

TITLE IX ON CAMPUS

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE TITLE IX NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE TITLE IX COORDINATOR

As some of our students may be aware, there have been some changes within the Texas Education Code and federal guidance from the Department of Education. To comply with the new requirements in the Texas Education Code, TAMUK has provided an anonymous reporting option on the TAMUK home page and began requiring online training on sexual misconduct for all incoming freshmen and undergraduate transfer students. Furthermore, Texas A&M System Regulation 08.01.01, *Civil Rights Compliance* is currently compliant with the new interim guidance issued by the Department of Education.

Fall 2017 was a great semester. There were many opportunities for faculty, staff and students to learn about resources and the university's sexual misconduct policies. It was exciting meeting students at informational booths at Javelina Health Fest, Oksoberfest, and the Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Month pledge wall.

In October, The Office of Compliance worked with The Women's Shelter of South Texas to hold an informational lunch on off-campus resources available for students experiencing relationship violence. Additionally, the Office of Compliance partnered with the University Police Department to offer female faculty, staff, and students a free self-defense class.

Throughout the semester, multiple trainings were conducted that focused on consent, how to report sexual misconduct, and campus policies. During some of these trainings, the Office of Compliance partnered with PEP Talk representatives to offer Bystander Intervention Training.

As we begin the spring semester, I look forward to continuing these educational opportunities. If you would like to schedule a training for a group or organization please contact the Office of Compliance at 361-593-4758. To keep up to date with scheduled events visit The Office of Compliance calendar: www.tamuk.edu/compliance_calendar.html or follow us on Twitter: @TAMUKIX.

Best wishes for a successful semester,

Tasha Ann Clark
Title IX Coordinator



Greek Life wore purple pins and students signed pledges in October to bring awareness to Dating and Domestic Violence.

EVERFI TRAINING

Texas A&M University-Kingsville has partnered with EverFi to offer online training for students, faculty, and staff. Currently, students are able to take Haven: Understanding Sexual Assault and AlcoholEdu: for College through the Campus Resources tab on JNet. Faculty and staff are able to take Haven for Faculty & Staff.

There has been an increase in student participation from last year. Students increased the completion rate of Haven by over 2000% and AlcoholEdu by over 1000%.

Due to new legislative requirements, TAMUK has also started to require the offered trainings for certain groups of students.

First year students: Students enrolled in UNIV will be required to take Haven and AlcoholEdu for a grade. Additionally, starting next year, first year students must complete Haven with a passing score prior to early registration or have a hold placed on their account.

Undergraduate first-semester transfer students: This semester, undergraduate first-semester transfer students are required to complete Haven with a passing score prior to early registration. Failure to complete Haven will result in a hold on their account preventing them from registering until Haven is complete. In addition, undergraduate first-semester transfer students are encouraged to register and complete AlcoholEdu.

All other students: All other students are encourage to register and complete the AlcoholEdu and Haven trainings.



R.A.D. training participants pose with the UPD trainers and practice dummies.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, there are resources available to you.

If you need to talk to someone but do not want to file a report with the university, please access our resource page: www.tamuk.edu/compliance/title_9/victims.html. You may also make an appointment with a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) at Student Health and Wellness. LPCs are university employees who are not required to disclose sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator.

The Office of Compliance have a variety of interim measures available depending on each unique situation.

File a Criminal Report:

University Police – 361-593-2611
Kingsville Police – 361-592-4311

File a Report of Sexual Misconduct:

Phone: 361-593-4758

Email: titleix@tamuk.edu

Online (anonymous):

<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/19681/index.html>

Visit Student Health and Wellness:

Counseling: 361-593-3991

Forensic Evidence SANE Exam:

Doctors Regional: 361-761-1000
(We can provide transportation.)

SELF DEFENSE TRAINING

The Office of Compliance has partnered with UPD to offer R.A.D. Self-Defense to female students for free. Last semester, seventeen female faculty, staff and students participated in the basic training. A second training will be held on March 24 and April 7 from 1-5:30 at the second floor of Javelina Dining Hall.

Please scan the code at the bottom or visit:

www.goo.gl/MgW4tR to register. To learn more about the R.A.D. Self-Defense class for women, please visit:

<https://youtu.be/Z-GKu2HSDPE>.



TITLE IX NEWS: LEARN MORE ABOUT CURRENT TITLE IX ISSUES

Terminology: Defining Incapacity and Blackouts:

This article, from ATIXA, discusses two issues frequently seen with reports of sexual misconduct on college campuses. What's the difference between incapacity and blackouts? To read more, click this link:

<https://atixa.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ATIXA-This-Week-In-the-Playbook-11.2.17.pdf>

Making a Determination: Stalking vs. Lurking:

This article, from ATIXA, discusses the difference between stalking vs. lurking. To read more, click this link: <https://atixa.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/ATIXATOW-Making-a-Determination-Stalking-vs.-Lurking.pdf>

The Abby Honold Act Would Promote Use of Trauma-Informed Response to Sexual Assaults:

This Article, by S. Daniel Carter, discusses The Abby Honold Act which was introduced as a bill in December.

The bill would require the Department of Justice to create a grant program in order to expand the use of trauma-informed techniques when responding to reports of sexual assault. To read more, click this link:

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-abby-honold-act-would-promote-use-of-trauma-informed_us_5a4fed67e4b0f9b24bf3172a.

She Didn't Say No. But She Didn't Say Yes.:

This Article, by Peggy Orenstein, discusses the importance of communication and obtaining consent from a male perspective. Please note, the article does discuss affirmative consent; however, Texas is not an affirmative consent state. Some of the discussions within the article detail issues relating to obtaining clear words and actions to determine consent for sexual activity. To read more, click this link:

<https://story.californiasunday.com/orenstein-consent>.

VIDEOS ON IX: WATCH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TITLE IX

Title IX Student Video

The Texas A&M University System produced this video to explain sexual misconduct system policies and definitions. To learn more about Title IX, click this link: <https://vimeo.com/105143665>

What is Consent?:

This video, produced by CampusClarity, shows students how to obtain consent using clear words and actions. To watch, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJOKRYbgDh8>

Tea Consent (Clean):

This video, produced by Blue Seat Studios, explains consent using the concept of forcing someone to drink tea. Always pay attention to the words and actions of your partner, and respect their decision. To watch, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGoWLWS4-kU>

Who Are You?:

This video, produced by a campaign in New Zealand, shows the importance of bystander intervention in preventing sexual assaults. To watch, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUj2OHLAg3w>

James Is Dead:

This video, produced by Blue Seat Studios, discusses placing blame of crimes on the people who commit them. To watch, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Op14XhETfBw>

It's Just a Joke:

This video, by Lacigreen, discusses how jokes about sexual assault, body shaming, and other topics normalize abuse. What campus culture do you want to build? Warning: this video contains explicit language. To watch, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukJoVHfEBGs>

TAMUK POLICY AND PROCEDURE STATEMENT

Texas A&M University-Kingsville is committed to ensuring a campus community that is safe for all students and employees. Under Texas A&M System Regulation *08.01.01, Civil Rights Compliance* (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf), all Texas A&M University-Kingsville employees are responsible for reporting alleged or suspected incidents of sex discrimination, harassment, assault, misconduct, or violence. Student employees, including but not limited to resident advisors, are considered university employees for purposes of this regulation. Employees are required to inform the Title IX Coordinator of all relevant information, including names, even if the individual who made the disclosure requests privacy. Requests for privacy will be evaluated, by the Office of Compliance, in the context of the university's responsibility to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment.

You may contact the Office of Compliance in person (Lewis Hall, room 130), by phone (361-593-4758), or through email (titleix@tamuk.edu) if you:

- Have questions about university rules and procedures;
- Want to know what resources are available to victims of sexual assault or sexual violence;
- Need guidance accomodating a pregnant or parenting student;
- Want to know more about Title IX;
- Would like to schedule a training program for your organization;
- Would like to file a complaint.

To file an online complaint, visit: <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/19681/index.html>