

SAAM 2023

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

What is SAAM?

In the United States, April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The purpose of the campaign is to raise **public awareness about sexual violence** and work to prioritize prevention through education and collective action. SAAM encourages us to promote consent, end victim blaming, and show support for survivors past, present, and future. Go to saamatstanford.com to learn more.

This Year's SAAM Theme

The 2023 national SAAM theme from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center is "**Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity**," where we are invited to draw connections to how **systems of oppression** (i.e., racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, and ableism) can contribute to higher sexual harassment, assault, and abuse rates among communities that are systemically marginalized. In alignment with this theme, during SAAM and beyond, we invite you to prevent sexual violence with us through the lens of intersectionality. Learn more at saamatstanford.com/intersectionality

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SAAM AT STANFORD PROGRAMMING



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SAAM Day of Action | April 11th

Kickstart SAAM by visiting our table in White Plaza and learn more about how you can raise awareness against sexual assault.

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TBTN Poster Making and Tabling | April 17th

Stop by our table to learn more about Take Back the Night (TBTN) and make a poster for the event!

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Take Back The Night | April 18th | 7pm-10pm

Through a rally, march, and a speak out, we will come together as a community to protest against sexual violence and center the voices of survivors and supporters.

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TBTN Processing Circle | April 20th | 12 - 1:30pm

For anyone impacted by sexual/interpersonal violence that would like a confidential space to share in an intimate setting, we invite you to join in community to eat lunch and process with CST and YWCA.

5

Grounding Yoga | April 21st and 28th | 3 - 4pm

Join us for a grounding, restorative yoga session for anyone impacted by sexual violence, including survivors, friends, advocates, and other allies. We will explore equity and sexual citizenship through breath, movement, and mindful reflection.

6

Denim Day | April 26th

Wear denim on this day to visibly protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. Stop by our table in White Plaza, grab a sticker/pin, and share why you wear denim!

More information including additional events, event locations, ways to RSVP, and how to request disability accommodations are available on the website at

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SAAM 2023 COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Each SAAM, the SHARE Office highlights communities that have worked to end sexual violence and support survivors. This year, we are centering **Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit folks** who experience disproportionate rates of violence on and off campus & the work Indigenous activists have done to prevent and address violence.



According to the National Institute of Justice Research Report, 56.1% of Indigenous American or Alaska Native women have experienced sexual violence at one point in their lifetime.

Additionally, according to the Stanford AAU survey, 72.7% of undergraduate women who are indigenous or multi-race have experienced harassment. Indigenous women and other marginalized genders experience sexual, physical, and emotional violence at a rate far higher than average



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Despite the systemic injustice and negligence that contribute to this reality, many powerful Indigenous advocates and allies are constantly working to end the violence against gender marginalized Indigenous communities. One example of this effort is the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit (MMIWG2S) movement, which was initiated by First Nations women in Canada around 2015. This movement aims to bring awareness to the disproportionate rates of violence against Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people. Indigenous women have led the charge to bring awareness to the disproportionate rates of violence affecting indigenous communities through spreading educational resources, advocating for legal justice for missing and murdered Indigenous women, creating multiple digital and social media awareness campaigns, pushing for federal legislation to prevent this injustice, and organizing Women's Memorial Marches and many other demonstrations to recognize the lives lost to the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women.

SOURCES

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WHY WE DO A COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Each year the SHARE office seeks to highlight a community and their contributions to the fight against sexual violence. Specifically, SHARE highlighted Asian American activists in the Disability Community in 2022 and Black Women Founders of the anti-sexual violence movement in 2021. **We believe that it is always important to consider intersectionality in all aspects of sexual violence prevention**, as the systems of oppression may specific marginalized communities at higher risk for experiencing violence and limit our ability to seek rehabilitation and recovery resources. Additionally, the continued perpetuation of sexual violence is often utilized as a tool of oppression to keep certain communities marginalized.

This year, centering of a community is specifically related to our theme of **Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity**. We cannot stop sexual violence without ending the systems of oppression that create and uphold it. SHARE hopes to build connections between different communities to explore the ways systemic injustice magnifies systems of sexual violence and oppression and make our programming accessible and effective to all.

LEARN MORE

Learn more about our community highlight and how to get involved at:

<https://www.saamatstanford.com/community-highlight>

STANFORD RESOURCES

For more information on the resources available if you or someone you know has experiencing sexual assault, visit share.stanford.edu/get-help.

You can also contact the Confidential Support Team (CST) at (650-725-9955) 24/7 for confidential counseling services or the Weiland Health Initiative for queer-specific counseling.

NON-STANFORD RESOURCES

Victim Connect

victimconnect.org

855-4-VICTIM (84-2846)

National Sexual Assault

Hotline

RAINN.org

800.656.HOPE (4673)

National Domestic Violence Hotline

thehotline.org

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

YWCA @ Stanford

yourywca.stanford.edu

(800) 572-2782

LEARN MORE ABOUT SAAM

Visit the National Sexual Violence Resource Center:
nsvrc.org

To learn more about supporting Indigenous communities, visit the **National Indigenous Women' Resource Center**: niwrc.org

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FILL OUT OUR SURVEY ON RAPE CULTURE

As part of SAAM, we are seeking opinions and experiences with rape culture on campus, hoping to use these anonymous responses during our Denim Day tabling.

To fill it out, go to: <https://forms.gle/KKCrjQcZE466jdua8>

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