

The College of Saint Rose Campus Climate Survey 2018

Introduction

The 2018 Interpersonal Violence Survey was conducted at The College of Saint Rose, in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness, from March 2018 until May 2018. The purpose of the survey was to better understand student experiences and attitudes in relation to sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. The New York State Education Law Article 129-B that was passed on July 7, 2015 (effective October 5, 2015) requires all colleges and universities to adopt policies and procedures to address the awareness and prevention of sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and to remedy the impact. This law also requires schools participate in the anonymous campus climate survey

(*10% response rate*). Students that responded identified as female (77%), male (20%), transman (2%), transwoman (0%), and gender non-specified (1%). Respondents were between 18-22 (70%), 23-26 (14%), 27-30 (9%), and 30+ (6%). Respondents described themselves as White-Not Hispanic (72%), Hispanic/Latino (12%), Black-Not Hispanic (10%), two or more races (5%), Asian or Pacific Islander (4%), Otherwise Specified (3%), or American Indian or Alaskan Native (1%). Response rate for undergraduates was 73%, graduates 27%. During the 2017-18 academic year respondents reported living off-campus apartment/house (33%), residence hall (31%), at home with parents or other family (26%), on-campus apartment (8%), or otherwise specified (1%).

Witnessed Behaviors

Students responded to the following question, "While attending college, have you ever witnessed any of

the following behaviors among students:"

A person convinced another to engage in sexual activity while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (No, 68%; Yes, 32%);

A person forced another person to engage in sexual activity when the decision was not consensual (No, 85%; Yes, 15%);

A person was promised things in exchange for sexual favors (e.g., status, admittance to a group, drugs, grade) by another (No, 85%; Yes, 15%);

A person exposed body parts to others (i.e. flashing) (No, 65%; Yes, 35%);

A person stalked another (No, 71%; Yes, 30%);

A person injured another (No, 74%; Yes, 26%).

Students witnessed incidents occurring at a bar or party (41%), an off-campus apartment (28%), a residence hall (24%), campus neighborhood (15%), or elsewhere on campus (2%). Students responded to the following question, "Have any of the following happened to <u>someone you</u> <u>know</u>?:" Received persistent unwanted contact via phone calls, text, or email (48%), Harassed on campus (32%), Repeatedly followed (15%), and Received unwanted gifts (5%). When asked "Do you <u>know</u> <u>someone or have you heard about someone</u> who was forced to engage in sexual activity when they did not want to?," students responded: No (49%), Yes (38%), and Unsure (13%). For those students that reported knowing someone who was forced to engage in sexual activity when they did not want to, they encouraged them to seek help (61%), did nothing (25%), told a mutual friend (24%), sought help off campus (9%), did something other than options listed (9%), sought help on campus (8%), told faculty (6%), told a Resident Assistant (6%), told campus security (5%), and told the%).

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Student Awareness and Perception of College Resources

Students responded to the following question, "Do you feel safe on campus?" Responses were Yes (93%) and No (7%). Students were aware of the following on-campus resources: campus safety and security (95%), counseling center (88%), campus blue light system (83%), health services (78%), residence life (74%), campus ministry (51%), and 2% were not aware of on-campus resources. Students were aware of the following off-campus resources: the Albany Police Department (90%), the emergency room (82%), Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center (36%), Equinox Relationship Violence Services (30%), The Legal Project (10%), None (5%), and other (2%).

Students suggested some areas for improvement for the College, including: training security officers, increasing awareness of resources, and prevention education training on a variety of topics.

Overall, 76% of students felt that the College was doing enough to ensure the safety of its students, such as: awareness and training education efforts, 24-hour availability of campus security, availability of counseling center and spiritual life staff, campus building access, lighting, and cameras.

We Heard You

Students responded to the following question, "In the event that you are physically or sexually violated, do you think you would be likely to utilize an anonymous online reporting system if one was offered on campus?;" responses were "Yes" (83%) and "No" (17%). As a result of this feedback, the College added an anonymous reporting online form (found here: https://onlineforms.strose.edu/anonymous-reporting online form (found here: https://onlineforms.strose.edu/anonymous-reporting online form (found here: https://onlineforms.strose.edu/anonymous-report/submit), an anonymous tip line (518-454-5275) and email (anonymous@strose.edu) for those who wish to report sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.

Over the summer (2018), in direct response to student'