and 26, Lauren and Julie will be attending the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) statewide conference that is offered to prevention specialists, victim service advocates, and allied professionals. This event happens yearly in partnership with the Domestic Violence Network and the Ohio Department of Health. This year the event is titled, *Breaking Through Barriers: Uprooting Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence*.

We are thankful to our granters for allowing us the opportunity to participate in such trainings and conferences.