IU Fraternities and Sororities are partnering with the Division of Student Affairs, to take a proactive approach and expand Sexual Violence Prevention Programming and Resources for Alumni Volunteers, Chapter Presidents and House Directors from all four Councils. This targeted group of 160 people attended a Sexual Violence Prevention Summit hosted by Dean of Students Harold “Pete” Goldsmith in September. The central theme was Indiana University Fraternity and Sorority Life becoming one of the safest communities in the nation.

To achieve this lofty goal, attendees heard from a variety of campus professionals providing expertise in sexual assault awareness and prevention, sharing consistent messages so that we can address the very real problem of sexual violence on campus. Following the presentations, attendees engaged in roundtable discussions to brainstorm an action plan for the fraternity/sorority community. Several new campus programs have been added to existing educational workshops as a result of the recent White House Task Force/Office of Civil Rights recommendations issued by President Obama in April. Overlapping laws from Title IX, the Clery Act and the soon-to-be-implemented Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE) cover civil rights protections for a wide range of dating and sexual violence and sexual harassment.

Last spring, a similar group of 150 undergraduates, alumni and house directors attended a group brainstorming meeting on preventing alcohol misuse and abuse prior to Little 500. Steve Veldkamp, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Life and Learning asked
participants “what would it take for us to become the safest fraternity and sorority community in the country.” One student shared “the best part of Greek Life at IU is that it is larger and stronger and should be a model for other campus Greek communities and we need better risk management policies across the board.”

What can you do to help? Please encourage your chapter to participate in all of the campus safety programs:

- **Safe Sisters** - a Panhellenic Association (PHA) initiative
- **Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARS)** - sponsored by Interfraternity Council (IFC)
- **Culture of Care** – student-led and staff-supported initiative focused on creating a campus culture in which members of the Indiana University Bloomington community demonstrate “care” for one another.
- **Step Up IU!** - by-stander intervention training
- **Raising Awareness of Interactions in Sexual Encounters (RAISE)** - a group of students who train and educate other students in consent and healthy sexual communication
- **Safety Escort** - a proactive transportation service run by students who strive to maintain campus safety.