A Touch of HOPE
The Bimonthly HOPE Center Newsletter

What is the HOPE Center?
By Meghan Mausteller

The HOPE Center, located in Ulmer 100, offers a variety of services to the LHU community. We exist to support, empower, and enlighten all students about issues of sex, gender, sexual violence, personal safety and health, social justice and educational equity.

A Safe Space
HOPE provides a safe space on campus for students, faculty, and staff to discuss issues related to sexual assault and relationship violence. While we do not provide counseling, we can refer you to other resources both on and off campus.

Programs and Events
We sponsor and co-sponsor several events each year related to our mission, including an annual Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil and the national Take Back the Night event. We also hold workshops, film screenings, and discussions about issues related to our mission in order to promote open and intellectual discussion about these issues.

Research Materials
HOPE has an extensive library of materials related to our mission that are available for all students to use.

Meet the HOPE Center staff!

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The President’s Commission on LGBTQ Affairs has a month-long exhibit on loan from the Central PA LGBT History Project. It is on exhibit in Stevenson Library until Thursday, Oct. 20.

Let us know what you want to see in future newsletters by emailing Dr. Schillig at lschilli@lhup.edu
In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the HOPE Center is hosting our annual Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 pm in the Alumni Pavilion.

This year, our Vigil will be held as part of the campus-wide It’s On Us week of activities, which is an effort to raise awareness of all types of sexual and relationship violence, as well as domestic violence. As part of the campaign, we will have a table where students can sign a personal pledge to stand against sexual and relationship violence and act as an ally for survivors.

During the Vigil, HOPE Center student staff and other volunteers will read victim statements from recent headline rape cases, including the statement written by the woman raped by Stanford University student Brock Turner and the statement from the Vanderbilt rape case. There will be statements read from recent domestic violence cases, as well.

Executive Director of the Clinton County Women’s Center Sandy Ludwig will also give a brief speech about local statistics and services the Clinton County Women’s Center offers.

At the end of the vigil, we will have a candle lighting in honor of those who have passed as a result of domestic violence and sexual assault and to show that we stand in solidarity with current survivors.

If you are interested in participating in the Vigil by reading a victim statement or having a club table, contact Dr. Schillig at lschilli@lhup.edu

The HOPE Center exists to support, empower, and enlighten all students about issues of sex, gender, sexual violence, personal safety and health, social and educational equity. Our programs and events are designed to foster open discussion and intellectual exchange about these and other issues, to promote an overall sense of well-being, and to create a safe campus climate for all. We are located in Ulmer Suite 100, and can be contacted via 570-484-2111. For more information, stop by, call, or visit us on the web at: http://www.lhup.edu/students/campus_safety/hope_center/

Other Important Community Resources:

- **The Clinton County Women's Center at** (570) 748-9509
- **Lock Haven University Public Safety at** (570) 484-2278
- **Lock Haven Police Department at 911 or** (570) 893-5911
- **Title IX Coordinator: Ms. Deana Hill at** (570) 484-2014 or dhill@lhup.edu