

## The College of Saint Rose Campus Climate Survey

### Introduction

The 2020 Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey was conducted at The College of Saint Rose, in partnership with the Office of Student Development and Institutional Effectiveness, during the month of April 2020. The purpose of the survey was to better understand student experiences and attitudes in relation to sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. The New York State Education Law Article 120-B that was passed on July 2, 2019 (effective October 1, 2019) requires all colleges and universities to adopt policies and procedures to address the awareness and prevention of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, and to remedy the impact. This law also requires schools to administer a campus climate survey every two years and provide a summary of the findings in a format that is available to the public. An executive summary of the Spring 2020 Campus Climate Survey is listed below

### Demographics

We invited 1,000 Saint Rose undergraduate and graduate students to take the 2019-2020 HEDS Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey; 100 students opened the survey, and 40 completed the survey with a 40% response rate (10% response rate for the 2017 Campus Climate Survey). Students that responded to the survey identified as female (70%), male (20%), and non-binary (10%). Respondents described themselves as American



assault me. ( 0%)

They created a distraction. (1, %)

They asked others to step in with them and diffuse the situation. (0%)

They told someone in a position of authority about the situation. (0%)

## Student Experiences

In the 2019-2020 survey administration, 44 undergraduate students from the College of Saint Rose responded to the question: “Since starting at your institution, have you been sexually assaulted while you were (a) on campus; (b) off-campus at an event or program connected with your institution, including study abroad and internships; or (c) at a social activity or party near campus such as at an apartment, restaurant, or bar?”<sup>1</sup>

Of the 44 students from Saint Rose who responded to this question



Note <sup>1</sup>When we asked this question, we provided students with the following definition, “When we ask about sexual assault, we are referring to five specific types of sexual contact, which you did not want or for which you did not give consent:”

Touching of a sexual nature (kissing you, touching of private parts, grabbing, fondling, rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it was over your clothes)

Oral sex (someone’s mouth or tongue making contact with your genitals, or your mouth or tongue making contact with someone else’s genitals)

Vaginal sex (someone’s penis being put in your vagina, or your penis being put into someone’s vagina)

Anal sex (someone’s penis being put in your anus, or your penis being put into someone else’s anus)

Anal or vaginal penetration with a body part other than a penis or tongue, or by an object, like a bottle or candle

## Campus Response and Moving Forward

The College of Saint Rose remains committed to raising awareness and educating our community about sexual and interpersonal violence, reducing its occurrence, and supporting survivors. The Title IX Coordinator and Director of Prevention Education & Response leads the College’s efforts on training, awareness, and prevention

on campus, and will continue to do so moving forward in collaboration with campus and community partners.

In 2019, The College of Saint Rose received a three-year Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Campus Grant, Project Voices. The grant uses evidence-based strategies to ensure every student's safety by implementing a coordinated, campus-wide effort to prevent and address sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking in the Saint Rose community. Each year has a particular focus in hopes of creating thoughtful and sustainable change. The College applied for the grant in early 2019 because we recognized a need to increase proficiency, prevention, and response on campus. Students and other members of the Saint Rose community are welcome to join the community coordinated response team (CCRT), peer educator group, or in other volunteer roles.

The Campus Climate Survey will continue to inform our prevention education efforts, in conjunction with our annual assessment data that is collected through our online sexual assault prevention course that is required for all new students. The survey data provides the College with opportunities to both enhance our training and education programs, while continually working towards a safe and healthy campus culture.