



Peru State College

**SAAM 2022**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

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## SAAM's Campus Visibility

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- On April 1, 2022, students, faculty, and staff tied hundreds of trees and light poles in teal, the SAAM awareness color. We estimate we installed 1,000 yards of the ties.
- 45 yard signs were placed throughout campus to ensure campus understood why teal ribbons were installed, and to provide facts about sexual assault.
- 50 Table tents with a calendar of SAAM activities were placed on Cafeteria dining tables.
- SAAM Event Posters were distributed throughout campus





# Cats 4 Consent March and Cover the Cruiser

7 p.m. April 4, 2022

**Attended by 225+**

March led by percussionist  
Matthew Leiningner and  
President Michael Evans

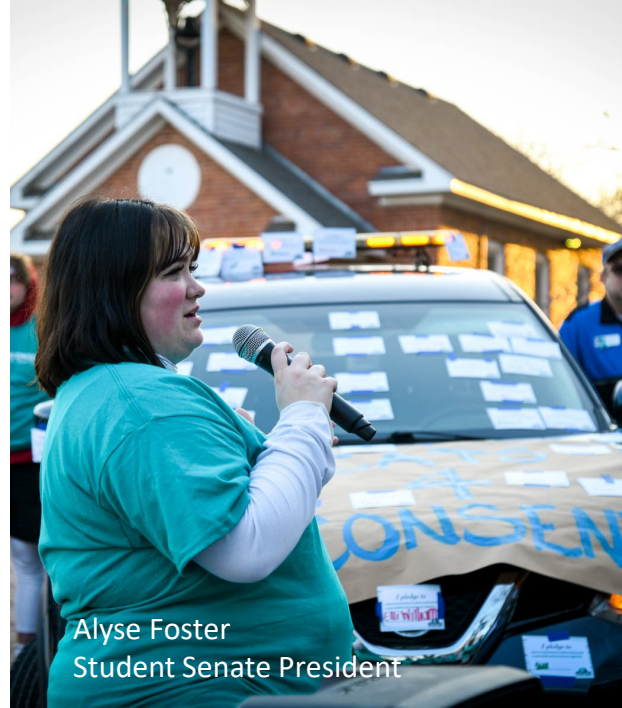




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Alyssa Cline  
Project Response Advocate



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Committee Chair

# Speakers at the Cats4Consent March



# Cover the Cruiser 7 p.m. April 4, 2022



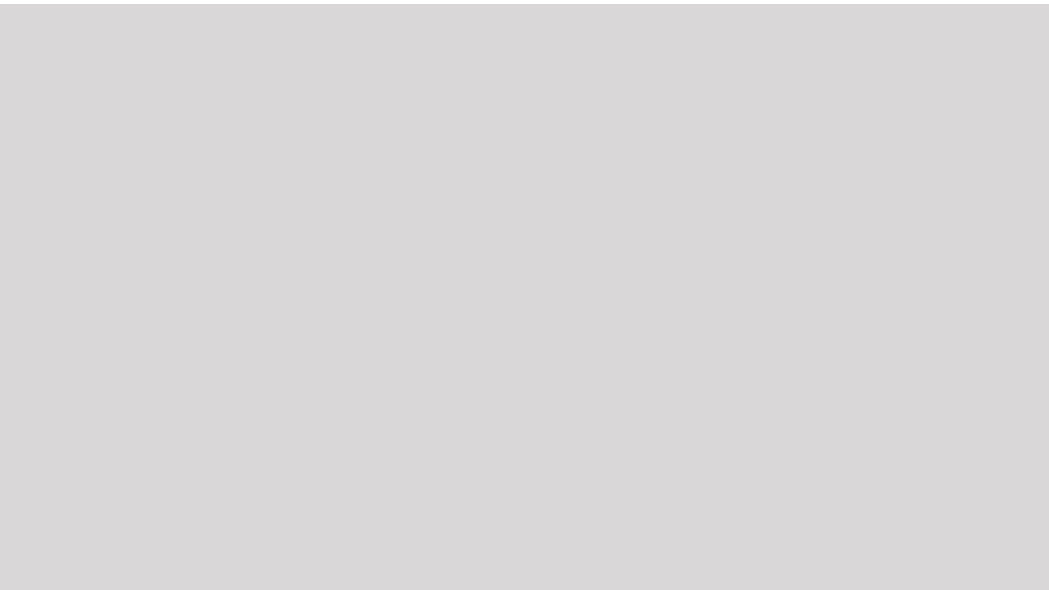
118 signed a pledge card and affixed it to the Campus Security vehicle.

*"I pledge to create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported."*



# Cats4Consent t-shirt pick-up











# **“What were you wearing?” Survivor Art Installation**

*April 4-29, 2022*

*AV Larson Art Gallery*

- Art students interpreted the survivor statements and contributed the clothing in this display.
- Curated by Susan Moore, Assistant Professor of Art
- 63 signed the guestbook (many more attended)









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# "What were you wearing?" Survivor art installation

## Response Messages

Your past doesn't  
define your future.  
Thank you for  
being here.

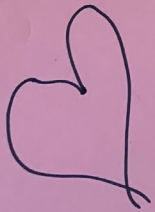
You are absolutely  
Amazing! All of you, don't  
ever let anyone take away  
the parts that are  
\*you\*

I cannot remember what I  
was wearing. They took away  
my memories and my childhood.

Thank you PSC  
students for honoring  
survivor stories by  
sharing outfits  
representing their  
cards.

I see you!  
I hear you!  
I believe you!

You are loved!



34 years later  
it still seems  
like it happened  
yesterday. Most  
days it's a fleeting  
memory, but others  
it just lingers, replaying  
over and over.

"For you are  
strong, even if  
you in your past  
felt weak"-anony.

I am sorry.  
You are worth it.

Preach out, my dearie.  
You are not alone.  
Don't force normalcy. Grief  
is a natural reaction.

YOU ARE LOVED.  
YOU ARE BELIEVED!



Thank you PSC students,  
for sharing stories ~~that~~  
like mine + bringing them  
to light in a respectful  
and honorary way!

# “What were you wearing?” Survivor art installation

## A Student's Response:

The question of “what were you wearing?” has been one that has deeply saddened me for many years. The actuality of victim blaming in terms of their own sexual assault makes no sense nor does any good come out of it. The fact that these individuals have mustered up the courage to come forward and relive their tragedy all to result in getting asked some question that does nothing more than question the honesty of the victim.

I walked into the exhibit and felt as though I was walking into a room filled with heartbreak and dread. I instantly went red and wanted to leave, but I remembered that if these individuals were strong enough to talk about what had happened to them, then I need to be strong enough to listen. I signed in and wrote an anonymous note and stuck it to the wall. This made me feel obsolete to the fullest extent. I remember thinking that saying sorry and that there is light at the end of the tunnel is not what most victims want to hear. So, I thought about what I really wanted to say and posted that instead. I then moved across the room and saw outfits scattered around this dark room. The eerie atmosphere made me hair stand up and it felt as though I was in the presence of true evil.

What truly struck me was the outfits themselves. I felt as though I needed to try and understand what these people who ask such a question meant. This led me nowhere. In fact, this only pissed me off more. There were uniforms from work, military uniforms, sweats, dresses, t-shirts and shorts. How could any of these be more telling than the next. What kind of evil looks at a military uniform and says that you should not be wearing that, for that does not mean commitment to our nation, but a commitment to sex with me.

After walking through the exhibit in its entirety. I remember how shallow my breaths became, and how my sight started getting more and more distorted from the anger and tears. I know this was an exhibit and I am not a victim of such horrifying crimes, therefore the sight of this big dude crying was unwarranted. But I have had many friends who had went through similar things. I could not help but think of them, and how alone they must have felt. Then I thought of all these stories and how lonely they must have felt. It just became too much. I told myself before entering that if I began to get too overwhelmed, I would leave, but I failed. Yet, in this failure I also found a calming entity within myself. This was because I now knew more than I would have known if I had given up, and whether or not I truly wanted to know such information, I am a much stronger person now.



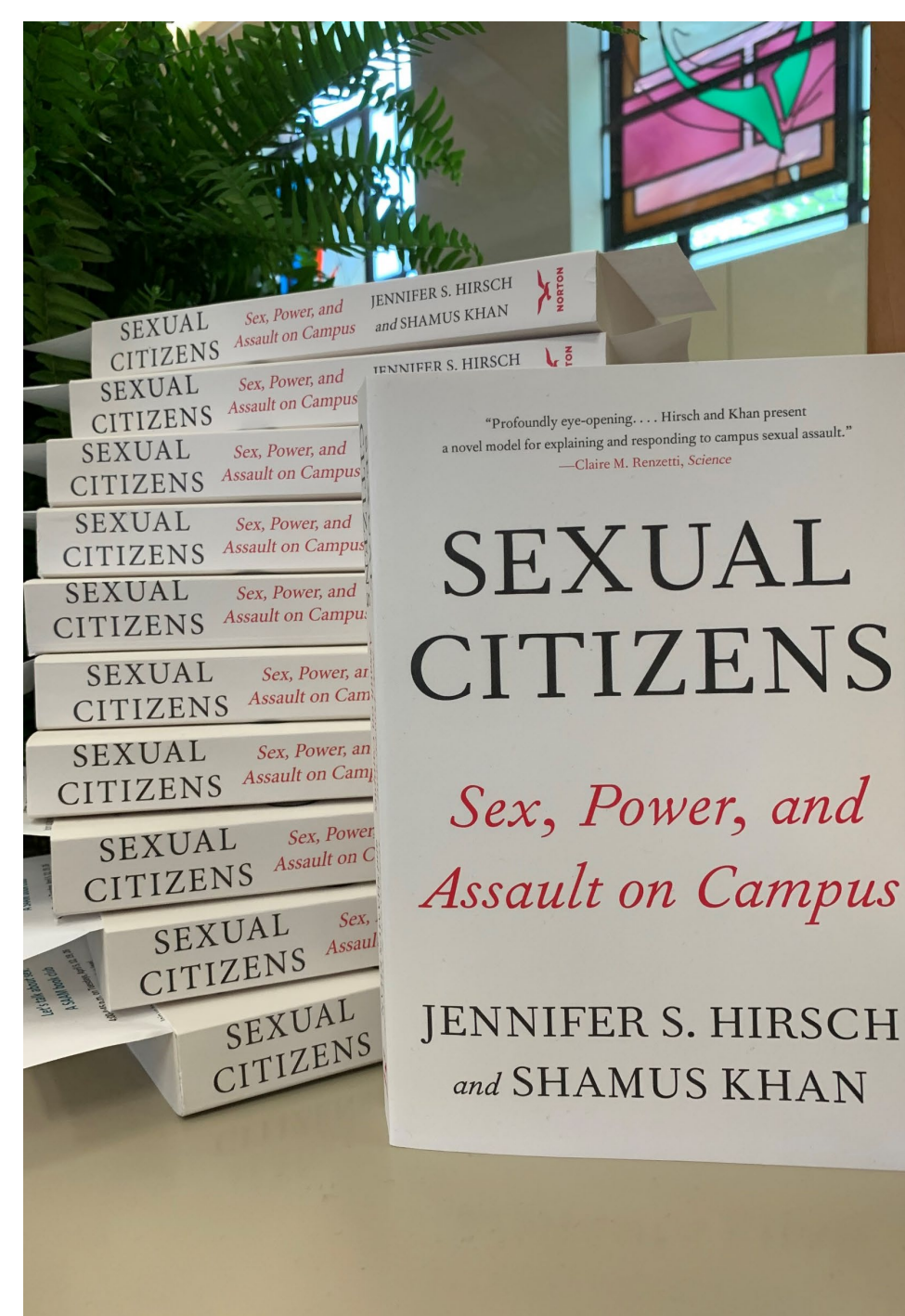


## Teal Tuesdays

The campus enthusiastically took and wore:

- 428 awareness lapel ribbons
- 906 awareness bracelets
- 300 Cats4Consent t-shirts
- 451 awareness ribbon stickers





## SAAM Book Club

- “Sexual Citizens: Sex, Power, and Assault on Campus”
- Every Tuesday at 4-4:45 p.m. in April
- 14 books were distributed; 4 participated in Book Club discussions

## Cats4Consent Campus Scavenger Hunt

- Monday, April 11 – Thursday, April 14, 2022
- Participants learned more about SAAM while taking part in a clue-driven learning experience throughout campus.
- One successfully completed the challenge

## Trauma-Informed Yoga

- Every Monday in April
- Yoga Instructor Christina Sage
- Four participated



## Pie your RA

A Rotaract Fundraiser  
for Project Response

- Students could donate a dollar to “Pie an RA” on Tuesday, April 12, 2022
- Rotaract raised \$308, which they donated to Project Response.



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# The Jerry Episode from CHEER

*video screening and panel discussion*

*7 p.m. April 20, 2022, Performing Arts Center*

## Attended by 60

Panel discussion:

- Captain Jake Dilsaver, Special Victims Unit, Lincoln Police Department
- Jake Hedden, Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator, Child Advocacy Center, Lincoln
- Moderated by Stephanie Huddle, Instructor of Criminal Justice



Jake Hedden



Jake Dilsaver

*Event counseling support provided by  
Jamie Eberly, Licensed Student Counselor*

# The Jerry Episode from CHEER

## Audience Evaluation



**67%** had no or little knowledge of the issue prior to the screening



**100%** thought the film explained the issue well, very well, or extremely well.



**93%** rated the discussion as immensely or very valuable.



**100%** said the event exceeded or met their expectations.

## Selected Comments

*"I originally came to the event for extra credit, but I am glad I now have the knowledge."*

*"I'm currently studying CJ and I'm interested in private investigation in the realm of sexual assault and the victims"*

*"I'm interested in this topic because it is crazy how someone does not look evil can commit such evil acts."*

*"Very good video, I think everyone should see it and hear from these people who are in the field who see it all the time."*

*"This video was very good and everyone needs to see this. It gives so much information."*

# Everything you need to know about sexual assault in Nebraska

7 p.m., April 27, 2022, Performing Arts Center



**Anne Boatright**

Nebraska Forensic Nursing Coordinator  
Sexual Assault Payment Program Administrator



**George C. Welch**

Assistant Attorney General for Nebraska  
State VAWA Prosecutor

## Attended by 50



**100%** thought the speakers explained the issue of sexual assault extremely or very well.



**86%** rated the discussion following the discussion as immensely or very valuable.



**100%** said the event exceeded or met their expectations.



# Student Center SAAM Information Tables

The SAAM info table remained on display the entire month.

Each Tuesday, Project Response Advocates were available over the lunch hour.

Literature and giveaways were regularly restocked.

Available literature and SAAM awareness giveaways:

- Teal awareness bracelets
- Teal lapel ribbons
- Teal ribbon stickers
- Pledge cards with signatures or messages of support
- “A resource guide for students and employees on sexual harassment” Peru State College
- Project Response Brochures and Cards
- LGBTQ+ Project Response Brochure
- Flash-drives from Project Response
- “You are not alone” Project Response Booklets in Spanish and English
- “Supporting Survivors of Sexual Assault” Project Response Booklet
- “Consent Guide,” One Love Foundation
- “Break Up Planning Guide,” One Love Foundation
- “10 Signs of a Healthy Relationship,” One Love Foundation
- “10 Signs of an Unhealthy Relationship,” One Love Foundation



Alyssa Cline (PSU 2015), Project Response Advocate, and Tyler Jepson, Project Response Intern



# SAAM 2022 Evaluation: Campus Survey

N= 72 (43% students, 25% faculty, 33% staff)



**92%** attended or participated in at least one SAAM activity or event.



**62%** were somewhat (36%) or absolutely (26%) more confident to talk to others about sexual assault as a result of the campus observation of SAAM. 33% indicated they were already confident to talk to others about sexual assault.



**52%** engaged in at least one conversation about sexual assault as a result of the campus observation of SAAM.



**41%** were made aware of campus support resources for victims of sexual assault as a result of the campus observation of SAAM. 52% indicated they were already aware of the resources.

*“I was not aware of sexual assault before and I didn’t pay attention to it, but after I went to the discussion, I realized I should talk about it with my parents, sisters, and my family members.”*

*-Student*

# SAAM 2022 Evaluation: Campus Survey

## What was most impactful?

- *It was amazing seeing so many different departments and groups on campus come together to create something beautiful and impactful.*
- *The conversations happening.*
- *The signs and chalk.*
- *The Chalk the Walk, and Art Exhibit.*
- *The march was very impactful because a lot of students showed up for that event.*
- *The walk with everyone.*
- *The march and the What Were You Wearing exhibit were quite impactful.*
- *Strong presence & The overall impression on campus.*
- *I think it is a beneficial event and bring awareness is virtuous and right. I heard expressions from others that the awareness that was displayed on campus made them feel heard and not alone in that area in their life. Hopefully they were able to feel more bold in talking with the counselors we have on campus.*
- *I think there were great activities that gave much needed information out about sexual assault awareness. I think it is important to keep this up every year.*
- *I appreciate all of the attention to detail in planning for this event. Everyone on campus certainly should have been reminded all month long!*
- *I thought by having a variety of activities, it provided more opportunities for many of us to participate.*

# SAAM Planning Committee

- Alyse Foster, Student Senate President
- Andrew Black Elk, Resident Assistant and Student Senate Senator-At-Large
- Cory Moen, Director of Residence Life
- Daniela Lagunas, Resident Assistant and Rotaract President
- Eulanda Cade, Director of Human Resources and Title IX Coordinator
- Garrison Dodge, Peru Association of Student Athletes Football Representative
- Kyle Pond, Associate Director of Athletics
- Laura Lippman, Assistant Professor of Theater Arts
- McKinley Cross, Peru Association of Student Athletes President, Bowling Team
- Stephanie Huddle, Instructor of Criminal Justice
- Susan Moore, Assistant Professor of Art
- Susanne Williams, Retention Specialist and Title IX Designee, SAAM Committee Chair
- Ted Harshbarger, Interim Executive Director of the Peru State College Foundation

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