



AUGUST 2021

Campus Safety Connection



Dear Supporters,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you as the new chair of the Clery Center board of directors. Thank you to the outgoing chair, Roger Carolin, whose dedicated leadership of the past several years,

especially in these most recent challenging times, has been invaluable. Having spent the past year as a board member, it has been an honor to work with the board and staff who support this important mission of creating safer campuses in memory of Jeanne Clery, especially Connie Clery, who continues to inspire us all to prevent the kind of tragedy her family endured.

Having served in several leadership roles at institutions of higher education, I've spent many years benefiting from the incredibly professional, informative and thoughtful guidance Clery Center provides. I have also seen the direct impact of their work as I supported students through some of the most difficult experiences of their lives. As board chair, I look forward to working with the Center's dedicated staff and other board members to enhance our role as experts and advisors in Clery Act compliance, to build new partnerships with other organizations that are working on campus safety, and to secure passage of the groundbreaking REACH (Report and Educate About Campus Hazing) Act to end hazing at our colleges and universities (read more about REACH on page 2). I also look forward to helping institutions understand that they can make their campuses more inclusive and equitable with increased prevention programs and education about hate crimes and cyber-bullying.

The generosity of our donors is more important than ever, as campuses continue to grapple with the effects of COVID-19 and its variants, and a startling increase in hate crimes, dating violence, and hazing. Your donations support the time and research needed for our team of experts to partner with other organizations to create free educational tools, like the *Campus Commitment to Hazing Prevention: Action Guide* created with StopHazing

and *Combating Hate Crimes on College and University Campuses* created with the Anti-Defamation League and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, both of which were made available at no cost to institutions this year.

This National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) we are asking everyone who believes in us and our mission to make a contribution and help us reach our goal of raising \$30,000. Your support will go directly toward providing free and low-cost resources so that *all* colleges and universities can receive the important education and training that Clery Center provides and so *all* students can benefit from a safer campus community.

To thank you for your ongoing support, Clery Center has created a special resource just for our donors this NCSAM — if you donate during the months of August or September and share your email address, you will receive a link for a free download of "10 Things Students Need to Know About Campus Safety". This quick reference guide will help the college student in your life understand their rights and options under the Clery Act, know where to go if they need to report a crime, learn how they can help change campus culture for the better, and more. Please donate this National Campus Safety Awareness Month — we're counting on you.

Sincerely,

Sheilah Vance, Esq.
Board Chair

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POLICY UPDATE

Over the past year we have been dedicated to strengthening our policy and advocacy work. Our 2021–2022 policy agenda outlines our priorities over the next two years, aligning with the beginning of a new Congress. Focusing on legislative initiatives that drive systemic change to advance equity in campus safety, this agenda highlights our support of:

- dependable guidance from the Department of Education (ED);
- equitable prevention of and response to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
- heightened awareness of the impact of campus safety concerns on marginalized communities.

We've already begun to fulfill these items through increased communication with ED's Clery Compliance Division, in proposing changes to any future issued guidance on the Clery Act, coordinating the successful re-introduction of REACH, and participating in public hearings on Title IX (read more below).

The Report and Educate About Campus Hazing Act

In early 2021, the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act was reintroduced to Congress. REACH is a federal anti-hazing bill that would amend the Clery Act by:

- giving hazing an official definition;
- including hazing incidents as crime statistics in an institution's annual security report; and
- mandating educational and comprehensive research-based programming on hazing.

We continue to see the devastating impact of hazing each year and we've been working to garner support of the REACH Act. This summer, led by Clery Center, StopHazing, and Safe Campuses LLC, over 30 organizations signed a coalition letter endorsing REACH to the leadership of the House Committee on Education and Labor and the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. We need you to contact your local representatives to urge them to support REACH as well. Learn more about hazing prevention education and REACH at clerycenter.org/hazing and scroll to the bottom to send a personalized letter quickly and easily to your local representatives.

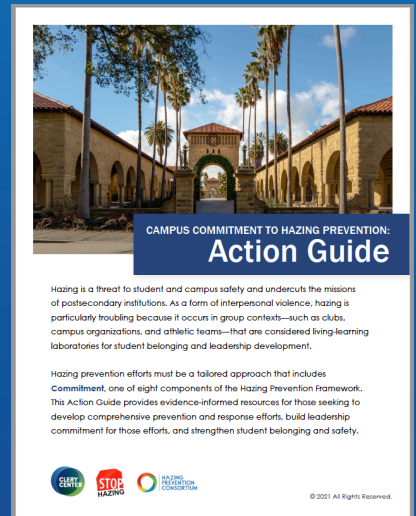
Title IX

Sarah Barrett, Clery Center's director of training and education, joined almost 300 educators, students, and community members from around the nation to offer comment during the Department of Education's public hearing in June. The Office of Civil Rights sought input in the form of live and written comments related to the enforcement of Title IX. Because of the Clery Act's intersection with Title IX, Clery Center's voice is vital to the conversation to acknowledge the challenges institutions currently face in working to comply with both laws. As such, we encouraged the Department to:

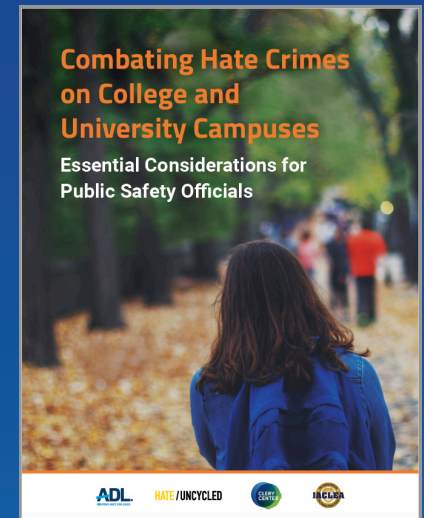
- address the advisor of choice entanglement and complication with well-established Clery Act Rules;
- clearly outline boundaries around whether and how off-campus behavior falls within an institution's educational programs and activities; and
- provide guidance on simultaneous implementation of Clery Act and Title IX reporting requirements.

The experience of offering public comment was informative and at times very moving, as we had the opportunity to hear and learn from those directly impacted by campus violence. We are grateful we had the opportunity to share feedback that might ultimately contribute to the creation of more equitable and transparent processes for responding to violence and crime on campus.

NEW FREE RESOURCES FOR CAMPUSES



The *Campus Commitment to Hazing Prevention: Action Guide*, created with StopHazing, provides practical resources to engage campus leaders and the broader campus community in eliminating campus hazing culture and transforming group environments to support healthy belonging and well-being for all students.



Combating Hate Crimes on College and University Campuses: Essential Considerations for Public Safety Officials, created with the Anti-Defamation League and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, provides campus police and public safety with best practices for addressing hate crimes and incidents.

HELP US RAISE \$30,000 FOR NATIONAL CAMPUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

Here at Clery Center, Jeanne and the Clery family are always close to our hearts. We think of them every day as we do this important work of helping keep college students safe, hoping to prevent the tragedy they had to experience.

This National Campus Safety Awareness Month, we are raising \$30,000 to support our mission. With donor contributions only 7% of our revenue, and a dedicated staff of just 11, we are looking to the future to grow our team and expand our reach. We need you to help us reach our goal of making students safer one campus at a time.

We believe that the people on the ground – the staff that work in the residence halls, the public safety officials, the counselors and advocates – are the ones who have the ability to make sure students are safe. Clery Center provides them the tools and the resources they need to create better policies, to build effective prevention programs, to be transparent about campus safety concerns,

and to support students that are victims of crimes. We rely on your support to create free resources that will change the course of how schools address complicated and timely issues.

As a national nonprofit specifically dedicated to improving safety on college campuses, and over 19 million college students in the United States, we are uniquely positioned to have a broad impact. We don't want cost, capacity, or red tape to be the reason any school doesn't do more to keep students safe.

Together, we can make a difference. Donate to our National Campus Safety Awareness Month fundraiser today via the remittance envelope enclosed or at clerycenter.causevox.com and support safer campuses. Thank you!



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“The best education in the world is useless if a student doesn't survive with a healthy mind and body.”

—
Connie & Howard Clery
Clery Center Founders

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NCSAM SUMMIT

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF TOMORROW – TODAY

VIRTUAL • SEPTEMBER 8 & 9, 2021

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NCSAM 2021: VIRTUAL SUMMIT

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF TOMORROW – TODAY

Each September Clery Center provides free resources to campus safety professionals as part of our commitment to National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM). This year, we are hosting a no-cost virtual micro-summit, bringing together campus safety practitioners and higher education leaders from across the country to explore actionable and scalable strategies to address the challenges of the future of campus safety. In a time when institutions are downsizing and cost-cutting, we must consider ways to meet the challenges of tomorrow, by adjusting the way we work today. Higher education, and the compliance world in particular, must work to develop and sustain innovative strategies that support safety efforts and the members of campus communities.

FREE RESOURCE FOR DONORS!



CLERY CENTER at the heart of campus safety

10 THINGS STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CAMPUS SAFETY

- 1 Colleges and universities are required to provide certain protections and options for students thanks to federal laws, like the Clery Act and Title IX. State legislation can also play a role in dictating how your school responds to certain acts of violence and harm.
- 2 Each institution publishes an annual security report (ASR) that provides information about campus safety. It includes where to report a crime, rights and options afforded to

The annual security report must be published by October 1 each year.

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This National Campus Safety Awareness Month, to thank our donors for supporting Clery Center and our mission, we are sharing a brand-new resource created for students and families of students. "10 Things Students Need to Know About Campus Safety" is a quick reference guide to help the college student in your life understand their rights and options under the Clery Act, know where to go if they need to report a crime, learn how they can help change campus culture for the better, and more.

If you donate to Clery Center during the months of August or September, and provide us with your email address, we will send you a link for a free download of this important

resource. We hope you will find it useful, and pass it along to the student in your life so that they know what kinds of questions they should ask about campus safety, what their campus is required to do under federal laws, and how they can be a force for change in their campus community.

Please help us reach our goal of raising \$30,000 this National Campus Safety Awareness Month. Your donations go directly to the time and research needed to create free educational programs and resources to empower campuses to make their communities safer. Visit our CauseVox site (link below) to donate, or even create your own fundraising page or team! Every little bit helps.

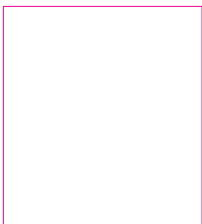
Thank you for all of your support; we couldn't do this important work of keeping campuses safe without you!

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