Greetings Titans,

Everyone here from HSA hopes that you all are having a good semester as we begin to approach the final stretch. For this month’s newsletter we decided to highlight Southwest Asian/ North African (SWANA) Heritage along with an article on Prevent Connect, a project to prevent sexual assault and relationship violence. We have also included resources for sexual assault survivors on our resource page. On top of wanting to create an outlet to showcase history, we deem it important to provide our fellow students with important resources. We hope that you all find this information helpful and enjoy reading this month’s newsletter. HSA’s last event of the semester, the Summer Send Off Ceremony, will be on Tuesday, May 10th from 6-7:30pm. The location will soon be announced on our instagram page. Please keep an eye out for the official announcement! We hope to see you all there!
Here are some highlights from some HSA events from this month. A huge thanks to everyone who participated. We hope to see you all again for our next event!
PREVENT CONNECT: A VALORUS PROJECT

PreventConnect is a project from ValorUS that works nationwide and receives funding from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and RALIANCE. The main goal for this program is to advance the primary prevention of sexual assault and relationship violence. Their method also works to build the capacity of local, state, territorial, national and tribal agencies to develop and implement effective prevention initiatives. The main highlights of the cause are: to stop sexual assault and relationship violence before it starts, engage communities in preventing sexual assault and relationship violence, and lastly, build upon the strengths of the rape crisis and domestic violence movements, public health, and other prevention efforts to create social change. PreventConnection also hosts monthly podcasts on their website on issues, such as learning how to build safe online spaces and supporting and sustaining sexual and intimate partner violence prevention and practitioners. In observation of Sexual Assault Awareness month, the importance of projects and works such as Prevent Connect is to educate the public on how to focus on safety, be aware, and well-versed on how to spot violence before it is committed.

Source: National Resources for Sexual Assault Survivors and their Loved Ones | RAINN
PreventConnect.org

Written by: Vladimir Terrones
In the aftermath of the September 11th attacks, hate crimes against Muslim Americans skyrocketed growing from 28 such incidents after 2000 to 481 in 2001. The 9/11 attacks shifted public opinion and encouraged prejudices that would be perpetuated via legislation and aggressive rhetoric for years to come.

The United States had framed its post-9/11 messaging under the discourse of patriotism. In October of 2001, the U.S. titled their landmark surveillance bill as the “Patriot Act.” A month later, while President George W. Bush was making his case for intervention in the Middle East, he exclaimed that there was no room for neutrality against terrorism and that nations were either with the U.S. or “with the terrorists.” SWANA (Southwest Asian/ North African) Americans were put on a watchlist perceived as a potential threat to national security.

Language in a post 9/11 era proved to be hurtful. The rise of Muslim hatred was seen in everyday life. At the time, Hassan Sheikh was in high school when the attacks occurred. In the aftermath, Sheikh experienced acts of racism from those around him. “He says he lost friends, faced bullying, and became a target of overtly racist comments. Once while playing in a basketball game, a player from the opposite team called him ‘a raghead terrorist Arab’... The referee, he says, heard the comment but did nothing.”

Podcast host, Asad Butt, had this to state, “There is this idea that we are not as American as the next person and we have to continually prove that we are as American as our neighbors, when the truth is, we are just like everybody else.” The following quote tells readers to dispute established prejudices and to move beyond them. SWANA Heritage Month increases awareness and knowledge while also breaking down stereotypes and prejudices. It increases public awareness about diversity and humanity of the SWANA community in the United States.

Written by: Larry Zuvillaga

Source: ‘Under the prism’: Muslim Americans reflect on life post-9/11
For SWANA Heritage Month, HSA is commemorating Dr Hanna-Attisha.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha MD MPH FAAP is a pediatrician who is best recognized for whistleblowing the Flint Water Crisis. After hosting a friend, who is a water expert, she was asked if she knew about the water crisis. This lead to her to learn that lead was not being filtered out from the local water. The Flint water crisis is what led her to be an advocate for clean water and improving the lives of children in Flint, Michigan and around the world. Dr. Hanna-Attisha went before Congress twice and testified against the quality of water, eventually being named Time's 100 Most Influential People Around The World. As a pediatrician, Dr. Hanna Attisha also holds the positions of Assistant Professor at Wayne State University’s Department of Pediatrics as well as being Associate Director of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Pediatric Residency Program. Recently in 2020, she was awarded the Fries Prize for Improving Public Health from the American Public Health Association. She was also on USA Today’s 2020 list of Women of the Century.

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Sources: Mona Hanna-Attisha | Hurley Medical Education & Research
Pediatrician Who Exposed Flint Water Crisis Shares Her "Story of Resistance"
Resources for sexual assault survivors

National Sexual Assault Hotline -
Automatically routes the caller to their nearest sexual assault service provider. 800-656-HOPE (4000) / centers.rain.org

Ujima- The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community. 844-77-UJIMA (85462) /ujimacommunity.org

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence-
National Resource center on domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence in Asian and Pacific Islander communities. api-gbv.org

Know Your IX- provides information for students about their Title IX rights in regards to ending sexual violence on campus.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center- A multilingual anti-trafficking hotline. Callers can report a tip and connect with anti-trafficking services in their area. 888-373-7888

Strong Hearts Native Helpline- Supports Indigenous survivors of violence in crisis and facilitates local resource connections. 844-762-8483

National Latin@ Network- a national resource center that supports prevention and intervention efforts across the country to end domestic and dating violence in the latinx community. 651-646-5553/ casadeesperanza.org

The Network la Red- provides emotional support, information, and safety planning for LGBTQIA+ individuals who are being abused or have been by their partner. 617-742-4911/tnlr.org

1in6- National helpline that provides resources and information for men who’ve been sexually abused or assaulted. 1in6.org

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ASI Food Pantry
https://asi.fullerton.edu/services
Student Software
http://www.fullerton.edu/it/students/software/
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