**UMBC Relationship Violence Prevention Advocates**

**Position Description (Fall, 2014)**

*(applications accepted on a rolling basis from April 18 through August 8)*

The **UMBC Relationship** **Violence Prevention Advocates** program is a comprehensive program funded by a grant from Verizon. The program changes each year and is designed to educate the UMBC Community on specific relationship violence prevention information. The goals of the program are to systematically raise awareness and support for a campus to be without relationship violence and create an environment that encourages healthy relationships and the victims of relationship violence to come forward and receive support. Specific components of the program include:

* Relationship violence prevention education and training for volunteer students, faculty and staff advocates who represent various groups and populations on campus. These advocates will help to educate the campus community about relationship violence prevention through their networks, and serve as referral sources for those who have experienced or are impacted by relationship abuse/violence or have questions about unhealthy relationships.
* Training for UMBC athletic coaches
* Relationship Skills Program via the UMBC Counseling Center
* Awareness, Education and Resources through www.umbc.edu/rvap
* Bystander Intervention training through the Green Dot program (VP Student Affairs Office)

General Description:

UMBC Relationship Violence Prevention Advocates are UMBC community members who: a) are able to provide relationship/dating/intimate partner violence prevention information to their community networks, b) observe the UMBC community and take notice of and report community issues related to relationship violence to advocate trainers, c) encourage bystander intervention techniques within UMBC community network, d) make appropriate referrals, e) provide helpful resource information to their UMBC community network and individuals, f) support violence prevention efforts on campus, and g) volunteer to staff events (tabling, etc).

1. Must attend training on **August 25, 2014 from 9:30am-4pm**
2. Must attend the following Friday meetings at noon- August 29; September 5, 12, 19; October 3, 17, 31; November 14; December 5
3. Must share educational information with your network of friends, colleagues, student organizations, team members, and at campus events
4. Must utilize skills to make referrals, provide resources, intervene safely when necessary using bystander intervention skills.

***Training topics for advocates will include:*** *characteristics of unhealthy relationships, domestic violence and abuse, healthy relationship skills, bystander intervention, on and off campus resources, helping and referral skills, men’s role in preventing violence, presentation skills, changing culture, identity group needs, etc.*

**Relationship Violence Prevention Advocate Application**

*Thank you for your interest in this position! Please read and answer all questions completely.* ***In order for your application to be considered you must submit this completed application* *to Kim Leisey in the Vice President for Student Affairs Office located in suite 319 of The Commons (3rd floor) or by e-mailing it to studentaffairs@umbc.edu.*** *If you have any questions please contact Kim Leisey at 410-455-2393.*

***APPLICATIONS ,BRIEF CONVERSATIONAL INTERVIEWS AND DECISIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, HELD AND MADE ON A ROLLING BASIS BETWEEN April 18 , 2014 AND August 8, 2014***

**Name: UMBC ID#:**

**UMBC AFFILIATION: UG Student GRAD Student Faculty Staff**

**Department or Academic Major:**

**Phone number: (Campus/Home) (Mobile)**

**UMBC e-mail address:**

1. **Please list current EDUCATIONAL LEVEL/EMPLOYMENT/CAMPUS ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**
2. **The Relationship Violence Prevention Advocate position is a volunteer position. Due to the importance of each and every meeting the training and Friday meetings are mandatory for the position. Failure to attend training and Friday meetings could result in you being asked to step away from the program. Please indicate whether you are able to attend training on August 25 as well all Friday meetings, 12-12:50pm (see specific dates on first page of application).**

**Yes No**

**Comments:**

1. **Please describe why you are applying for this volunteer position.**
2. **References: Please list two members of the UMBC Community who can speak to your character and integrity. Please ensure that one is a faculty or staff member.**

**Name and position email and phone #:**

**Name: email and phone #:**

By submitting this application:

I hereby certify that the above statements are correct. I understand that by falsifying this document, I disqualify myself from further consideration for the position. By signing my name below, I authorize the Relationship Violence Prevention Advocates Advisory Team to verify the information requested above with the UMBC Registrar, appropriate UMBC staff, and references listed.

**Students:** I understand that an Advocate Advisor will be verifying my grades and student conduct status.

**Faculty and Staff:** By signing and submitting this application I am verifying that I have received permission from my supervisor or Department Chair to participate in this program.

I understand that, if I am accepted for this position, I am expected to participate the training and meetings listed above.

**Applicant’s Printed Name: Applicant’s Signature:**

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***Please be reminded that applications will be screened for qualified applicants. Brief conversational interviews will take place on a rolling basis!***

***Thank you for your interest in this very important position! Please send completed application to:***

***student affairs@umbc.edu***