Sexual Assault Survivors Reclalm Voices with Take Back the Night Week

CHICO, Calif. – The Associated Students Gender & Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) is proud to announce the return of our annual Take Back the Night Week, which will take place Wednesday-Friday, April 20–22 on Chico State’s campus. This year’s theme is “Reclaiming Our Voices through Agency and Advocacy.”

Take Back the Night Week provides an opportunity for students and community members of Chico to all come together and recognize the large ongoing issue of rape culture, violence against women, and to involve themselves in the protest against it. This event is an opportunity to acknowledge and empower survivors and to reclaim the right to everyone’s security. Individuals may stand in solidarity with survivors to support the collective action against this ongoing violence. The week will culminate in a silent candlelit march through the streets of downtown Chico, providing a chance for survivors of sexual assault to reclaim their right to feel safe and secure at all times in their community.

Below is a schedule of events for the week:

Wednesday, April 20

Informational Tabling Fair and Sign Making Party: Participants can make signs for the Silent Candlelit March (on Thursday night) while browsing local campus and community organizations dedicated to the cause.

Time and Location: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in the Gauntlet (between Glenn and Siskiyou)

“The Hunting Ground” Film Screening: hosted by Safe Place, the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC), and the Title IX Oversight Committee

Time and Location: 6 p.m.–8 p.m. in BMU 203

Focus Group on Sexual Assault Prevention: hosted by Safe Place

Time and Location: 8 p.m.–10 p.m. in BMU 008

Thursday, April 21 (Main Event of the Week)

Keynote Speaker: 6 p.m.–7 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium

Survivor Speak Outs: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Women’s only: BMU 210 and 312

Gender Inclusive: BMU 211

UMatter and Title IX Oversight Committee Consent Workshop: 7 p.m.–8 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium

“Take Back the Mic” Spoken Word: 8 p.m.–9 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium

Silent Candlelit March through Downtown Chico: 9 p.m.–10 p.m.

Friday, April 22

Debriefing Brunch: 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in the Cross Cultural Leadership Center (MLIB 172)

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The Associated Students Gender & Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) is a student-run activist organization that strives to empower all students through its four programs: the Women’s Program, the LGBTQ+ Program, the Outreach Program, and the Trans Program. The GSEC challenges societal norms that have been used to oppress and marginalize by providing opportunities for leadership, personal development, and referral services. We offer a safe and inclusive space where the campus and community can effectively support the academic mission of the university.