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Dear CSU Channel Islands Family:

As we begin the 2014-2015 academic year, I would like to extend a warm Dolphin welcome to our CSU Channel Islands (CI) family and extended Dolphin community! As a family member of a current CI Dolphin, I would like to ask you to partner with me and CI in our efforts to educate the campus on issues of national importance – that of sexual violence and harassment on college and university campuses.

We're in this together

The existence of sexual violence and sexual harassment are unfortunate realities. In fact, one out of five women, and one out of sixteen men, are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault. College campuses across the nation have been charged with addressing this issue on both a federal and state level in order to assure student safety while attending their college or university. As an institution that prioritizes student success and safety, CI takes our student well-being seriously!

Together we learn / Together we educate

There are several ways in which you can support CI in its efforts to educate students on sexual assault and sexual harassment. While these discussions are not always easy to have, they are extremely important and necessary in order to ensure a safe and successful college experience. As you discuss these issues with your student, please consider the following:

1. Discuss possible consequences of alcohol and drug use.
2. Support your student's active participation in learning more about these topics through activities and events.
3. Talk to your student about intimacy, sex, safety, and consent (i.e. "yes" means yes and "no" means no).
4. Speak with your student regarding their role as a campus leader. Encourage them as bystanders to intervene should a situation warrant it.
5. Listen to your student, provide guidance, advisement and support as they navigate their university experience.

Together we support

CI has several resources available which support student safety, rights, and confidentiality. Below is a list of available resources:

- **CI Title IX Non-Discrimination Policy** (<http://policy.csuci.edu/statements/csu-titleix-noticeofnon-discrim-3.pdf>)
- **CI Police Department** (<http://www.csuci.edu/publicsafety/police/>)
- **Sign up for the CI Alert notifications for natural disaster, crimes, and timely warnings** (<http://www.csuci.edu/cialert/>)
- **CI Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)** (<http://www.csuci.edu/pcs/>)
- **CI Student Health Services** (<http://www.csuci.edu/studenthealth/>)

CI is an extremely safe campus; however, we ask all members of our community to be mindful of their surroundings, to ***learn*** how to be “safe” in all they do, to ***educate*** each other on how to be safe both on and off campus, and finally how to ***support*** one another by walking in groups, not driving while under the influence, and never leaving anyone behind at a party.

Thank you for partnering with CI on this important initiative to educate our campus community and ensure a safe and successful educational experience for your student. For more information, please contact the CI Title IX Coordinator at (805) 437-8423.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm. Gregory Sawyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wm." and last name "Sawyer" clearly distinguishable.

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