



# WILDCAT CHAT

Fraternity & Sorority Life Newsletter

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## April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

### University Resource | VIP Center



Violence Intervention and Prevention Center at the University of Kentucky is “responsible for leading, supporting and sustaining a culture of accountability to eliminate violence and oppression on campus”. They support the implementation of the nation-wide bystander intervention program, Green Dot, and counseling and advocacy needs for victims. Green Dot provides trainings and strategies to utilize in making our campus less likely to experience violence and advocacy services at VIP are confidential with the needs of each individual survivor. The center is focused on being a space to learn about available support and to understand different prevention and awareness programs available to them.

We connected with Chelsey Reid, our Staff Spotlight, for further insight on VIP programming. Currently, the VIP Center is collaborating with a student-led effort on the Clothesline Project, an interactive public art project for survivors of all types of violence and to provide support to others. This project has been “nothing short of moving” and Reid mentions how grateful she is to Dr. Emily Bonistall Postal for supporting her Victimology class in this powerful effort. The final piece will be on display in the Jacobs Science Building courtyard on Thursday 4/12 with a reception from 5:00pm – 6:00pm including remarks from Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear and President Eli Capiluto. VIP programming during Sexual Assault Awareness Month includes, It’s On Us week for UK (4/16 – 4/20), a movement to be part of the solution in making campuses safer for students. Other ongoing new projects include the introduction of a yoga series, enhanced internship opportunities at the center, and increased partnerships with offices all across campus.

FSL, chapter advisors, house directors, and students can all be involved in VIP efforts. VIP offers several different educating modules, including a VIP services overview. This is a collaborative Title IX overview with the Office of Institutional Equity & Equal Opportunity, #ConsentCulture, and a Green Dot. Full trainings are also offered and interested individuals can register [here](#). Always feel welcome to reach out to the office to discuss trainings or presentation needs! Contact information can be found [here](#).

### Staff Spotlight | Chelsey Reid



Chelsey Reid, VIP Center Prevention Education Specialist, works with students across campus who are committed to ensuring UK is a violence-free home. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Chelsey has a passion for improving community health and wellness through programming, education, and direct advising. She is thrilled to bring her experience in higher education to the VIP Center to serve the University of Kentucky campus community through innovative violence prevention efforts. Chelsey completed her

undergraduate education at Georgetown College and is currently pursuing her Master’s in Public Health with an emphasis on Health Behavior at the University Of Kentucky. Chelsey and other FSL partners at the VIP Center frequently host trainings for our Greek organizations on resources the Center offers and how students can be active bystanders to make UK a safe environment for all.

### Chapter Highlight | Sigma Lambda Beta & Sigma Lambda Gamma

By Jenna Lyons, Assistant Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life



Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. and Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. are celebrating their Founders Days this week! Both were founded at the University of Iowa; ΣΛΓ on April 9, 1990 and ΣΛΒ on April 4, 1986. These organizations were founded on the Latin culture and heritage but celebrate a diverse, multicultural membership. Both organizations have an active programming calendar here at the University of Kentucky. Sigma Lambda Gamma recently hosted a program called *WTH: What the Health*, where participants could use a stationary bike to power a blender to make a healthy fruit smoothie! The chapter also handed out information on health resources available to students. Sigma Lambda Beta just hosted *Know Your IX*, an informational session on the Title IX office here at UK.

The two organization partner every year for their signature event, *Dia de los Muertos*, where they educate on and celebrate the Day of the Dead - a multi-day holiday focusing on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. To learn more about these organizations, visit their websites: [ΣΛΓ](#) & [ΣΛΒ](#)

### Policy Feature | AR 6:2

AR 6:2 Policy and Procedure for Addressing and Resolving Allegations of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence, and Domestic Violence. The full policy can be found [here](#).

University of Kentucky is committed to providing a safe learning, living, and working environment for all members of the community. The University prohibits sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual exploitations, and complicity of any act prohibited by the regulation, and retaliation against any person who reports the actions. The policy holds every member of the University community to the standard of keeping themselves and others safe. Upholding the standard also includes reporting any incidents to the necessary official. The University strongly encourages prompt reporting by non-employees, victims, witnesses and those who are made aware of the incident to be reported to University of Kentucky Police, the police in the location of where the violence occurred, VIP Center, the Dean of Students office, the Title IX Coordinator, a campus authority or any University official. Confidential reporting is allowed to the VIP center and the University Counseling Center/Health Services when receiving counseling or medical services.

### Reminders | Important Dates

- Required forms are due to the Fraternity & Sorority Life office April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>. They may need your assistance in gathering information.
- Save the Date: Fraternity & Sorority Life Awards will be held Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm to 5pm. Presidents, chapter representatives, Advisors, and House Directors are welcome to attend. Invitation to follow.
- Last day of class: Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- University housing move-out date: Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>



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