Fact Sheet: Penn Anti-Violence Educators (PAVE)

What is PAVE?
PAVE stands for Penn Anti-Violence Educators. PAV members are committed students who are trained to facilitate workshops and trainings to their peers about the important role bystanders can play in ending sexual and relationship violence on campus. In its inaugural year, 5-10 PAVE students will be recruited and trained to facilitate programs in the 2015/16 academic year. Both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply.

What does PAVE do?
PAVE will co-facilitate interactive 90 minute workshops for Penn student groups focused on how to be an active bystander against sexual and relationship violence. Members will also assist in the facilitation of the 6-hour Student Anti-Violence Advocate Training, which is offered once a semester and organized by Penn staff members.

What is the time commitment?
PAVE students will be expected to facilitate 2-3 programs a month and to attend bi-monthly meetings with the group (in addition to the initial training). Trainings will continue throughout the academic year so a one year commitment is required. Those that are selected will be expected to return to campus one week before classes start to participate in a 3-day training retreat. Temporary lodging will be offered to students who need it in order to attend the training.

How can I get involved with PAVE?
Interested students will need to fill out an application for the initial screening process, and if selected will be invited to interview. Applications are due by March 30th, and the interviews will take place April 9th & 10th. No prior experience or training is necessary to apply.

Will I be compensated?
PAVE students will be compensated $15/hour for workshops and trainings. Time spent setting up and breaking down presentations will also be compensated. They will not be paid for time spent at the retreat or meetings. You do not need to be work study eligible to participate.

Who oversees PAVE?
The Director of Sexual Violence Prevention and Education will manage the PAVE program, with additional oversight from the Associate Director of the Penn Women’s Center, and a graduate student intern.

For more information and to receive an application contact
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