



THE PHOENIX FLYER

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WE ARE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US...

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN, "NO MEANS NO"

On April 5, 2011 Vice President Biden and the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, spoke of the high rates of violence & sexual assaults committed against women on campuses all across the country. Their speech was connected to the release of the long awaited clarification and direction on Title IX. The "Dear Colleagues" letter from the Office of Civil Rights provides campuses a solid foundation for the expectations on how colleges and universities respond to sexual violence. VP Biden had some strong words on the subject... **"Rape is rape is rape, and the sooner universities make that clear, the sooner we'll begin to make progress on campuses,"** Vice President Biden also said "It's quite simple, No means no."



Vice President Biden has long been a voice against Domestic Violence and authorized the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) while in the Senate.

While there are no new laws being introduced, The Department of Education will now provide schools and universities more direction about their responsibilities under Title IX.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law created to prevent sex discrimination in education, of which sexual assault and sexual harassment are a part. It is intended to create a climate where sex discrimination is not tolerated in educational settings. Title IX's prohibition on sexual harassment includes sexual violence, such as rape, assault, and coercion, the Department of Education and Office of Civil Rights states. Each school on the Auraria campus is using the guidelines to review and revise their current policies to ensure they are clear and understandable for students. If you would like to read the "Dear Colleagues" letter, visit <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201104.html>

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB OR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

The Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP) is accepting applications and resumes for a Director of Client Services and a Director of Prevention and Education. For more information about both positions and how to apply visit RAAP at www.raap.org.

RAAP is also accepting applications for Helpline Advocates with training to begin soon. For more information and to register, email Jen Fayollat... jfayollat@raap.org

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Title IX and the "Dear Colleagues" letter

RAAP Job Openings: Both Volunteer and Paid.

Updates

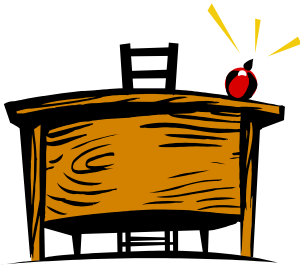
Don't cancel that class

Local Events

"Courage does not always ROAR!" Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day that says, "I will try again tomorrow."

(Mary Ann Radmacher)

We know how hectic a professor's schedule can be...



The Phoenix Center at Auraria can help.....

As you plan for your fall classes keep the Violence Prevention Education Team in mind. We know you have papers to grade, tests to prepare, lessons to plan or maybe you have an appointment and are headed out of town?

Call the VPE team from the PCA to present in one of your classes. Our stu-

dent violence prevention educators can run 75 minute interactive workshops on interpersonal violence in your absence or can provide a great addition to any curriculum. The student educators are well trained and have lots of experience.

Ideally we would like 2 weeks notice, but can sometimes accommo-

date last minute requests.

Call Lisa Ingarfield at 303-556-6011

Local Events:

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain."

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FREE..National Conference on Stalking On Campus, August 2-3, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This conference is open to anyone working on a college or university campus, or those with campuses in their community, including law enforcement, advocates, and other ser-

vice providers. Topics will include:

- The Use of Technology to Stalk on Campus
- Adjudicating Stalking on Campus
- Stalking Awareness and Prevention Education
- Stalking Threat

Assessment

- Evaluating Your Campus Stalking Policy
- Clery Act and Campus SaVE Act.

To register for the event go to.....<http://surveymonkey.com/s/6S2BJL2>



SAVE THE DATES!

RAAP:

is offering a Self-Protection and Empowerment class for Women (SET) on Saturday July 30th from 9am to 4pm at Littleton Christian Church in Littleton. To register email Kim Flory at kflory@raap.org or download a registration form at www.raap.org

GRANT UPDATE:

The PCA will not hear a decision on the grant re-application until October. The PCA appreciates everyone's support and good wishes and will let everyone know as soon as a decision has been made.