

Sexual Assault Awareness Brings Meredith Students Together

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Opinion -- As the Vice President (and upcoming President) of WINGS, and President of the Social Work Club, I was the organizer for Meredith's first Sexual Assault Awareness Week (April 1-5), and was fortunate to be able to collaborate with several clubs/organizations to help make this a very successful week.

Together with the help of WINGS, Sociology / Criminology Club, Social Work Club, and Angels Against Trafficking

we were able to have events every day on campus for students to learn more about Sexual Assault.

April 3rd, was WINGS "Angels Take Back the Night," and that is certainly what happened. We began the evening with the viewing of "Telling Amy's Story" (telling.psu.edu), a documentary of a young woman trapped in an abusive relationship. When she gets the courage to leave, her abuser kills her in the home, while her parents and children are waiting in the driveway.

After the film, I shared my personal story, and some statistics about Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. As I told the students, when asked why I do these events and advocate out in the community for women to EMPOWER one another, my response is simple: "One in four. One in four women will be raped / attempted rape before they leave college. One in four women are affected by domestic violence. I have six nieces, that I love dearly, and I think of how do you choose? Which one is going to be hurt and I can't stop it?" And then I pointed to my 18 year old daughter that remembers the abuse, and she had tears in her eyes- we made a vow that we would never let that happen again.

Every time I give a presentation on campus, or wherever I speak, it never fails that at least 1 or 2 will come up to share their personal story of how sexual abuse has happened to them, their mom, or someone they know or love.

Sharing my story and showing others that domestic violence and sexual assault may have changed my life, allows me to say that it does not de-

fine me as a person. This is an avenue where we have

an obligation to one another to EMPOWER each other and the women around us.

As you saw in the pictures, students did empower one another, as we marched and yelled chants from Kresge to the gazebo by Jones Chapel. We held our posters up high and proud! At the "Speak Out" portion and candlelight vigil, we had several students speak, and even I was surprised. We hugged on one another, cried together, and reminded each other what strong and independent women we are!

I hope that this tradition will continue on. I know we will have it for at least one more year since I am a rising Senior,

but it would be great if Meredith could continue to honor the importance of Sexual Assault Awareness Week!

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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How to Get a Job in this Multi-Generational Era

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Opinion-- Which of the following means the most to you? Elvis joins the Army. Jimi Hendrix dies. MTV debuts. Kurt Cobain dies.

For most Meredith students, the answer would be "Kurt Cobain dies." The answer might very well be different for your grandmother, father, or older sister or brother. While pop music milestones may not seem that important, the sum total of experiences, ideas, and values shared by people of different generations makes for a melting pot of work approaches and priorities.

I am nearing the end of my senior year at Meredith. By this summer, I expect to be employed in a multi-generation work environment with colleagues of different ages, values, and work ethics. It's hard to imagine that the age span could range anywhere from my father's generation, the Traditionalists, who were born before 1946 to those of my mother's generation, the Baby Boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1964, to my brother's contemporaries who are Generation Xers born between 1965 and 1981, to my generation, the Millennials, who were born since 1981. The formative years for these generations were so different.

The Traditionalists lived through World War II, a war fought much differently than the present day conflicts. Technologically, black and white televisions were mass marketed.

The Baby Boomers experienced the Korean War, Martin Luther King marches, John Glenn circling the earth, President Kennedy's assassination, and the Cold War. Technologically, color television became popular with consumers.

Generation Xers witnessed the end of the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, Roe vs. Wade abortion decision, the first reports on AIDS, the energy crisis, and Arab terrorists at the Munich Olympics. Technologically Intel's first chip was developed; the first e-mail management program; videocassette recorder introduced on the consumer market; Microsoft founded; personal computer introduced; first commercial cellular telephone system; CNN began 24-hour broadcasting; and MTV was launched.

My generation, the Millennials, has seen the beginning of corporate downsizing, the Chernobyl disaster, the Persian Gulf War, the Oklahoma City bombing, and September 11. Technologically, compact discs were mass marketed; World Wide Web launched; Pentium processor invented; digital cameras mass marketed; DVD technology invented; satellite radio debuted; and wireless internet began to be installed and marketed on personal computers.

So what advice do I have for my fellow seniors about to enter the workforce amidst the multi-generations? First, we need to be open to people of all cultures since our workforce of the future will be increasingly multicultural, age diverse, and global. Be positive and confident and keep our "can-do" attitude. Seek leadership, and even structure, from older and managerial coworkers, and respect their ideas. We need to play up our high energy, savvy technology skills, multi-tasking capabilities, and team accomplishments. At the same time, realize we are new to the professional workplace and be open to mentoring, rules, and established meetings. Continue to

seek challenges, yet balance life away from work with friends, family, and philanthropic involvement. Good luck fellow Angels as you follow your path!

Generational Gap in the Workforce via bearstaffblog.com



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Kappa Nu Sigma is a scholastic honor society created in 1923 on the Meredith campus and founded on the Greek principles of Kallos, Nous, and Sophia, which mean beauty, sound mind- edness, and intelligence. The society strives to promote the academic scholarship of Meredith students. Members are required to have junior status with a 3.9 GPA or senior status with a 3.8 GPA. In addition, KNS provides scholarships to freshmen and sophomores with 4.0 GPAs.

Inductions for Kappa Nu Sigma and scholarship recognitions took place this spring with alumna Cindy Bizzell, director of the guardian ad litem program for North Carolina, returning to campus to give the speech for the induction ceremony. Ms. Bizzell provided a unique and refreshing perspective based on The Four Fold Way, a book that teaches of living in balance. She stressed that we must live our lives as a teacher, warrior, healer, and visionary.

While Kappa Nu Sigma hopes that all of its new inductees and members will be guided by the three Greek words of KNS and the balance that Bizzell spoke of, the organization hopes that all Meredith students will be guided by them to act on these ideals and represent the Meredith College with Kallos, Nous, and Sophia.