

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to share an update on the important work of the Campus Safety Task Force. This group, representing all facets of the Rhodes community, has been meeting this year to examine our safety policies and procedures and identify ways to improve.

The Campus Partnerships Working Group, a subset of the task force, developed several recommendations to enhance campus safety and educate and train the campus community regarding various campus safety topics. Most importantly, we will be launching a permanent Campus Safety Advisory Board, comprised of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners, which will provide guidance to our Campus Safety team about such topics as improving relationships between students and Campus Safety officers, help develop various forums and trainings about health and safety topics ranging from CPR to vehicle safety, and increase collaboration, transparency, and communication. The full set of recommendations adopted by the Task Force to date can be found here.

Now we need your input. This group developed a survey to determine how safe our various constituencies feel on campus and in the community. It is important that we hear from you, so I ask you to please take just a few minutes to fill it out. It is a short survey, and it will give us a baseline to measure our progress. The survey can be accessed at https://rhodescollege.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57GmHVLi608yPiu. It is critically important that we hear from as many students, faculty, and staff as possible.

Note: This survey does not address the issue of sexual violence because the College undertook a comprehensive strategic planning process on that topic in 2020. You can read the report from the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Working Group here. We will convene a working group this spring to implement the recommendations of that task force.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely, Jennifer Collins

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