Department Name: Office of the Dean of Students
Projected Supported: Campus Safety Coordinator
Amount of Award: $59,245
Project Type: Safety
Number of Years Funded: 3
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Project Scope:
Coordinates campus-wide safety initiatives including but limited to providing support to students; conducting research and assessment; developing and coordinating educational tools, messaging and programs; working with stakeholders to address safety issues and needs; and provide leadership around safety related needs.

Outcomes:

- **Student Support:**
  Provided individualized support and assistance for over 400 students living on and off campus who have been victims of home invasions, assaults, sexual assaults, shootings, car accidents, harassment, stalking and other significant crisis’s; and students who are experiencing high risk behavior (suicide ideations, high BAC, alcohol abuse and drug use, threatening behavior, mental illness, hospitalizations); or other related student situations (e.g. student death, missing students).

  Managed Code of Conduct investigations on complex student cases that were directly related to risk, health and safety issues (alcohol, criminal behavior, sexual assaults, retaliatory behavior, hazing). Individual student contact in these cases exceeded 450 students.

- **Virginia Tech Report Review:**
  Conducted comprehensive review of the reports developed by various national higher education associations (see below) addressing the factual circumstances that led to the Virginia Tech tragedy. Reviewed the recommendations outlined by each of these associations and compiled an overview of these recommendations for the Campus Emergency Response Team.

  NAAG - National Association of Attorneys General
  IACLEA – International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Association
  TAG – Threat Assessment Group
  NASPA – National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
  VT Review – Virginia Tech Review Board
  AACU – Association of American Colleges and Universities (includes both American and International Institutions)
  AAU – Association of American Universities (includes only American Institutions)

- **Campus Safety & Security Assessment Report:**
  Served as a member of the Campus Safety & Security Assessment Committee, a sub-committee of the Campus Emergency Response Team. This committee took on the task of assessing the
status of the UA emergency response preparedness plans, policies and procedures. A report was developed and is currently in review by the Office of General Counsel.

- **Benchmarked Campus Safety Programs:**
  Gathered best practices from other universities, including faculty resources, web resources, publications and educational activities and materials.

- **UA Student Safety Assessment:**
  - Conducted focus groups with stakeholders (faculty, staff, students including but not limited to UAPD, OASIS, Residence Life, Greek Life, Off-Campus Students, ASUA, Saferide, Women’s Center, CAPS, risk management) to develop questions for a student safety survey.
  - Conducted student focus groups focusing on safety issues. Focus groups were conducted with ASUA, RHA, IFC, Panhellenic Association, NPHC & Multicultural fraternities and sororities, Cultural Centers, Athletics, GPSC, Off-Campus students, LGBTQ, Women’s Resource Center and Disability Resource Center.
  - Developed and implemented first-ever student safety survey to assess student experiences, perceptions and knowledge around safety issues, needs, and services. Survey was conducted in Spring 2009 utilizing Student Voice. Survey is in process of being analyzed.
  - Conducted initial assessment of current safety related resources, programs and services to determine what programs exist/don’t exist, what students are/are not receiving these resources, and identifying what gaps exist in service, education and programming.

- **Educational Resources:**
  **Faculty Resource Publication & Educational Resources:**
  Met with individuals from Faculty Senate, Student Affairs Policy Committee, Faculty Fellows, and the Provost Office to gather feedback on resources for faculty. Used feedback to enhance web resources and to develop a publication and poster focusing on Threatening and Disruptive Student Behavior.

**Safety Articles:**
Developed articles focusing on safety for various publications/e-newsletters (Dean of Students, Daily Wildcat, CSIL/student organizations, Parents and Family Association). Developed podcast on safety resources.

**Poster Campaign:**
Coordinated the development of the UA Safe Cats poster campaign. Posters with safety messaging were placed in campus buildings and on UA Shuttles. Posters contained messaging utilizing a Facebook look or “Safebook” to embed safety messaging in a facebook style of communication and a second approach focusing on messages of “Wildcats got your back” to emphasize friends needing to look out for each other. Advertisements following these poster campaigns were also placed in the Arizona Daily Wildcat.
UA SafeCats Handout:
Created safety tip handout for SafeRide users.

Multimedia Resources:
Developed multi-media templates for Safe Cats educational resources to expand outlets where students, staff and faculty can obtain safety resource information via a Safe Cat Blog, email, AIM, Facebook and YouTube mediums.

Expanded web resources to organize safety information in a more user friendly format.

Safety Card:
Developed and distributed business size cards that brand the Safe Cat program and contains safety resource information for the campus community. Over 7,000 have been distributed.

Orientation:
Presented need-to-know safety information to parents and students during the second day of the Orientation program each session.

Dean of Students Website:
Developed safety messaging for web homepage – updated regularly to reflect issues and needs of students.

• Student Affairs Critical Incident Team SAC-IT)
Coordinates the training and oversight for a team of 45 student affairs professionals (SAC-IT) who are responsible for assisting with critical incidents involving students; training their home departments regarding health and safety protocols, CERT protocols, emergency preparedness and workplace violence and other critical student related policies. Conducted tabletop exercises to give SAC-IT team members experience with applying their training and knowledge on scenarios that simulate various real life crisis situations.

• Other safety related committee work:
Campus Emergency Response Team, Campus Health – Alcohol Coalition Committee, Arizona Board of Regents – Campus Safety Coordinator, Dean of Students Critical Student Incident Team, and Dean of Students Behavioral Assessment Team.

• Threat Assessment Group (TAG) Training:
Attended 3 day training conducted by TAG. TAG is on contract with the University of Arizona and provides expertise in assessing threatening behavior/workplace violence situations for the Dean of Students Office and Human Resources.

Additional Funding:
Obtained $11,000 from the Parents & Family Association to support the development educational materials.