BGSU’s Hazing Prevention Week 2023

**Monday: Green Dot-A-Palooza**
- Speaking with students about being an active bystander.

**Tuesday: What hazing could look like in an Athletics and Band context**
- Examples of what hazing could look like, and starting the conversation that it does happen in these organizations.

**Wednesday: Cookies and Consent and Foltz Family Foundation presentation**
- Talking about how you cannot consent to being hazed and the Foltz Family came to speak to our campus.

**Thursday: Gallery Walk and New Member Red Flags**
- A walk-around event that showcased stories of those that have been hazed and some that have passed away and what to look out for when joining an organization.

**Friday: Chalk the Walk and What hazing could look like in an Academic context**
- Putting positive messaging on the sidewalks and looking at what hazing could look like in an academic setting.

**Student Committee, Strategic Partnerships & Prevention Work**

**Student Committee made up of students from:**
- Athletics, Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Senate, and Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- Helped plan National Hazing Prevention Week activities and tabled/interacted with students all week.

**Strategic Partnerships:**
- Marketing and Brand Strategies, Office of Health and Wellness, Division of Community Well-Being, Athletics, Club Sports, Marching Band, Student Engagement, Fraternity and Sorority Life, and Spirit Programs.

**Prevention Work:**
- Continued trainings for ALL organizations across campus and check-ins throughout the semester.

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**Ohio’s Anti-Hazing Law**

**Collin’s Law**
- Collin’s Law (Senate Bill 126) is named for Collin Wiant, a former Ohio University student who died in 2018. Collin’s Law makes acts of hazing a second-degree misdemeanor and acts of hazing that include coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs or abuse that result in serious physical harm a felony of the third degree. Collin’s Law also requires reporting to law enforcement and prevention education offered from the university to students, employees and advisors.

- The Ohio Revised Code, Section 2903.31 defines hazing as “doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse, as defined in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code.”

**Collin’s Law made several changes to Ohio law including:**
- Expansion of the definition of hazing and specifies that hazing may include “coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse.”
- Increases the penalty for hazing to a 2nd-degree misdemeanor.
- Expands the list of officials required to report hazing.
- Widens the scope of those who can be punished for participating in or permitting hazing. (A violation that results in serious harm is a 3rd-degree felony.)
- Requires that those aware of hazing report it to authorities, with penalties up to a 1st-degree misdemeanor for failing to do so.
- Requires the Ohio Department of Higher Education to implement a statewide anti-hazing plan.
- Requires staff and volunteers at colleges and universities to complete education on hazing awareness and prevention.

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**Anti-Hazing Working Committee**

**Who is the working committee made up of?**
- Chief Well-Being Officer, Deputy Chief Well-Being Officer, Director of Student Engagement and Residence Life, Assistant Director of Student Engagement, Health Educator-Community Focus, Marching Band Director, Director of Club Sports, Senior Associate Athletics Director, Commander of Air Force ROTC, and the Coordinator of Spirit Programs.

**When do we meet?**
- Quarterly to check in and be updated about Hazing Prevention work happening and what is to come.
- Can be called together as needed to discuss emerging trends and necessary adjustments in our education plans throughout the academic year.
- Also talk about concerns within organizations or positive things that are happening within their groups.

**How to build partnerships**
- Reach out to those that you believe will be on board and then those that you think may be skeptical.
- Explain what you are asking for and the ideas that you have.
- Set-up a meeting to get everyone on the same page.
- Check-ins and communication so everyone knows what is being asked of them and the expectations for the partnership.
- Encouragement for the work that is being done and how your campus is changing in a positive way.
- Provide support when things do not go as planned.

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A Statewide Anti-Hazing Law in Ohio: How One Campus used the Law to Increase Prevention Strategies