

Campus Safety Bulletin

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Well, we're off to another exciting academic year at Winston-Salem State University, and continue to pride ourselves on creating graduates of distinction. This is accomplished, not only because of our exceptional academic program, but also because of the measures we've put in place to ensure the safety of every student who enters our campus to learn, so they can safely depart to serve. We believe in the total success of our students, and would like to briefly highlight some of our safety initiatives in this first Campus Safety Bulletin of the academic year.

Programs to Serve You

- Ram ASSIST – WSSU's threat assessment team that provides assessment and intervention of troubling, disruptive and threatening behavior in an effort to prevent threats to a safe and secure learning environment for the campus community. If you witness these behaviors among students, report it to the team (www.wssu.edu/ramassist).
- Interpersonal Violence Prevention – Educational program designed to deter people from becoming targets of any form of interpersonal violence as well as a service center to those who've been a victim of sexual assault, dating violence, violence through social media, or any other personal threat.
- Nightly Check Points – Controlled access onto main campus is in place nightly from 8pm until 5am. During this period, visitors must present a valid ID to traffic officers and verify the purpose of their visit. Students are allowed unrestricted access onto campus if they present their university issued Rams Card. This safety measure has resulted in a considerable decrease in crimes on campus during this window of time.

Programs to Engage You

- Trust Talks – Campus Police partners with the Student Government Association and Justice Studies Program to engage in trust-building conversations with students on campus. These are open dialogues conducted each semester that help our sworn officers better understand the concerns students have when interacting with law enforcement, and educate the students on why police have to take certain actions when enforcing the law. Stay tuned for the next Trust Talks to be held in the coming weeks.
- Community Policing – An Officer from Campus Police has been assigned to each residence hall, and will hold monthly sessions in the halls to address issues or concerns residential students have while living on campus.
- On September 2, 2015, we conducted our 3rd Annual Campus Safety Day. This event highlights campus and community health and safety resources available to our students, faculty and staff, as well as educates everyone on individual protective measures. Demonstrations and skits on self-defense tactics, addressing medical emergencies, and other personal safety tips were performed.

You are encouraged to utilize our campus safety resources throughout the academic year. By actively engaging in these programs and initiatives, your awareness and preparedness levels are enhanced. We are your public safety partners on campus, and will do all we can to help protect the most valuable assets of WSSU, YOU!

Remember, at WSSU your safety matters.