

2017 ANNUAL REPORT: Courage to Lead



CONNIE CLERY RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS CAUCUS AWARD

In April 2017, Connie Clery accepted the Lois Haight Award of Excellence and Innovation at the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus Award ceremony in Washington, DC. Other recipients included Cindy McCain for her work preventing human trafficking and Danielle Quiroga, who survived a stabbing at University of California and went on to inspire numerous students as an administrator there. Connie and Clery Center were recognized as changing the face of campus safety nationally.

Dear Friends,

Together we are making campuses safer. This past year, you helped to raise awareness and deliver education to students, families, and administrators throughout the country. While we are making progress, tragedies involving hazing, campus sexual assault, and campus violence still monopolize headlines. We are grateful for your support and the dedication of our team to prioritize safety for current and future students.

We are proud of our accomplishments in 2017:

- The Clery Center programs team developed and evaluated a **state-of-the-art training program** aimed at explaining the Clery Act and sharing tools to implement elements of the law. This high-quality training will assist administrators in improving skills to prevent and respond to campus crime.
- Clery Center staff and board members walked the halls of Congress to **advocate for the addition of hazing to the Clery Act** through the REACH Act, requiring education about hazing and disclosures of policies specific to hazing.
- In partnership with Allied Universal, Clery Center **created a free training film series** to explain the effects of trauma on victims of crime and the importance of community building in campus safety.
- Clery Center collaborated with University of Maine to **evaluate hazing prevention programs** and we look forward to publishing findings in 2018.

We enter 2018 with courage to lead the national dialogue about safer campuses. We invite you to join us in our mission. On behalf of the entire Clery Center team, I wish you happiness and good health this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alison Kiss".

Alison Kiss
Executive Director

Alison testified at the Department of Education to address the need for inclusion of hazing in the Clery Act and about the role of Clery Center in the history of the law. Clery Center collaborated with International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and Association of Student Conduct Administrators (ASCA) at the hearing.

