

HBCUs Take a Stand to End Violence Against Women

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Howard University's Ending Violence Against Women Task Force: Imani Pope-Johns, Sabrina Garba, Alize Beal, Kandace Barker, and Fantasia Motley
DC Public Health Firm Launches National Grassroots Campaign in Recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW): The HBCU Project is an initiative led by the Washington, DC-based research and consulting firm, The Wright Group, and funded under the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Womens Health. EVAW is a call to action for HBCU students, administration, alumni and supporters to engage in on-campus capacity building activities—with the goal of decreasing the incidences of violence against women on college campuses, and their surrounding communities, as well as prompting each institution to develop a Coordinated Campus Response (CCR) or documented plan of action regarding violence against women.

EVAW focuses on addressing the five most common forms of violence against women on college campuses to include: 1) Cyberstalking, 2) Dating and Domestic Violence, 3) Harassment, 4) Stalking and 5) Sexual Assault.

"I want people to clearly understand that violence against women is real. One out of 4 women that we know will be or have been a victim of some form of violence in their lifetime and a good education or six-figure salary exempts no one," said Amelia Cobb, Founder and Director of Ending Violence Against Women. "There is a misconception that sexual violence does not happen to young black women in college who come from good homes. It only happens to women who are in poverty and have little to no education. I want to change that kind of apathy to action on college campuses and in the African-American community."



HBCUs participating in EAW on-campus awareness activities—beginning Monday, April 19th—include: Clark Atlanta University, Hampton University, Howard University, Lemoyne-Owen College, Xavier University of Louisiana and Morehouse College. (In photo: Amelia J. Cobb, MPH – Director, Ending Violence Against Women; Principal, The Wright Group.)

For more information on ways you can pledge your commitment and sign your name as an expression of public support for ending violence against women at HBCU campuses nationwide, visit www.hbcuendingviolence.com. To seek help or help a friend, call the National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1.800.656.HOPE.

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