

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

How to talk with your teen about sexual assault & the importance of fostering healthy relationships

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017

Location: Garaventa Center, Carondelet campus

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We all want our kids to be safe – physically, emotionally and spiritually. As parents, we have to teach them how to stay safe and this requires having difficult conversations about tough topics, like sexual assault. We also have to teach our kids how to build healthy, respectful relationships. To help our parent community feel more confident in tackling these issues, our Parent Association has invited a panel of experts to discuss these topics and answer your questions.

Panelists include:

LILIANA GONZALEZ – *Prevention Educator – Community Violence Solutions*

JAVIER LOPEZ – *Prevention Educator – Community Violence Solutions*

Community Violence Solutions provides support services to child and adult victims of sexual assault and their families. Lili and Javier regularly conduct workshops for parents and teens focusing on safety strategies and communication issues within the family. Their parent presentations include information on Teen Dating Violence, Female Empowerment, Males as Allies and the Consent Culture. Founded in 1974, Community Violence Solutions, the umbrella organization for the Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin Counties, is one of the oldest rape crisis centers in California, and one of the oldest in the country.

EMARI DIMAGIBA '90 – *Carondelet alumna and writer, poet, and health educator*

Emari is a rape survivor from an incident that occurred when she was a first year college student. In the aftermath, she founded a peer education program, helped develop sexual assault policies at two universities, and was featured in a nationally syndicated television program on violence prevention.

Emari's career includes two decades as a nonprofit communications consultant grant writer and health policy advocate. Her work is fueled by a passion for social justice, especially in the realm of gender issues, reproductive health, youth development, and sexual violence prevention. She is a certified Title IX coordinator and domestic violence counselor. She is currently at work on her first book, and memoir about surviving and exiting an emotionally abusive relationship.

While at Carondelet, she was senior class president after serving as a class rep for three years and participating in theater.

GINA CATTALINI – Gina has worked as a rape crisis counselor and advocate and as an attorney representing domestic violence survivors. As a parent and a catechist, she is interested in a Catholic approach to talking about sexuality and sexual assault. She has children at both Carondelet and De La Salle.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL – A member of the law enforcement community will also be on hand to discuss the legal consequences of sexual assault and provide tips on how teens can protect themselves both physically and online.