Dear Campus Community,

October is identified nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. ESF joins college campuses across the country in addition to government agencies, businesses, and community-based organizations to raise awareness about the impact of domestic and dating violence and educate communities on preventing domestic and dating violence.

Domestic and dating violence on college campuses is extremely underreported and statistics indicate that nearly 60 percent of college students do not know what to do to help a victim of dating violence. ESF is offering a variety of awareness and prevention programs for all community members to engage in throughout October. There are several active and passive ways to be involved and participate over the next few weeks. From sharing what action you will take to end domestic and dating violence, to viewing the Silent Witness Project, to wearing purple on National Wear Purple Day, these are a few of the ways you can engage in this critically important issue. Join me in participating in the events scheduled and commit to doing something to help end domestic violence at ESF.

Please remember there are a variety of resources you can access on and off campus should you or someone you know need support or access to resources:

Title IX Coordinator: 450 Baker Lab, 315-565-3012
Counseling Services (students only): 110A Bray Hall, 315-470-4716*
Employee Assistance Program (staff/faculty only): 3A Bray Hall or 104 Moon Library, 315-470-6726
Vera House, Inc. (24-hour access): 723 James St., Syracuse, 315-468-3260*

(*confidential and privileged)

For more information about events happening at ESF, please check the ESF calendar of events, the Domestic Violence Awareness flyer or email chooseaction@esf.edu.

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