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CAL POLY POMONA HOSTS EVENTS DRAWING ATTENTION TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES

POMONA, Calif. — To raise awareness about domestic violence, Cal Poly Pomona recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year's theme "If Not You, Then Who?" aims to spark a sense of the shared-responsibility to end violence.

The Stop Violence Office has organized numerous events that are free and open to the public. They include self-defense classes, a march and rally, the powerful Clothesline Project and a special art exhibit by survivors. The events include:

Coming Out Monologue - The TEAAR Theatre Group will collaborate with the Pride Center in performing a skit addressing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues and how to be an ally on **Thursday, Oct. 11**, at 6 p.m. in the University Theatre. This event is in conjunction with LGBT History Month.

Religion: Who do you turn to? The Stop Violence Office will host a panel **Tuesday, Oct. 16**, in the Bronco Student Center, Ursa Major, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. to discuss the role of religion and domestic violence. Representatives from Campus Crusade for Christ, the Muslim Student Association, Latter Day Saints Student Association and the Catholic Newman Club will discuss their religion's take on domestic violence.

Clothesline Project - The Clothesline Project is a community art project of T-shirts decorated by people who have been affected by relationship violence. Each T-shirt tells its own story. Participants may bring a single colored T-shirt to decorate on **Thursday, Oct. 18**, in University Plaza, all day.

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Self Defense Class for Women - Blanca Perez from Project Sister will teach two self-defense classes for women on **Tuesday, Oct. 23, and Wednesday, Oct. 24**, in Bldg. 71 at 6 p.m. Release techniques, punches and target points will be discussed and practiced.

March and Rally - The Stop Violence Office invites students, staff and faculty members to join the March and Rally on **Thursday, Oct. 25**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in University Park. Student groups are strongly encouraged to participate. Poster making begins at 11 a.m. Keynote speaker Professor Thomas Keith from the Philosophy department will address the issue of domestic violence.

Take a Walk in My Shoes Art Exhibit - Take a Walk in My Shoes features shoes decorated by survivors of violence. Every shoe shares a story of survival. Groups of up to 15 people also have the opportunity to participate in art workshops. The exhibit will be from **Oct. 29 through Oct. 31**, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the University Art Gallery.

Closing Ceremonies - Join the Stop Violence Office on **Tuesday, Oct. 30**, at noon in the University Art Gallery to celebrate art as a tool of healing for survivors. Participants have the opportunity to join art workshops. Light refreshments will be provided.

Throughout the year, the Stop Violence Office provides education, training and support services for issues surrounding sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking on campus.

For more information about the events and Stop Violence Office, contact Diane Sands at (909) 869-3102 or dcsands@csupomona.edu or visit <http://dsa.csupomona.edu/police/stopviolence/>.

Cal Poly Pomona is located at 3801 W. Temple Ave. in Pomona.

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ABOUT CAL POLY POMONA — Striking the perfect balance between urban excitement and rural charm, Cal Poly Pomona is nestled in 1,428 rolling acres in the heart of sunny Southern California. With 2,600 faculty and staff to serve 20,000 students, Cal Poly Pomona's mission is to advance knowledge by linking theory and practice while preparing students for leadership and careers in a multicultural world. The university champions an approach that places learning at the center of every program, course, and activity on campus. Students are afforded opportunities to apply their knowledge through hands-on projects, collaborate with faculty members on research, and participate in valuable internships and service-learning programs. Seven colleges and one school offer 66 undergraduate and 21 graduate degrees, as well as eight credential programs.