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It is with great enthusiasm that we present to you our 2016-2017 Weber State University Women’s Center annual report. Our staff and student team did a tremendous job engaging and impacting the lives of students, faculty, staff, and community members both on campus and throughout Utah this year, reaching almost 17,000 folks!

This year we particularly focused on developing programs and community organizing opportunities that brought research and academics together with tangible action to have a stronger impact within our community on campus and throughout our state. Additionally, we increased the number of programs being live streamed on our Facebook page to increase accessibility for our commuter students and community supporters.

One project highlight this year was our Utah Department of Health grant award of nearly $50,000 used to develop a Safe@Weber LGBTQ+ Consent Workshop. With these funds we were able to hire 5 LGBTQ+ students to help spearhead and develop a curriculum utilizing Participatory Action Research methods. Over the year we were able to reach and get feedback from over 1,000 LGBTQ+ Utahns! We are excited to announce that we are receiving an additional $37,000 to bring this training to various locations across Utah and evaluate its effectiveness as well as to develop a short video discussing victim blaming as it relates to the LGBTQ+
community - the first culturally specific video of its kind. We are thrilled to soon be able to share this curriculum with our partners serving LGBTQ+ folks throughout Utah, and help increase safer consensual experiences for LGBTQ+ Utahns.

This year we were also incredibly excited and grateful to Dan Holmes and Robert Breen Jr. who endowed our Jane Breen Holmes scholarship, in memory of Jane’s lifelong commitment to education for women. Since the scholarship's inception over $100,000 has been awarded to help 24 individual students pursue their academic goals! The endowment now ensures that future students will continue to receive financial support so they can complete their degrees.

We have so much to be grateful for this past year, and in addition to the aforementioned things this year the Women’s Center was also recognized by the Ogden City Council who designated April Sexual Assault Awareness Month and awarded Program Partner of the year for our Safe@Weber Violence Prevention and Advocacy Program by the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA).

Looking forward to next year we have several things we are excited and grateful for, primary among them funding from WSU to separate our Safe@Weber Survivor Advocate and Program Specialists position into two full time FTEs. This will enable us to be able to grow our Social Justice, Action, and Resource program and ensure we are able to meet the needs of victims and survivors on our campus. We are also incredibly excited to also have been honored by the Utah Department of Health, who has been so impressed with Safe@Weber that they have asked us to go represent the state of Utah and help to develop a campus violence prevention plan with the CDC, that we’ll be able to pilot and then distribute to all other Utah campuses the following year.

We are incredibly grateful for the support we have seen from our campus and off-campus partners and want to say a special thank you to everyone who has supported and collaborated with us this last year. Thanks to you all!

All the best,
Stephanie
Generation F* held two workshops this year, both led by a student staff member. The first workshop: Feminism 101, invited students, faculty and community members to participate in a discussion about common misconceptions surrounding feminism. The second workshop, "Funding your own social justice movement", informed attendees about the basics of starting and funding a social justice movement. These workshops were instrumental in generating interest in support for the Women’s Center and helped provide space for discussions that helped us as a Center grow and develop.
To start off Domestic Violence Awareness month we did a screening of The Hunting Ground, a documentary that tells the story of survivors of sexual assault on college campuses and how their activism helped change collegiate culture around sexual violence. This film was the perfect introduction for our campus guests, Anne Clarke and Andrea Pino who were featured in the documentary.
We were so excited to have Annie Clarke and Andrea Pino come speak on our campus! They provided information in two different session about the importance of knowing your legal rights as a student if you are sexually assaulted. They co-founded End Rape on Campus with other survivors, and have done so much work to help survivors nationwide and helped teach students how to enact local, state-wide and national changes relating to their Title IX, Title II and Title XI rights.
We hosted our second annual LUNAFEST fundraising event this year. We were able to show short films that covered a wide variety of topics ranging from the Syrian refugee crises to healthy relationships. We were able to raise $1,195.45 with 15% of it going to the Breast Cancer Fund and the rest going to the Safe@Weber survivor fund, which provides emergency funding to survivors of sexual harassment/assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking.
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Private Violence

March 21, 2016

We screened the documentary Private Violence, a film that follows one survivor's journey through the legal system. This documentary helped educate students, faculty and community members about what survivors of domestic violence experience when coming forward with their experiences.

The Subject: A Reading

March 31, 2016

We partnered with the theater department to put on a play reading of The Subject. The play examined current issues surrounding sexual assault inspired by a controversial episode of history. There was also a skype session with the playwright Carolyn Kras to discuss the play and her inspirations for it after the reading.
Weber State’s 2017 Safe@Weber Take Back the Night (TBTN) had a total of 191 attendees between the march and survivor speak-out/vigil. Take Back the Night is an international program that has been around since the 1960’s, which empowers and supports survivors. Women’s Center professional and student staff led a pre-march rally, highlighting Representative Angela Romero and Representative Brian King for their commitment to survivor-centered legislation. Students led the march through downtown Ogden on 25th street, and afterwards participants attended a vigil and survivor speak-out.
Women’s Center Programs

Take Back the Night

191 people were in attendance!

Representative Romero (pictured above), works tirelessly to advocate for the rights of survivors in the state of Utah. This year she lead the effort to pass a law that mandated that all rape kits get processed and tested, and worked to ensure confidentiality for designated college campus advocates.

TBTN this year featured a speak out, which created a space for survivors and supporters of survivors to talk about their experiences.
Yearly Accomplishments

March 23, 2017

The Ogden City Council recognized the work of our Safe@Weber Violence Prevention and Advocacy Program along with our community partner Your Community Connection (YCC) and proclaimed April Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

April 28, 2017

The Women’s Center was recognized by the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA), as the program partner of the year! We could not to the work that we do without our community partners, and being recognized alongside of some of them truly was an honor.
As a part of Safe@Weber’s Advocacy Program, the Women’s Center was awarded a Utah Department of Health grant to develop an LGBTQ-specific consent curriculum, using data from a focus group-style research project (Photovoice), and a statewide survey. 785 individuals participated in the survey, and 13 individuals participated in Photovoice. The survey contained questions designed to assess social norms, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors about consent and bystander intervention. The photovoice was designed to gather rich qualitative data concerning beliefs about consent and barriers to it. This data was integrated into the consent curriculum, that will be used to educate the 18-25 year old LGBTQ+ community throughout the state of Utah.
Safe@Weber LGTBQ Grant

June 1, 2017

$49,810 was awarded by the Utah Department of Health

The grant team hosted a focus group to present their curriculum to members of the LGBTQ community. The focus group allowed students and community members to provide feedback to help improve the curriculum.
This year AAUW celebrated sexual assault awareness month by placing red flags around campus as visual representations of sexual assault survivors and victims in the state of Utah. Each flag represents 100 survivors and victims and 800 flags were put up. AAUW also helped conduct research on HB 251, which worked toward making college campus advocates confidential. Thanks to the work of UCASA, AAUW and Representative Angela Romero the bill passed the house and the senate and was signed into law.

President: Mercedes Ziegler
Vice President: Salma Melero
Secretary: Kinsee Gaither
Students for Choice had an exciting year! Members tabled at various events on campus to help educate their fellow students about the importance of Planned Parenthood. They provided important information about reproductive health and contraceptives. Utah’s Planned Parenthood also experienced a major victory when a federal judge signed an order forbidding the state from defunding Planned Parenthood.

President: Lara Vo
Vice President:
2016-2017 statistics

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON FACEBOOK: 5631 PEOPLE

2016-2017 Haven lifetime visits: 4420 people

FALL 2017 BLOCK PARTY: 524 PEOPLE

402 Facebook friends

Lunafest 2017: 90 people

THE 2016 HUNTING GROUND SCREENING: 95 PEOPLE

LGBTQ+ PHOTOVOICE PROJECT SURVEY: 785 PEOPLE

Take Back the Night: 454 people

OPEN HOUSE FALL 2017: 44 PEOPLE
Meet the staff

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