



VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dear Western Student:

Western, like many colleges and universities, must do all it can to prevent sexual harassment and violence on our campuses, increase awareness, hold involved parties accountable, and provide those affected with the resources and compassion they need during a time of intense personal trauma. As your Vice President for Student Affairs, I am writing to you concerning a very important topic pertaining to your well-being and safety on and off campus and the services, resources and guidance available at Western. As you begin your college experience, you will be exposed to new situations such as alcohol and drugs, sexual assault and interpersonal violence. At Western, we strive to make all students aware that many high-risk behaviors lead to criminal acts, and to provide you with information and programs to facilitate the process of developing an understanding of how these described behaviors can impact your life.

The university offers many programs throughout the year that educate students about high risk behaviors. Among the most challenging types of high risk behavior on college campuses today are sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating and intimate partner violence (IPV). It is the university's goal to assist all students in avoiding and preventing high-risk situations and to create a culture where students will become actively engaged bystanders; students willing to help others by stepping in when they see a friend or fellow student in trouble. To accomplish this, Western is expecting all first year and transfer students to complete our online program about interpersonal violence called *Not Anymore*. *Not Anymore* is interactive and designed to educate you about the prevention of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence and stalking. This program has been taken by thousands of college students across the country with great success on reducing vulnerability to potential threats, and increasing awareness on the importance of stepping forward when a friend needs support.

**Since this is a university requirement for new and transferring students, you are expected to complete the *Not Anymore* online program any time prior to coming to campus for Welcome Week, which begins on Friday, August 25, 2017.** Directions for completing the *Not Anymore* online program will be e-mailed to your university email address shortly from a vendor called STUDENT SUCCESS, the company contracted by the university to present *Not Anymore*. Please note that the entire online program is about one hour in duration, and as a guided recommendation, you can invite your parent/guardian to sit in with you as an observer while you complete the online program.

On behalf of all the staff and faculty at the university, we are pleased you are joining the Western family. Should you have any questions about *Not Anymore* or related topics, please do not hesitate to contact the university's Title IX Coordinator, Mrs. Jesenia Minier-Delgado, at [miniardelgadoj@wcsu.edu](mailto:miniardelgadoj@wcsu.edu).

Best regards,

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