

Peru State recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month (KLZA)-- **Peru State College has announced a series of public events throughout April to commemorate National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The month-long observance is aimed at raising awareness about sexual violence, prevention, and supporting survivors of sexual assault.**

SAAM at Peru State launches on Monday, April 1, by decorating the campus. Volunteers will tie campus trees and light poles in teal fabric, install SAAM yard signs, and set up the SAAM information table in the Student Center. Then on Tuesday, April 2 starting at 5 pm on the Quad is the fourth annual Cats4Consent March. The first 300 participants will receive a free SAAM 2024 T-shirt. Immediately following the march is the opening reception of “What were you wearing?” Survivor Exhibit at 5:30 p.m. in AV Larson Art Gallery. The installation serves as a powerful reminder that clothing does not invite sexual assault.

Peru State is pleased to present two keynote events. The first will be a panel discussion on Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm in the PAC. Panelists include members of the Lincoln Police Department Special Victims Unit, Project Response Sexual Assault Advocates, and PSC Title IX staff. Panelists will help dispel the myths surrounding the process of reporting and investigating sexual assaults. The panel will be moderated by Stephanie Huddle, Instructor of Criminal Justice. Peru State is also pleased to welcome Briana Hansen to present “Sex Rules” on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm in the PAC.

This program is an engaging, empowering, and enlightening discussion about sex, sexuality, and sexual assault awareness and prevention.

SAAM concludes at Peru State with National Denim Day on Wednesday, April 24 and the chance to pie someone for Project Response. Anyone who has contributed a monetary donation or personal hygiene item to the month-long donation drive for Project Response will be entered into a drawing for a chance to pie a volunteer of their choice. The pie-ing will occur Wednesday, April 24th from 10:30 am-1:30 pm in the Blue Oak/Live Oak rooms.

All are encouraged to participate in Teal Tuesdays throughout the month by wearing teal, the national SAAM color. Teal awareness bracelets, label ribbons, and stickers will be available at the SAAM information table in the Student Center.

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