Security Report 2009

The College of Westchester is proud of its excellent record of keeping our campus as crime free as possible. Our entire College community assists in this process of keeping the campus a safe place to attend classes and to work. This Security Report is mandated by the United States Department of Education in accordance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1992. In compliance with this mandate, we have compiled this report to keep our campus community aware of important policies, procedures, and statistics. All colleges in the United States are required to compile and distribute these statistics via publication.

Campus Crime Statistics
According to the Campus Crime and Security Act, The College of Westchester is required to provide statistics on: occurrences on campus concerning criminal offenses reported to local police agencies and to the Public Safety Office; statistics for drug, alcohol, and weapons arrests on campus as reported to local police agencies and to the Public Safety Office; and data provided by the City of White Plains Police Department regarding criminal offenses surrounding the campus area. This area is defined as follows: extends from the municipal parking lot (located on the corner of Central Avenue and Tarrytown Road) to the bus stop which is located on Central Avenue and Chatterton Avenue; from Central Avenue to the CW student parking lot on Fulton Street, and from house #107 to #129 on Robertson Avenue.

In 2008, there were no thefts on the College property reported to the White Plains police. In 2008, on the property surrounding the campus, the City of White Plains Police Department reported that there were four drug law violations. Statistics for 2009 will be available in October 2010 and located on the College’s website at [http://library.cw.edu/students.html](http://library.cw.edu/students.html) and also the college portal at [cw.cruiser.edu](http://cw.cruiser.edu). Additional information on sexual assault can be found in the Library.

Anti-Drug and Alcohol Policy
The College of Westchester has a no tolerance policy regarding the use of drugs and alcohol on its property or surrounding property. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of alcohol or an illegal drug by a student or employee on property at The College of Westchester is strictly prohibited. New York and Federal law prohibits the unlawful use, manufacture, possession, control, sale and dispensation of any illegal narcotic or dangerous drugs. Both State and Federal laws carry penalties for violations, including monetary fines and/or imprisonment.

The health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol include physical and mental impairment, emotional and psychological deterioration, fine and gross motor degeneration and death. In addition to the health risks to the abuser of illegal drugs and alcohol are the risks to co-workers, students and the public. The College of Westchester’s Office of Academic Affairs can provide referral to students with problems related to alcohol and drug use. Faculty and staff with problems related to alcohol and drug use should contact the Dean of Student Academic Services for referrals to treatment programs. Information about substance abuse and treatment programs is
available in the Office of Academic Affairs which has procedures to assure confidentiality.

Individuals whose performance is impaired as a result of the use or abuse of drugs or alcohol, who illegally use or abuse drugs or alcohol on campus, or who have been convicted of violating any criminal drug statute while on The College of Westchester property will be sanctioned. The sanctions can include required completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, dismissal, termination of employment, and referral for prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

As a condition of enrollment and employment, each student, faculty member and staff member will abide by the terms of this policy and will notify the President no later than five days after any conviction for a criminal drug offense committed on The College of Westchester property. Failure to comply with these conditions will constitute unsatisfactory conduct and will lead to appropriate sanctions.

**Drug or Alcohol Abuse Education Programs**
A number of counseling and treatment options are available to students of The College of Westchester who may need supportive guidance. A list of these agencies is available in the Office of Academic Affairs and is available to all students and employees. Students are encouraged to seek counseling and/or treatment in dealing with personal issues of substance abuse relating to themselves, their family, or friends.

**Description of Sex Offense Awareness Programs**
The College of Westchester has not had a sexual offense on its campus during this reporting period. Nonetheless, every student and employee of The College of Westchester is provided information regarding sexual offense awareness. Brochures are available and the topic is discussed in the Transformative Learning course. The Sex Offender Registration Act also requires each state to maintain a Sex Offender Registry. For New York State, the Registry is located at [http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/](http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/). Note that The College of Westchester does not provide any information to that Registry, however, does access the Registry for information.

**Description of Campus Security Programs**
A variety of crime prevention information is available to students and employees. Student information is provided through their Transformative Learning course, new student orientation, and the student handbook. Employee information is available in the employee handbook and through various publications made available to the employees. Related programs on sexual assault, alcohol and drug abuse are available through various community organizations. These include the Bureau of Sex Crimes Analysis, Al-Anon, Alateen, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Daytop Village. The address and phone numbers for these and other community programs are available from the Office of Academic Affairs.