



National Campus
Safety Awareness Month

NCSAM **SUMMIT**

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

AGENDA

DAY 1

September 14 • 1:00 – 5:00 PM ET

1:00 – 1:20 PM ET

Welcome & Keynote Address | Partners for a Safe Campus: A Team Approach

Welcome: Jessica Mertz, *Executive Director, Clery Center*

Keynote: Dr. Marjorie Hass, *President of the Council of Independent Colleges*

1:20 – 2:10 PM ET

One on One with the Department of Education

Jim Moore, *Senior Advisor for Clery Act Compliance and Campus Safety Operations, Department of Education*

Join us for a rare opportunity to hear directly from Jim Moore, the head of Clery Act compliance at the Department of Education, during a moderated question-and-answer session. Gain invaluable insight on the current policy and guidance landscape that influences Clery Act and Title IX implementation.

2:10 – 2:15 PM ET

Transition/Break

2:15 – 3:10 PM ET

Fostering Buy-In to Improve Campus Safety

Shelley Godeke, *Clery Compliance Manager, Baylor University*

Dr. Sylvia Gray, *Senior Director of Equity, Equal Opportunity, & Title IX, University of the South, Sewanee*

Eric Sullivan, *Director of Campus Safety Services, Williams College*

At a time when campus safety procedures, from emergency management to campus policing to Title IX implementation are being scrutinized more than ever, this panel of campus safety administrators will discuss how they build trust in their communities to identify needed changes and determine how they can partner together to do so. How is trust and rapport built? Who should do it and when? What information creates buy-in from other departments? Join this panel to hear answers to questions like these and many more.

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3:10 – 3:15 PM ET
Transition/Break

3:15 – 4:05 PM ET
Campus Security Authorities: Our Partners in Progress

Abigail Boyer, *Associate Executive Director, Clery Center*
Jessica Mertz, *Executive Director, Clery Center*

Universities rely on their campus security authorities (CSAs) to not only report crimes, but to provide a connection point to the campus community. During this session we will discuss who CSAs are, how to effectively train them, and the role they play in ensuring a comprehensive approach to campus safety. Whether you are a campus security authority, have questions about the CSA role, or have responsibility for identifying and training CSAs, this session will share tools and resources to help strengthen partnerships across campus.

4:05 – 4:10 PM ET
Transition/Break

4:10 – 4:40 PM ET
Networking Sessions

Join these topic-specific sessions hosted by Clery Center partners with expertise in timely campus safety issues. Network, idea-share, and discuss the day's sessions with fellow Summit attendees in a semi-structured atmosphere.

**Session I:
Technology Security
Solutions**

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Purnima Bihari, *Director of
Product Management, TrackTik*
Jessica Mertz, *Executive Director,
Clery Center*

**Session II:
Hazing Prevention**

Dr. Elizabeth Allan, *Program
& Outreach Coordinator,
StopHazing*

Abigail Boyer, *Associate
Executive Director, Clery Center*

**Session III:
Responding to and
Preventing Hate Crimes**

Elissa Buxbaum, *National
Director, College & University
Programs, Anti-Defamation
League*

Elise Jarvis Wilson, *Director, Law
Enforcement Outreach and
Partnerships, Anti-Defamation
League*

Rachel Matos, *Associate Director
of Programs, Clery Center*

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DAY 2

September 15 • 1:00 – 5:00 PM ET

1:00 – 1:30 PM ET

Opening Address

Introduction: Pearl Kim, *Clery Center Board of Directors*

Address: Rosie Hidalgo, *Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence and Special Assistant to the President, White House Gender Policy Council*

1:30 – 2:30 PM ET

When Compliance is the Challenge - sponsored by REES



Nora Gallo, *Co-Executive Director, Every Voice Coalition*

Michael Hill, *Director of Public Safety, Swarthmore College*

Lily Bohan James, *Co-Executive Director, Every Voice Coalition*

Cari S. Simon, Esq., *The Fierberg National Law Group*

Continued regulation and guidance changes for both Title IX and the Clery Act have resulted in confusion for college campuses working to appropriately address dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Join this panel to hear the impact of shifting expectations on students and administrators and to discuss how campuses can continue to prioritize student safety given the current policy landscape.

2:30 – 2:35 PM ET

Transition/Break

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2:35 – 4:00 PM ET

How to Talk About Campus Safety Concerns with Students

Shondrika Merritt, Ed.D., *Associate Provost for Student Success, The New School*

Karin Raye, J.D., *Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, Lasell University*

Joseph Samaha, *Vice President of Development and Victim-Survivor Advocacy, VTVCare*

Jessica Teperow, *Program Director of Sexual Assault Resources and Advocacy, Bentley University*

Michael Woo, *Student, Lasell University*

Whether a parent or a campus administrator, you care about students feeling safe at college. Hear from a campus practitioner who is also a parent of a new college student and a current college student as they speak with other campus safety practitioners about how to best talk to students about campus life, safety concerns, and support resources.

4:00 – 4:35 PM ET

Campus Safety Champion Spotlight: North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (N.C. A&T)

Chief Jermaine Cherry, *Chief of Police, North Carolina A&T State University*

Major Bobby L. Cuthbertson, *Major Support of Services, North Carolina A&T State University*

Sheilah D. Vance, Esq., *Chair, Clery Center Board of Directors*

Clery Center recognizes the innovative and mission-driven work happening across the county, and are spotlighting dedicated professionals (champions) who are prioritizing safety on their campus. This year we are highlighting the work of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's police department in their efforts to build strong cross-campus collaborations and in responding to the bomb threats targeting HBCUs. Chief Jermaine Cherry and Major Bobby Cuthbertson will share their successes and lessons learned as we move into a new academic year.

4:35 – 5:00 PM ET

Closing Remarks

Jessica Mertz, *Executive Director, Clery Center*

Clery Center connects campus safety professionals with ready-to-use materials, resources, and strategies to help guide them through understanding and implementing the provisions of the Clery Act. We not only guide institutions in implementation, but to exemplify the spirit of the law with a proactive commitment to campus safety. To learn more about Clery Center and how we work together with college and university communities to create safer campuses, visit our [website](#).

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Abigail Boyer

Associate Executive Director, Clery Center

Abigail leads the Clery Center team in providing educational resources, training curriculum, and technical assistance tools to help improve campus safety nationwide and manages the organization's Office on Violence Against Women technical assistance grants designed to support institutions in enhancing their dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking prevention and response efforts. Prior to joining Clery Center, Abigail served as the community outreach coordinator for The Crime Victims' Center of Chester County, Inc. where she was instrumental in the development and implementation of programs targeted towards law enforcement, colleges and universities, and other students, parents, and community members.



Chief Jermaine Cherry

Chief of Police, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Chief Jermaine Cherry has 23 years of Law Enforcement experience. His service includes tenure with the Wilson Police Department, East Carolina University Police, NC A&T State University Police, and Johnson C. Smith University Police Department respectively. He currently serves as the Chief of Police at NC A&T State University. Throughout his career, he has served these various agencies in numerous capacities. Those capacities include: Patrol Officer, Patrol Supervisor, Community Affairs Supervisor, and Criminal Investigations Supervisor. While employed with East Carolina University, he developed and implemented the agency's Citizen's Police Academy, which serves as a tool to foster and enhance understanding and cooperation between the police and campus community. Chief Cherry is a member of The International Association of Chief of Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, Historically Black Colleges & Universities Law Enforcement Executives & Administrators, and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.



Major Bobby L. Cuthbertson

Major Support of Services, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Major Bobby L. Cuthbertson began his career with the NC A&T State University Police Department in 2016 as a Patrol Lieutenant. In 2021, he was promoted to Major Support of Services within the Police Department. Before coming to NC A&T State University Police Department, Major Cuthbertson served as a Sergeant with the University Of North Carolina School Of The Arts Police Department. Major Cuthbertson graduated from Elizabeth City State University, obtaining his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in leadership (B.S.) Major Cuthbertson also holds a Master's Degree from Walden University in Business Administration (M.B.A.). Major Cuthbertson is a 2020 recipient of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 40 under 40 award. Major Cuthbertson is a graduate of the 30th Session of the North Carolina Justice Academy Management Development Program and the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA-Trilogy).

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Laura Egan

Senior Director of Programs, Clery Center

Laura oversees the development and execution of training and technical assistance projects, programs, and resources at Clery Center. She presents nationally and provides individualized support on compliance with and implementation of Clery Act requirements, campus safety, compliance, and gender based violence and discrimination. Prior to joining Clery Center, Laura worked at Saint Joseph's University in both residence life and student conduct roles after working as a school counselor for three years within the School District of Philadelphia. Laura's program development work at Clery Center has led to partnerships and presentations with the National Women's Law Center, Victim Rights Law Center, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Officers, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and many others.



Nora Gallo

Co-Executive Director, Every Voice Coalition

Nora (she/her) is an anti-sexual violence and trauma activist and artist-at-heart. After graduating in 2020 from Umass, Amherst receiving a BA in Dance with a focus in Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies, she navigated pandemic post-grad life by volunteering full-time with an emphasis to scale Every Voice's impact. She came on as the founding employee in January of 2021. As a student, she interned in the MA State Senate, supporting constituent services and policy research. In 2021, she received Ignite's "Leaders on Fire" award, recognizing her work as a survivor advocate.



Shelley Godeke

Clery Compliance Manager, Baylor University

Shelley serves as the Clery Compliance Manager at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She has worked as a higher education professional in various roles surrounding public safety and parking management for 23 years. The past seven years have been dedicated to building and maintaining a compliant Clery program. Having transitioned from working for Baylor Department of Public Safety to the University Compliance and Risk Department has allowed for a wide range of compliance cultivation at an institutional level. Shelley is responsible for oversight, direction, and administration of all Clery policies, procedures, and processes. She strives to bring success and continued notoriety to her profession through research, growth of sincere relationships, shared education and maintaining integrity of all compliance data. Shelley takes great pride in being able to serve in such a unique role at her alma mater.

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Dr. Sylvia Gray

Senior Director of Equity, Equal Opportunity, & Title IX, University of the South, Sewanee

Dr. Sylvia Gray is a native of Memphis, TN with a background in Higher Education Administration. Sylvia's experience ranges from working in athletics at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) to teaching a variety of courses on the undergraduate and graduate level in the College of Education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC). Sylvia also served in the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities at SIUC where she investigated, adjudicated, and issued sanctions for conduct and Title IX cases. After receiving her Ph.D. at SIUC in 2017, Sylvia began as the Deputy Title IX Coordinator at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. In 2018, Sylvia was promoted to the role of Title IX Coordinator and then to the Director of Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX in October 2021. Sylvia has been charged with building an inaugural EEO office with the same level of passion and structure as that of the Title IX Office. Sylvia has been able to accomplish the majority of her current work as a one-person office. Sylvia hopes to become a chief of staff one day where she can work on more strategic projects while still helping to elevate the issues of sexual violence and inequities that occur on college campuses.



Dr. Marjorie Hass

President of the Council of Independent Colleges

Marjorie Hass became president of the Council of Independent Colleges in July 2021, after years of strengthening independent higher education in various leadership roles. From 2017 until her appointment to the CIC presidency, Hass served as president of Rhodes College. Previously, Hass served for eight years as president of Austin College where she defined a strong vision for the college's future, pairing academic excellence with a commitment to educational access for talented students regardless of financial background, along with a strategic approach to securing the resources needed to achieve that vision. Earlier, she spent more than 16 years as a member of the philosophy faculty and subsequently as provost at Muhlenberg College.

Hass was a member of the CIC Board of Directors from 2012 to 2016 and also has been active in the leadership of other prominent higher education associations, serving as a board member of the Association of American Colleges & Universities and as former chair of the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. She is the author of *A Leadership Guide for Women in Higher Education* (Johns Hopkins University Press, August 2021). A philosopher by training, Hass earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has published widely on the philosophy of language, logic, and feminist philosophy and is an award-winning teacher.

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Rosie Hidalgo

Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence and Special Assistant to the President, White House Gender Policy Council

Rosie Hidalgo serves as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence at the White House Gender Policy Council. Rosie has worked in the movement to end gender-based violence for over twenty-five years as a public interest attorney and as a national policy advocate. Most recently she was the Senior Director of Public Policy for Esperanza United, a national resource center with a focus on providing training, research, and policy advocacy to prevent and end domestic violence and sexual assault, and served on the Steering Committee of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. Rosie previously served as the Deputy Director for Policy at the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the U.S. Department of Justice during the Obama-Biden Administration and served on a detail to the Office of the Vice President, working with the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women. Rosie also served on the Biden Foundation's Advisory Council for Ending Violence Against Women and on the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence. She also has experience living and working in Latin America to address these issues. She is a graduate of Georgetown University and New York University School of Law.



Michael Hill

Director of Public Safety, Swarthmore College

With more than 30 years of higher-education law enforcement experience, Mike (he/him) has focused on building and strengthening campus and community partnerships as well as improving department operations and increasing the use of technology. He is a decorated 25-year Army veteran who retired as an officer and human relations specialist. He earned a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and is a certified protection professional, as well as a self-defense and nonviolent crisis-intervention/de-escalation instructor. He serves as the president of the Delaware Valley Campus Security Directors Association and has been recognized in the region and nationally for his efforts.



Lily Bohlen James

Co-Executive Director, Every Voice Coalition

Lily (she/her) is an anti-sexual violence and reproductive justice activist, and a 2021 graduate from Mount Holyoke College where she double-majored in Gender Studies and Sociology. Lily has a background in and passion for political organizing and advocacy and has worked in state and national politics and in the non-profit sector in areas ranging from democracy expansion to child care policy. After getting involved with Every Voice her freshman year, Lily loved serving on both the MA and CT teams before joining the National team in August of 2020.

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Pearl Kim

Clery Center Board of Directors

Pearl Kim was formerly appointed to the Pennsylvania's Office of Attorney General as a Senior Deputy Attorney General. She served in the Executive Office as part of the senior management team and led the College Campus Safety Initiative across Pennsylvania. Formerly an Assistant District Attorney in the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, Pearl was Chief of the Human Trafficking Unit in the Special Victims and Domestic Violence Division. As a special victims unit prosecutor, she handled Protection From Abuse matters, child physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, rape, human trafficking, and Internet Crimes Against Children cases. Governor Corbett and Governor Wolf appointed Pearl to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian American Affairs, and she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania. Pearl obtained her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law where she was the recipient of the Villanova Achievement Scholarship and received her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College.



Rachel Matos

Assistant Director of Programs, Clery Center

As the Assistant Director of Programs, Rachel supports implementation and execution of programs and member services which address overall campus safety including compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act. Rachel conducts in person and virtual trainings, webinars, and provides technical assistance on the law itself. Rachel previously worked for a domestic and sexual violence nonprofit in Massachusetts managing the Outreach and Prevention team. There, Rachel led monthly awareness campaigns, developed primary prevention education curriculum, and bridged the gap between community organizations and access to systems. Rachel's most passionate about the justice system in all its forms, practicing media literacy, and the role of male socialization as it relates to domestic violence and sexual assault. She employs a model of teaching that embraces open dialogue, peer to peer exchanges, and the ideology that learning exists on a spectrum and never truly ceases. She earned her B.S of Criminal Justice from Lasell University in 2016 and is currently pursuing her Masters of Violence Prevention at Lasell University.



Shondrika Merritt, Ed.D.

Associate Provost for Student Success, The New School

Shondrika Merritt currently holds the role of Interim Associate Provost for Student Success at The New School. In her current role, Shondrika is responsible for ensuring critical services that promote excellence in students' learning, academic achievement, and personal growth. Shondrika is accompanied by 16 years of progressive Student Affairs experience and is responsible for providing leadership for Title IX (Student-Student), Student Conduct and Community Standards, Student Disability Services, Student Support and Advocacy, and Wellness and Health Promotions. Shondrika has received her bachelor's in Business Administration from Shawnee State University, her MS in College Student Personnel from the University of Dayton, and her Doctorate of Education from Temple University. Her research explores how race, history, and culture have influenced the attitudes and perceptions of African American women regarding sexual violence. Through her research, Shondrika has given voice to African American women and their experiences.

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Jessica Mertz

Executive Director, Clery Center

Jessica Mertz leads Clery Center in providing guidance to campus officials on how to meet standards of the Jeanne Clery Act and to build effective prevention and response programs. Prior to Clery Center, she spent 10 years at the University of Pennsylvania where she was the founding director of Penn Violence Prevention, a department dedicated to preventing dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking. In previous roles Jessica was a victim advocate, domestic violence counselor, and community educator. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence and is a member of Tide Risers, a women's leadership program.



Jim Moore

Senior Advisor for Clery Act Compliance and Campus Safety Operations,
Department of Education

Jim Moore is the Senior Advisor for Clery Act Compliance and Campus Safety Operations at the U.S. Department of Education. He serves as the Federal Government's leading expert on the Clery Act, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, and other campus safety and crime prevention initiatives. Mr. Moore has led many high-profile investigations, including the Department's examinations of the Jerry Sandusky and Larry Nassar scandals at Penn State and Michigan State, respectively. He has worked with schools to design and implement sexual assault prevention programs focused on building awareness, bystander intervention, and risk reduction. Jim also leads the Department's Clery Act training, technical assistance, and outreach initiatives. He is a frequent speaker and trainer on campus safety issues, including sexual assault prevention and response, threat assessment, and substance abuse prevention. From 2014-2017, Mr. Moore served on the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault, and in 2022, was appointed to serve on the ED-DOJ-HHS Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education.



Karin Raye, J.D.

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, Lasell University

Professor Karin Raye, J.D., teaches in the Lasell University Justice Studies Department, assists as a Deputy Title IX Coordinator and served as the University's Violence Prevention and Education Specialist. Professor Raye's professional and academic interests focus on domestic and sexual violence prevention/interventions, exploring how trauma survivors intersect with the criminal justice system, and promoting community activism on campus. Leaning on the groundbreaking work of the local domestic and sexual violence organizations, Professor Raye regularly partners with REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Voices Against Violence, NWH's Domestic and Sexual Violence Program, and Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. She graduated in 1990 from Colgate University with a BA in History, minoring in African American Studies and from Northeastern University School of Law in 1998. Devoting nearly 30 years to domestic and sexual violence advocacy, Professor Raye has been honored in her work with the Unsung Hero Award by the Massachusetts Commission on Women, the Voice of Justice Award by REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, the Thomas E.J. de Witt Award for Excellence in Educational Leadership, and the Dr. Thomas E.J. de Witt *Spirit Award* by the Lasell student community.

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Joseph Samaha

Vice President of Development and Victim-Survivor Advocacy, VTVCare

A life-long resident of Northern Virginia, Joe graduated from Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in 1973 and from American University in 1977. Married to his wife, Mona, in 1982, the couple had three children: Omar, Randa, and Reema. The Samaha's have resided in Centreville since 1987. Since the Virginia Tech tragedy, Joe and Mona have established scholarships and funds, including the Angel Fund, in memory of their daughter, Reema. Joe has been a tireless advocate on behalf of the Virginia Tech families and other survivors. He served 13 years as the first president of VTVFOF until March 2022. Joe is currently Director of Victim-Survivor Outreach and Development for VTV.

Joe has been a consultant/speaker with OVCTTAC (Office for Victims of Crime -Training and Technical Assistance Training), has received training in crisis response, and serves as a consultant to the Medical University of South Carolina – National Mass Violence and Victim Resource Center.



Cari S. Simon, Esq.

The Fierberg National Law Group

Cari Simon is one of the Nation's Top Title IX Attorneys representing survivors of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and sexual harassment in University and K-12 settings nationwide. Ms. Simon graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and clerked for a judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Simon has been credited with the inclusion of stalking and dating violence in the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX.



Eric T. Sullivan

Director of Campus Safety Services, Williams College

Director Eric T. Sullivan, Sr., affectionately known around campus as "Sully" joined the Williams College Campus Safety Services team in September 2021. In his current role as Director of Campus Safety Services Director, Sully is responsible for overseeing the Campus Safety Patrol/Communications, Emergency Management, Environment Health & Safety, Clery Compliance as well as Access Control & Parking services. He also serves on several committees as an active member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and is an Intelligence Liaison Officer with the Missouri Information Analysis Center. Director Sully obtained his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from HSSU and is currently working toward his Masters in Disaster & Emergency Management at Georgetown University.

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Jessica Teperow

Program Director of Sexual Assault Resources and Advocacy, Bentley University

Jessica Teperow is the Program Director of Sexual Assault Resources and Advocacy at Bentley University. Prior to her role at Bentley, Jessica has worked in the field of sexual and domestic violence prevention and response for over two decades in Massachusetts, California, and Washington D.C. Jessica has worked closely with colleges and universities to strengthen and increase their capacity to recognize, respond to, and prevent intimate partner violence. As an undergraduate, Jessica co-founded American University's Take Back the Night and majored in Gender Studies with a concentration in Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention. Jessica has used her academic research and her years of professional and lived experience to help organizations and institutions develop and implement trauma-informed policies and practices.



Sheilah D. Vance, Esq.

Chair, Clery Center Board of Directors

Sheilah is an attorney with a primary focus in education law, literary and entertainment law, employment discrimination, and estates and trusts. She is also an affiliated consultant for TNG Consulting, an adjunct professor at Villanova University School of Law, and a published author. She has a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in Communications, *magna cum laude*, from Howard University. Sheilah has published and presented extensively in the areas of public and legal education, including at conferences at Oxford University in England, the National Bar Association, the American Association of Law Schools, the Education Law Association, the Law School Admissions Council, and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. In 2006, Sheilah received the 2006 Woman of Distinction Award from the Barristers Association of Philadelphia, the local affiliate of the National Bar Association, for "exemplary service to the community through the practice of law" and "impressive personal accomplishments as an African American attorney." Sheilah is also a member of the Advisory Board of ATIXA (Association of Title IX Administrators) and co-chair of the Education Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.



Michael Woo

Student, Lasell University

Michael Woo is a senior business management and marketing major at Lasell University. On campus he is serving his second term as Student Government Association President. Michael is an advocate for survivors of sexual and domestic violence as a trauma-informed interventionist leading Title IX trainings for student athletes. He also serves as the student coordinator for the Donahue Institute for Equity and Social Justice curating bias response campaigns, Safe Zone trainings, and other programs focused on supporting marginalized students.