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On Saturday, April 14, the Sacred Heart University Psychology and Sociology Clubs will host a rally to stop domestic violence. The event will take place from 1-5 p.m. on the dining hall patio on the south side of the main academic building. The day's events will include a self-defense workshop, speakers, an eco-friendly balloon launch, a live DJ, as well as free food and games.

Speakers will include Sacred Heart University Criminal Justice Professor Tanya M. Grant; Sarah Lubarsky and Jenn Brown from the Center for Woman and Families; Susannah Kaplan from the Domestic Violence Crisis Center; Anny Munoz of Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated; and Attorney Chester Fairlie, facilitator of Survivors of Homicide.

Talks throughout the day will focus on dating violence, survivor facts, homicide statistics and personal testimonies. The day will conclude with an hour-long self-defense workshop, as well as an eco-friendly balloon launch to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

Psychology Club Advisor Deirdre Yeater, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, is excited to bring awareness to the SHU community. “I fully support the efforts of the Club to raise awareness on what is one of the most pressing issues facing young women in our community. The students in the Psychology and Sociology Clubs have worked extremely hard to raise awareness. They have planned a wonderful day of presentations to provide information on domestic and dating violence, as well as sexual assault,” she said.

Donations are welcomed and will go directly to the Center for Women and Families in Bridgeport, CT.