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Sexual Assault Survivors Reclaim 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 Monday-Friday, April 24-28 on Chico State’s campus. This year’s theme is “March, Learn, Act for Awareness, Solidarity, Prevention, and Resilience.”

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:

Monday, April 24

**What Makes a Survivor Workshop**: Facilitated by Rape Crisis Intervention
Time and Location: 6 p.m.–8 p.m. in the UHUB

Tuesday, April 25

**“The Hunting Ground” Film Screening and Discussion**: Facilitated by Safe Place. Join us for a screening of an award winning documentary that discusses the topic of sexual assault on college campuses.
Time and Location: 6 p.m.–8 p.m. in BMU 203

Wednesday, April 26

**Resource Tabling Fair**
Time and Location: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in the Gauntlet (Siskiyou and Glenn)

**Consent and Communication**: Facilitated by Catalyst and Safe Place
Time and Location: 6 p.m.–8 p.m. in BMU 220G

Thursday, April 27

**“Take Back the Night” MAIN EVENT**

**Keynote**: Ekere Tallie the author of *Dear Continuum: Letters to a Poet Crafting Liberation* will be the keynote speaker.
Time and Location: 6 p.m. in BMU Auditorium

**Survivor Speakout**: Attendees can go to debrief their experiences in a safe space.
Time and Location: 7 p.m. in BMU 210, 211, 312, and 304

**Consent Workshop**: facilitated by the Title IX Committee
Time and Location: 7 p.m. in BMU Auditorium

**Take Back the Mic**: Spoken word event that focuses on the experiences and feelings surrounding the topic of sexual assault trauma, prevention, awareness, solidarity and healing.
Time and Location: 8 p.m. in BMU Auditorium

**Silent Candlelit March**: We will be having a march around downtown Chico in solidarity with sexual assault survivors.
Time and Location: 9 p.m. begins at SSC Plaza through Downtown Chico

Friday, April 28

**Debriefing Brunch**: Facilitated by GSEC
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. in CCLC (Meriam Library 172)

The Women’s Program utilizes intersectional Feminist ideologies to offer educational opportunities and programs that are centered in diverse women’s experiences. This program seeks to create and sustain a safe university environment that promotes the personal, educational, and professional growth of all women.