MAVEN Peer Education Program

What is MAVEN?

MacEwan Anti-Violence Education Network (MAVEN) is a team of MacEwan students who have completed 40+ hours of training on the topic of sexual violence prevention and workshop facilitation. MAVEN Peer Educators are available to deliver class-length (either 50-minute or 80-minute) workshops on the topic of sexual violence and consent from late October until April.

What information is covered in a MAVEN workshop?

MAVEN workshops utilize lecture, group discussion, images and video to help participants increase their knowledge about sexual violence, develop the skills to request and assess consent, and gain a sense of ownership about their role in ending sexual violence. Participants will:

- Learn about the spectrum of sexual violence
- Discuss myths and misconceptions about sexual violence
- Gain skills for navigating consent and intimate relationships
- Talk about how to prevent sexual violence
- Learn about campus resources for individuals affected by sexual violence

What are the benefits of bringing MAVEN into my class?

Research demonstrates that peer-led education can have a significant impact on university students’ attitudes and beliefs about sexual violence. MAVEN supports student leadership in sexual violence prevention, aiming to:

- Reduce rape-myth acceptance and rape-supportive attitudes and beliefs
- Increase sense of community responsibility to address sexual violence
- Reduce sexual violence perpetration
- Increase the number of students who seek support after an experience of sexual violence

Booking a MAVEN presentation is an opportunity to engage your students in critical dialogue about an issue that affects our whole community. Whether you are teaching a course with content that overlaps with MAVEN (ethics, professionalism, human rights, gender, sex, sexuality, social justice, etc.) or you simply want to create space for dialogue about sexual violence prevention, we look forward to connecting with you and your students.

How do I book a MAVEN workshop?

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