DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:
Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life (Violence Against Women on College Campuses).

YOU Are Not Alone!
“Never let the hand you hold, hold you down!” Author unknown.
Causes for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in College Campuses:
- Jealousy is one of the major triggers of domestic violence.
- From a complex set of factors (sociological, psychological, biological, and cultural)
- Domestic violence is acceptable among many countries.
- Thoughts that violence stem from love.
- Anger and confusion

Preventing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on Campus:
- Always keep your doors locked
- If your partner approaches your dorm with a violent attitude have somebody on the phone so they can hear if you need help.
- Open your windows so you can call for help if you need assistance.
- Contact your Director of Counseling Services for advice.
- Avoid walking alone late at night.
- If he hurt you the first time, chances are that he will do it again, prevent this behavior pattern from reoccurring by stopping it before it is too late.
- Get to know the person you are dating before letting them into your dorm.
- Do not deny to yourself that you are being abused and seek help before it is too late.
- Always look around you for emergency exits.
- Do not underestimate your aggressor!
- Be aware that alcohol causes certain behaviors so be cautious!

Dear Ladies,

College life should be one of the most exiting times in your lives. It is when you meet your life-long friends and the possible love of your life. However, it is also the time when you encounter different environments. Your boyfriend wants to have sex with you but you do not want to. What to do? Or what if your boyfriend says he loves you but physically abuses you when he is drunk or you think you have been raped but the college says there is no evidence, what should you do?

In cases like these, it is very crucial for you to be informed of your rights and of the truth of domestic violence and sexual assault on college campuses. In this brochure, you will find some information regarding what is domestic violence and sexual assault, how to control it, and where to seek for help if you need it. Do not let your college experience be negative by a bad relationship or attitudes that can be prevented. Now, is the time to take care of ourselves and our bodies and spreading the word to stop domestic violence and sexual assault!

20-25% of college women will be victims of sexual assault at some point during their college years” (Safercampus.org)

