

# THE RED FLAG CAMPAIGN AS THE "VOICE" OF SHEPHERD

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# NATIONAL SURVEY DATA

- 13% of college women report **FORCED SEX** by a dating partner.
- 12% of college women report **COMPLETED RAPES** and 35% report **ATTEMPTED RAPES**.
- 32% of college students have reported **RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE**.
- 53% of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE victims report abuse by a current or former partner.

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2015

## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- ② | Instagram HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
- CAMPAIGN about awareness, prevention, and response strategies
- VISUALLY REPRESENT red flags as warning signs of dating violence and sexual assault
- Become ACTIVE BYSTANDERS (educated and motivated to intervene)



#Unconditionalsupport

## EMPOWERMENT PLAN

- The voice is an extremely complex instrument.
- Vocal production PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, and SYMBOLIC components of the voice.
- VOCAL PRODUCTION via (1) muscles, (2) air, (3) vocal cords, and
   (4) pathways provide the best sound.
- The voice can infuse sound into our community through SOCIAL ACTION and GRASS ROOTS ADVOCACY.

# A STRONG VOICE

#### **VOCAL PRODUCTION**

#### I. Muscles

- 2. Air
- 3. Vocal Cords
- 4. Pathway

#### **GRASS ROOTS ADVOCACY**

- I. Community
- 2. Knowledge
- 3. Healthy Communication
- 4. Intervention

## I- MUSCLES - COMMUNITY

- Cooperative LEARNING and active INVOLVEMENT
- Reprioritizing concerns and incorporating NEW SOLUTIONS
- Creating a SETTING that welcomes social action movements
- TRAINING active bystanders on campus and in community
- **SYSTEMATIC CHANGE** in policies, perceptions, and practices

# THE POLICY - TITLE IX

# TITLE IX PROTECTS SURVIVORS OF ALL FORMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Rape, Sexual Assault, Dating/Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Harassment

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

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972

# 2 - AIR - KNOWLEDGE

- **EDUCATION** to learn the intended/unintended impact of Title IX policy
- SKILLS to use individual needs to shape social change activities/vision
- VALUES to respect vulnerable populations and uphold justice
- PLANS include historical development, social problems, and power dynamics to combat injustice

#### 3 - VOCAL CORDS - HEALTHY COMMUNICATION

#### Are Your Communication Strategies Healthy?

- RESPECT as a non-negotiable standard because love is not abusive
- MODELING emotionally mature and appropriate language
- NO ABUSE whether physical, sexual, or emotionally controlling
- LISTENING to victims and do not judging their choices
- ACKNOWLEDGING the mental health effects of abuse



# THIS IS NOT TRUE!

- Myth #I The way a person DRESSES (or dances/talks) suggests their desire for sex.
- Myth #2 Most rapes probably could have been prevented if the victim would have been MORE AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS.
- Myth #3 Most reported sexual assaults are false or MADE UP.
- Myth #4 Most survivors of sexual assault REPORT THE CRIME immediately.

# 4 - PATHWAY - INTERVENTION

- Provide SUPPORT for racially diverse, and both heterosexual and homosexual relationships
- Provide legal or local program INFORMATION or find a safe place
- Contact an advocate, publish information, or increase AWARENESS and generate conversation about dating violence
- Identifying data and SHARING true stories about dating/sexual violence

## THE RED FLAG DISPLAY

- October is NATIONAL DOMESTIC
   VIOLENCE AWARENESS month
- RED FLAGS will spread awareness about interpersonal and relationship violence
- **FLAG DISPLAY**: Our goal is to display 800+ red flags on Shaw lawn from October 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>





# VOCAL PRODUCTION AND GRASS ROOTS ADVOCACY AS ACTIVE BYSTANDERS!

#redflagcampaign #takeastand #healthyrelationships