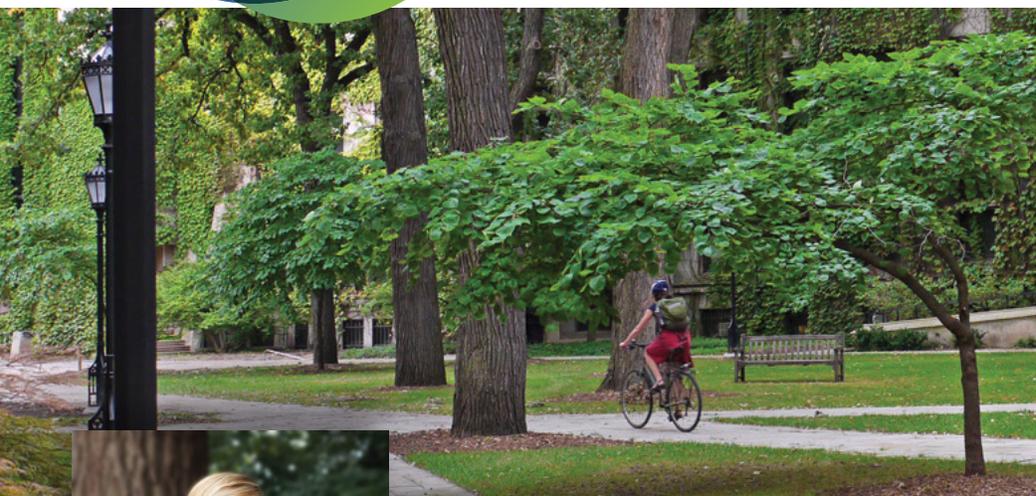




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Campus Safety Connection



Dear Supporters,

I am humbled to be addressing you from my new role as the executive director of Clery Center, an organization I have long admired and

supported. And I am proud to stand beside such a thoughtful and dedicated team that has thrived under the leadership of the interim executive director, Abigail Boyer.

Jeanne's story, and the impact it had on the community around her, continues to resonate with people. Unfortunately, there are many more stories to be told. Stories that speak to the profound impact of hazing, the persistence of sexual assault, and the normalization of hate crimes. Stories that show the life altering consequences of violence on individuals, families, and entire communities.

I learned an important lesson early in my career in higher education: find your allies. Find the people who are eager to make a difference. I was surrounded by those people at the University of Pennsylvania. At my farewell celebration, I looked around the room and saw folks from residence life, public safety, the women's center, the LGBT center, the advising office, student conduct, campus health, disabilities services—the list goes on. Colleagues who understood why preventing violence was, in fact, a part of their job and who each made our campus safer in their own way. These are the people who, like Clery Center, lead with heart. These are the communities our students deserve and the communities we want to help schools create.

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I know our allies come from all different places. Some of you are at institutions that are Clery Center Members and already see the value in having external partners to guide and support you. Some of you have helped us increase our impact through donations. And some of you are here, reading this, because tragedy has touched your own life.

I am grateful for all of you.

I embark on this journey knowing that we have a long, strong history of having real impact, and knowing that we can still do so much more. So please, join us, and together let's lift Clery Center into the future of campus safety.

Sincerely,

Jessica A. Mertz
Executive Director

CONNECT WITH US!

Email Kristen at ksweeney@clerycenter.org to be added to our email list. And follow us! @CleryCenter on:





POLICY UPDATE

Clery Center's executive director, Jessica Mertz, associate executive director, Abigail Boyer, and board members, Gary and Julie DeVercelly traveled to Washington, D.C. in July to discuss several pieces of legislation that could possibly affect the Clery Act, such as the Report and Educate about Campus Hazing (REACH) Act.

Currently, there are bills addressing a wide range of issues related to campus safety, including institutional response to sexual assault, hazing, and hate crimes. We also talked to legislators about our response to the Title IX notice of proposed rulemaking, which is available on our website. While Title IX is separate from the Clery Act – it is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and the Clery Act is a consumer protection law that guides campus prevention and response to multiple crimes – the laws intersect in relation to sexual violence. It's important that final regulations, as well as any new legislation, does not conflict with the Clery Act's ability to provide relevant information and compassionate support to students and employees.

National Campus Safety Awareness Month 2019

Bridging the Gap



NCSAM 2019: BRIDGING THE GAP

Each September Clery Center provides free webinars and resources to campus safety professionals as part of its commitment to National Campus Safety Awareness Month. In working directly with institutions of higher education, Clery Center sees firsthand the struggle to connect theory to practice when it comes to further campus safety response and prevention practices. Campuses are experts at identifying the “what” but need support in determining the “how”. This year's theme of Bridging the Gap addresses the importance of identifying the missing piece – whether it's clarifying what is required, creating a new program, or making the best use of evaluation results – and replacing it with a tool or strategy that addresses the concern.

Clery Center excels at tackling “the how” through providing user-friendly, free resources such as a framework, template, or product that campuses can put in place right away to address a current campus safety question, concern, or challenge.

During the month of September, we will be hosting four webinars (see inset), providing four resource documents related to bridging the gap, and sharing strategies, tips, and even more resources on social media every single day of September. All completely free and available to the public. For more, visit ncsam.clerycenter.org.

NCSAM 2019 Webinar Schedule:

Sept. 11: Statement of Policy or Description of Practice? What Should be in Your ASR

Sept. 18: Using Evidence to Implement Real Change: Improving Campus Safety Practices

Sept. 19: Improving Your Clery Act Reporting Procedures

Sept. 25: Evaluating Your Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program: Biennial Reviews

With your support we can continue to provide free resources and guidance to help institutions improve their prevention and response efforts during NCSAM. [Please consider a donation to Clery Center today to further our mission of creating safer campuses for everyone: clerycenter.org/donate.](https://clerycenter.org/donate)



KRISTIN'S KRUSADE: DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS VIDEO



Kristin Mitchell was attacked and murdered as she was trying to break up with her ex-boyfriend only three weeks after graduating from college. Her parents, Bill and Michele Mitchell, believe that if she and they had been educated about the warning signs of

dating violence, her death could have been prevented. Last year, Kristin's Crusade, the foundation created to raise awareness about dating violence, joined Clery Center as a dating violence prevention initiative.

Throughout this year, Clery Center has been working with the Mitchell family and Break the Cycle, a national nonprofit in the field of dating violence prevention, to create a new educational film that features interviews with survivors, families, and prevention experts. **The film will be paired with a discussion guide and will be available to colleges and universities to share with their students and campus communities at no cost starting in October 2019.**

"As a college classmate of Kristin's I will never forget her radiant, friendly smile. I remember when I learned about her death all I could think was - that could have been me, that could have been any of us. I hope this project empowers people to support their friends, to call out harmful behavior, and to know they deserve a healthy relationship."

- Jessica Mertz, Clery Center Executive Director

We created this film in honor of Kristin, and it is our hope that its content will help students not only to better understand the spectrum of behaviors that qualify as dating violence, but also to teach them how to access resources, to be proactive about prevention in their communities, and to demonstrate healthy behaviors in their own relationships.

For more information on the film and Clery Center's Kristin's Crusade initiative visit clerycenter.org/initiatives.

Above: Stills from the upcoming dating violence awareness video
Above left: Kristin Mitchell

WHEN DATING HURTS: DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS FACTS

What are the main types of **abusive behavior**?

Emotional Sexual Physical & Digital



One in three (36%) dating college students has given a dating partner their computer, online access, email or social network passwords and these students are more likely to experience digital dating abuse.¹

What is the **Red Zone**?



College students are more likely to be sexually assaulted in the time between when a student first arrives on campus in late August and Thanksgiving break than at any other time in their college career. This is called the Red Zone.²

What are the **warning signs**?



Constant put-downs	Explosive temper
Controlling behavior	Financial control
Checking your phone without permission	Isolating you
	Physical harm of any kind
	Sexual activity without consent

¹Fifth & Pacific Companies, Inc. (Formerly: Liz Claiborne, Inc.), Conducted by Knowledge Networks. (June 2011). College Dating Violence and Abuse Poll. Available at: <https://www.breakthecycle.org/surveys>.

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FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear Friends,

When Howard and I founded this organization after Jeanne's death in 1987, we wanted to save lives and protect families from experiencing the same grief that we did.

Clery Center has since evolved into a national nonprofit that works with hundreds of colleges and universities.



It is my great pleasure to introduce you to our new executive director, Jessica Mertz, who will lead the Center with heart and integrity. Her genuine understanding of

how to prioritize campus safety and *why* it's so important, speaks to the very core of our beginnings.

Jessica joins an incredible team of experts who continue to find innovative ways to improve campus safety efforts throughout the country. As a nonprofit, we want services

to be affordable so that institutions of every size and budget can get the support they need to keep their communities safe.

With students heading off to campuses for fall term, there has never been a better time to contribute. We rely on donations big and small to drive us forward. Please donate today to help support the vital work Howard and I pioneered and Clery Center continues in the field of campus safety.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Connie Clery

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Use the remittance envelope included in this newsletter or donate online at:

clerycenter.org/donate



“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