

Greek Life

Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Program

The Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Program is a new initiative brought to you by Campus Assault Resources and Education (CARE) and the Greek Life Office. This program is designed to provide comprehensive training regarding sexual violence prevention to a point person in each chapter. The responsibilities of this unique leadership and training opportunity include:

- Attending a Fall quarter retreat to become grounded in the VIP Chair role and become comfortable with the process of preventing and responding to sexual violence on campus
- Attending specialized training regarding sexual violence and relationship abuse among the Greek community
- Membership commitment for all three quarters
- Examining the causes and consequences of sexual assault and intimate partner violence as a significant social problem through monthly seminars
 - *These seminars will be facilitated by the Violence Prevention Coordinator on a variety of engaging topics related to speaking out against sexual violence, Greek values, and proactive approaches to prevention. Seminars will have different formats including guest speakers, lectures, films, and interactive activities.*
- Providing education regarding resources and options to respective chapter members including: commitment to coordinating one CARE workshop to the chapter per quarter and providing brief educational tips at each chapter meeting
- Serving as a central contact in the case that a sexual assault has occurred or a chapter member is involved in an abusive relationship and in need of support. VIP Chairs can refer students to the CARE office to ensure they are aware of the variety of services and resources available to them.

Why become a VIP Chair?

- Opportunities for extensive leadership development and specialized training opportunities
- Develop knowledge and skills valued by top graduate programs
- Obtain practical experience in counseling and educational programming
- Opportunity to serve as a central resource and provide support to sisters and brothers
- Connect and collaborate with VIP Chairs from other sororities and fraternities and develop a strong network based on shared experiences and roles
- Serve as a helpful resource on campus and acquire personal growth and empowerment

How do I become a VIP Chair?

In the first year of the VIP initiative, we would like to pilot the program by only appointing one VIP Chair per chapter. Chapter members can express interest in the position by notifying the chapter president. VIP Chairs should be elected based on internal chapter voting guidelines.

Keep in mind, the VIP Chair is a specialized leadership opportunity and the individual elected should show their commitment to ending sexual violence and have the time to dedicate to the program responsibilities. It is advised that the chapter president has a thorough understanding of the VIP Chair role before explaining the program to chapter members. Additionally, chapter members who are interested in the position should prepare a few talking points as to why they would be a good fit for this position. This will help ensure that chapter members are fully informed and can elect the best person for the role.

Once elected, the chapter president should provide contact information of the newly elected VIP Chair to Zabie Khorakiwala, Violence Prevention Coordinator via e-mail at zkhoraki@uci.edu or via phone at 949/824.3005 by **October 25, 2010**.

Mandatory Retreat

The VIP Retreat is mandatory and will take place all day on Saturday, November 20th. Please keep this requirement in mind during election for this position. VIP Chairs will also be required to attend monthly trainings during Winter and Spring quarter.

Timeline:

Week 2: (October 4, 2010): Violence Prevention Coordinator will discuss VIP Program with all chapter presidents at Greek Presidents Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and Panhellenic and IFC Meetings. Chapter presidents should review the program with chapter members at general meeting.

Week 3 and Week 4: Elections should be held for VIP Chair

Week 5 (October 25, 2010): Chapter presidents should provide Violence Prevention Coordinator, Zabie Khorakiwala with the contact information of the newly elected VIP Chair

Week 6: Initial introductory meeting will be scheduled with VIP Chairs and retreat details will be discussed

Week 7 to Week 10: Violence Prevention Coordinator will discuss training schedule for Winter and Spring quarter with VIP Chairs as well as help students get acquainted with their role

Why is it important to create special programming for the Greek community?

- **Greeks are influential!**
 - 48% of all US presidents have been Greek
 - 42% of US Senators are Greek
 - 30% of US Members of Congress are Greek
 - 40% of all US Supreme Court Justices have been Greek
 - 30% of Fortune 500 Executive are Greek

Source: Northern-American Inter-Fraternity Council, 2008

- **The Facts: Issues in the Greek Community**
 - 50 % of sorority women experience some form of sexual coercion (Copenhaver & Grauerholz, 1991)
 - 78% had this experience while in college
 - 57% of experiences took place in a fraternity house
 - 10.3% of female college rapes occur at a fraternity house (Fisher, 2000)
- **Party themes and slogans make it difficult to change the culture surrounding ending sexual violence.**
 - Real examples:
 - “Our brotherhood is tighter than your little sister”
 - “If you can’t beat us on the field, then beat us off!”
 - “The Hardware Party: Get nailed, hammered and screwed”
 - “Party like Rock stars, Pound like Porn stars, Play like All-Stars”
 - “Our fraternity may be dry, but our women are wet!”
 - “Going down in history and on your sister since 1899”

What exactly does Campus Assault Resources and Education (CARE) do?

CARE provides important resources and information about developing and maintaining healthy relationships, sexual assault, personal safety and gender issues.

- **Consultation:** for issues related to sexual assault, relationship dynamics, and gender issues
- **Individual Counseling** to work through decision-making and feelings, access support, and explore the impact and meaning of experiences
- **Group Counseling** for survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence. This provides survivors with the opportunity to connect with others, gain support, develop trust, and learn new ways to cope with challenges
- **Advocacy services:** providing resources and information, legal or medical accompaniment
- **Referrals** for services on campus and in the community

- **Training and Workshops** focused on identifying healthy relationships, clarifying issues of consent, developing good communication, raising awareness and training effective responses to sexual assault on campus
- **Campus-Wide Programming** including annual events and guest speakers

The VIP program is an amazing opportunity for the Greek community to take an active role in preventing sexual violence on UCI's campus. This new initiative takes prevention to a new level by providing chapters with the resources they need to respond to sexual violence and to be knowledgeable about support and options. Get involved today and do your part to speak out against sexual violence on campus. We each have the ability and the responsibility to uphold our values and keep UCI safe.

Questions?

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