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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Southwestern Pennsylvania University Presidents Unite Against Campus Sexual Assault

- Leaders to report on renewed regional efforts to keep students safe -

WHAT:

On Monday, Sept. 11, college and university presidents, the district attorney's office, elected officials, violence prevention advocates, student activists and community partners will report on the region's efforts to prevent campus sexual violence. Leaders will also encourage students to report and seek assistance through available resources.

One in five female undergraduates and one in 14 male undergraduates have reported experiencing sexual assault while in college, according to the [Department of Justice](#).

A [series of 14 videos](#) featuring presidents from the following 13 colleges and universities in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties will also be premiered:

- Carlow University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chatham University
- Community College of Allegheny County
- Duquesne University
- La Roche College
- Point Park University
- Robert Morris University
- Saint Vincent College
- Seton Hill University
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
- Westmoreland County Community College

The program will be hosted by Southwest PA Says NO MORE.

WHEN:

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

WHERE:

University Club at the University of Pittsburgh
123 University Place, 3rd Floor - Conference Room A
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260

AGENDA:

- 3:00 p.m. **Welcome**
Kristy Trautmann, executive director, FISA Foundation
- 3:05 p.m. **Premiere of university presidents video series**

- 3:10 p.m. **Remarks by elected officials**
Video address by Governor Tom Wolf
Pennsylvania Department of Health Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald
Westmoreland County Commissioners Gina Cerilli, Ted Kopas and
Charles Anderson
- 3:20 p.m. **A progress update from victim advocates**
Alison Hall, executive director, PAAR
Mae Palacios, systems advocate, Blackburn Center
- 3:30 p.m. **Report from university presidents and leaders**
Allegheny County: Point Park University President Dr. Paul Hennigan, Chatham
University President Dr. David Finegold, Carlow University President Dr. Suzanne
Mellon, Robert Morris University Provost David Jamison; University of
Pittsburgh Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement Kathy Humphrey
Westmoreland County: Seton Hill University President Dr. Mary Finger
- 3:40 p.m. **Remarks by justice system official**
Jan Necessary, deputy district attorney, Allegheny County
Tom Hart, police chief and director of public safety, Duquesne University
- 3:45 p.m. **Student advocate statement**
Maggie Kennedy, student representative, University of Pittsburgh It's On Us
- 3:50 p.m. **Q&A**
- 4:00 p.m. **Reception**

Note to editors & reporters: Media are invited to attend. To arrange interviews or for more information, please contact Olivia Lammel at 412-642-7700, olammel@elias-savior.com. Files of the university presidents video series are available upon request.

About Southwest PA Says No More

Southwest PA Says NO MORE is a growing community of organizations and individuals who are working to end domestic and sexual violence. FISA Foundation, in partnership with The Heinz Endowments and United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania developed Southwest PA Says No More to showcase the important prevention-focused work happening in this region, and to make it easier for individuals and organizations to take action to stop gender-based violence. More than 25 organizations across the region have partnered with Southwest PA Says No More, including the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

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