Women's Issues AT MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

Crossing the Line in Lancaster County: Sexual Harassment & Cyber-Bullying

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the nation’s leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls, selected a team of Millersville University faculty including Dr. Tracey West, coordinator of the women’s studies program and professor of history; Dr. Tim Mahony, Dr. Linda McDowell, Dr. Cheryl Domondal, educational foundations; and Dr. Rita Smith Wade-El, psychology, to receive a 2011-2012 Campus Action Project (CAP) Crossing the Line: Addressing Sexual Harassment in Grades 7-8 grant. Millersville University received $5,000 out of the $28,000 in grant funding AAUW awarded between the seven selected institutions.

Over the past several months, the Millersville University Campus Action Project was collaboratively on the project funded primarily by AAUW (CAP) grant. The goals of the project have been: 1) to raise awareness of the issues of sexual harassment and cyber-bullying in grades 7 and 8; and, 2) to provide evidence-based solutions for addressing and preventing sexual harassment and cyber-bullying in schools.

A community/student event was held at Millersville University on April 30. The event, titled Ending Sexual Harassment & Cyber-Bullying, was open to staff, parents, and 7th and 8th graders from the School District of Millersville. It was open to staff, parents, and 7th and 8th graders from the School District of Millersville and Lancaster. The event included presentations and activities by experts on the issues of sexual harassment and cyber-bullying, ideas organized by Fulton Youth Theatre Director Barry Kohnhauer, followed by an hour-long discussion with Courtney Macarotta, co-founder and president of The Respect Institute.

The three students involved in the campus action project, Mary Ulloa, Emily Reiter and Carol Reina, will be reporting on the turnout of the project at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders from May 31–June 2, at the University of Maryland.

- Mary Ulloa
  Graduate Assistant
  for the Women’s Commission

To contribute to the Women’s Giving Circle of Millersville University, please use the attached pledge card. Every donation helps and assists current and future students of Millersville University.

Fast Facts

- Women comprise 46% of the total U.S. labor force.
- Women business owners employ 35% more people than all the Fortune 500 companies combined.
- The top field of study for women is business followed closely by the medical and educational fields.
- 14% of the U.S. military is composed of women; 17 women (83 men) serve in the Senate; and 76 women (362 men) are in Congress.

GIVING A LITTLE HELPS A LOT: 2nd Annual WGC Scholarship Awarded

Name: Ashley Draper
Hometown: Coatesville, Pa.
Major: Economics and Business Administration/Minor: Spanish
Goals: To pursue an MBA and eventually a PhD to work as a non-governmental organization staff, and eventually empower women.

Ashley is in her class, she can often be found in the Financial Aid office on campus or with her family and friends. She also enjoys participating in school and community activities such as intramural and recreational volleyball, Infinity College events, and worship at church.

Millersville was the right choice for Ashley’s education because of the high quality at an affordable cost. From the moment she stepped onto campus she felt at home and finds everyone to be friendly and the campus to be uniquely beautiful.

The scholarship will help Ashley pay for books and supplies and has also inspired her to work hard in order to pay forward for others.

Congratulations and thanks to all of you who helped make this year’s Power of the Purse event a great success! The April 15th event was again held at The Ware Center Millersville University Lancaster, which provided the perfect backdrop for beautiful purses, clothes, jewelry and bags donated by local businesses. Almost 83 attendees were treated to wines and hors d’oeuvres during the social networking hour which preceded the auction. In addition, many guests brought gently used purses to donate to Lumina, a local organization that provides business attire to area women for job interviews.

The keynote speaker this year was Pati Frey, an entrepreneur who sells handcrafted bags from Zambia, through her organization Recyclobagz. 100% of the profits go back to the women who created these bags to help care for their families. Pati discussed her thoughts about philanthropy and the positive impact we as individuals can have on our communities.

The 3rd Annual Power of the Purse will be held in April of 2013. More details will follow. If you would like to donate a purse or help plan the event, please contact the Development Office at Millersville University, 717-872-3820.
GIVE BACK: Be a Mentor

by Andrea L. Heberlein, Co-chair for the Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program

The selection for 2012-2013 for The Influencing Machine by Brookie Gladstone. The goal of the One Book program is to stimulate discussion and critical thinking around a common books theme, enhancing a sense of community among students, faculty and staff as we engage with each other’s diverse perspectives. The Influencing Machine does just this. The book explores the role that media play in our culture and challenges us to question our trust in “objectivity.”

Currently, One Book is looking for facilitators in local discussion groups comprised of about 10 incoming students. Facilitators receive a copy of The Influencing Machine and a guide with discussion questions to assist in planning a session. There are also optional training sessions in last July and early August.

If you are interested in being a facilitator for One Book, One Campus, please contact Caleb Corkery at 717-872-3655 or caleb.corkery@millersville.edu.