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To the UD Community:

The University of Delaware is committed to maintaining a safe campus where our students, faculty, staff and visitors can learn and work without fear of verbal or physical abuse. To help educate our institution and community on the important issue of sexual misconduct, UD’s Office of Equity and Inclusion is launching the kNOw MORE campaign. You can read more about the campaign in this UDaily story.

The campaign represents an opportunity for every one of us to stand up and help foster an environment where sexual misconduct is not tolerated and survivors are supported. The campaign complements the excellent work already being done by many departments and student groups to build awareness and resources around this issue. I am so proud of the students who have helped develop this campaign and are serving as peer ambassadors.

I encourage everyone to participate in this initiative. To start, you can sign the pledge to know more about sexual misconduct. The pledge is available at www.udel.edu/knowmore. Also, visit the kNOw MORE campaign booth from noon to 2 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Trabant University Center. At 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Trabant, please join
author and activist Jackson Katz for an engaging conversation on sexual misconduct and domestic violence.

Most importantly, know that you can make a difference every day: Learn how to spot potentially inappropriate behavior, how to intervene safely, how to report misconduct and how to direct victims to helpful resources. Please refer to the kNOw MORE website for valuable information.

Everyone deserves to feel safe and to be safe at the University of Delaware. Together, we can cultivate a climate of respect and support for ourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

Dennis Assanis
President