

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE
STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS – GENDER BASED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

St. Thomas Aquinas College strongly opposes all forms of gender-based misconduct. Members of the St. Thomas Aquinas College Community, guests and visitors have the right to be free from all forms of gender and sex-based discrimination, examples of which can include acts of sexual violence, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. All members of the campus community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others.

The Student Bill of Rights is a summary of your rights as a student regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking. St. Thomas Aquinas College's Title IX and College Policies can be located at: <http://www.stac.edu/about-stac/college-offices-directory/human-resources/title-ix-information>

ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
- Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault treated seriously;
- Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure from the institution;
- Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
- Be treated with dignity and to receive from the institution courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
- Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
- Describe the incident to as few institutional representatives as practicable and not to be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident.
- Be free from retaliation by the institution, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the institution;
- Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
- Be accompanied by an advisor of choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process;
- Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of the College.

Options in Brief:

Victims/survivors have many options that can be pursued simultaneously, including one or more of the following:

- Receive resources, such as counseling and medical attention;
- Confidentially or anonymously disclose a crime or violation (for detailed information on confidentiality and privacy, visit <http://www.stac.edu/about-stac/college-offices-directory/human-resources/title-ix-information>)

Make a report to:

An employee with the authority to address complaints, including the Title IX Officer, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, a Student Conduct employee, or a Human Resources employee; St. Thomas Aquinas College Campus Safety; Local law enforcement; and/or Family Court or Civil Court.

CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING RESOURCES

Ms. Eileen Mastrovito, RN
Director of Health Services
845-398-4242

Dr. Lou Muggeo
Director of Counseling & Psychological Services
845-398-4174

Rabbi Daniel Pernick
Campus Minister
845-398-4063

Center for Safety & Change
<http://centerforsafetyandchange.org>
845-634-3344

NON-CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES AND REPORTING OPTIONS

Ms. Maria Coupe
Title IX Officer
845-398-4044

Mr. Norman Huling
Title IX Deputy Coordinator-Student Issues
845-398-4068

Ms. Nicole Ryan (Ballou)
Title IX Deputy Coordinator-Student Athlete Issues
845-398-4163

Office of Campus Safety & Security
845-398-4080

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Orangetown Police Department

26 Orangeburg Rd
Orangeburg, NY 10962
845-359-3700

Rockland County Sheriff's Department

54 New Hempstead Road
New City, NY 10954
845-638-5400

New York State Police – Haverstraw

8 Thiells Mt. Ivy Road
Pomona, NY 10970
845-364-0200