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Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, and other members of the Dominican University of California community,

Dominican University of California is required by law to publish a campus security report on an annual basis. That information is contained in this email. This information should be a reminder that each member of the campus community has a responsibility to keep Dominican a safe place to work and study. In addition, the University is providing important information about a variety of consumer topics in this letter and identifies a number of websites for you to consult.

HOW TO REPORT CRIMINAL ACTIONS OR EMERGENCIES

In the event of a violent crime, a crime in progress, or an incident involving personal injury or requiring medical attention, immediately contact the San Rafael Police Department (911, or 9-911 from a campus extension phone). *Your safety comes first.*

For events that are not life threatening, contact Security or cell phone 415-269-6070.

Policies regarding campus safety are included in Dominican's handbooks for students, faculty, and staff.

CRIME PREVENTION AT DOMINICAN

The Dominican security officer will escort any member of the campus community between buildings or from a building to a car at night. A pre-scheduled escort can be arranged by calling the officer on his cell phone at (415) 269-6070.

Dominican security personnel carry pepper sprays, batons, and tasers (but not taser guns). They do not have arrest authority. However, they may call San Rafael police for assistance.

Awareness is the most critical factor in the personal safety equation. If intoxication, fatigue, or preoccupation compromises your attention to surroundings, you operate at a disadvantage and have a greater potential for being victimized. The primary responsibility for avoiding victimization resides with you.

Resident Advisors (RAs) in the residence halls undergo specialized training to respond to housing emergencies including rape, suicide prevention, earthquake, or fire. In addition, they are familiar with the University's safety procedures for investigating and reporting any suspicious or criminal activities in the residence halls.

NOTIFICATION OF CURRENT CAMPUS CRIME PROBLEMS

Students should report crimes to the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at 415-485-3282. That person collects the data for the annual crime report. The Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students checks with the San Rafael Police Department for additional crime information on an on-going basis. Crimes also may be reported to the Facilities Services coordinator at 415-485-3210. Faculty and staff also should report crimes to the Director of Human Resources at 415-257-1365. The security staff reports to the Director of Facilities Services. Any calls from the news media regarding the occurrence of criminal incidents on campus should be directed to the Public Relations Office at (415) 485-3239.

TIMELY WARNINGS

When a situation exists on campus or in the surrounding community that in the judgment of campus officials constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, those officials will activate Dominican University's Emergency Response Plan. As part of that plan, a "timely warning" will be issued via appropriate channels, including text messages via Connect Ed; emails to faculty, staff, and students; utilization of the emergency alert system; the University's website; and, as appropriate, local newspapers and the campus newspaper, The Habit. Included in the list of campus officials who confer on emergency responses are the Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Vice President for Student Life, Vice President for External Relations, Executive Director of Facilities, Director of Human Resources, the Director of Public Relations and others as appropriate.

Dominican University notifies and cooperates with the San Rafael Police Department on situations that result in the issuance of a timely warning.

ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

Classroom buildings on campus are generally open between 7am and 11pm; some buildings may close earlier. Library hours do change occasionally during the academic year to meet the demand for services and study space.

Residence hall doors should be locked at all times. Security guards and resident assistants check to be sure that all entrances remain locked and secured during their evening rounds. Individual student rooms lock with a deadbolt. Students should always take precautions when entering or leaving their residence halls and their rooms after dark. Students should travel in pairs after dark. **Students should never prop open the doors into the residence halls.**

Dominican University is moving to have all residence halls accessible only to resident students and appropriate persons. For the fall semester 2009, students entering two halls, Pennafort and Fanjeaux, must swipe their ID cards to access the facility. A valid ID is required to enter these buildings 24/7. Students must guard against giving access to an unknown person by holding the door open or by propping the door open. Meadowlands Hall is locked at 5:00pm and students must swipe their cards to gain entrance to that building after that time. Individual student rooms lock with a deadbolt. Residents of Edgehill Village are advised to keep the doors to their living quarters locked. Students should never prop open doors to their halls or living quarters.

EDUCATION ABOUT SAFETY

During the orientation program provided for new entering students prior to the beginning of the academic year, there are sessions about campus safety and security. The Residence Life Office (Housing) sends emails to students during the academic year about maintaining safety on campus and in the residence halls. Resident advisors talk with residents on their floors about safety. All students are encouraged to pick up a Campus Safety Pocket Guide, available in the Student Life Office in the Edgehill Mansion/Alumni Heritage House. The 2010-2011 Student Handbook and Planner contains information about safety and security on campus; please refer to page 146 of the current handbook.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please contact the Marin Sheriff's Office in the Civic Center, Room 145, between 9:30-11:30 am or between 1:30-3:30 pm. You will be able to use restricted software, aided by office staff, to find out who is a sexual offender. Bring a photo ID with you.

CRIMES IN SAN RAFAEL

If anyone wishes to see the number of crimes committed in the City of San Rafael, that person should contact the City of San Rafael Police Department. Information about these statistics and about crime in San Rafael and the University district is included on the University's Web site at www.dominican.edu/about/parking_policy.cfm. The data contained on the Web page and at the government's page on crime statistics for U. S. colleges and universities is more comprehensive.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL REPORTING AREA FOR DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

Dominican University of California's campus is on eighty-six acres. The boundaries of the campus, roughly Belle Avenue on the parameter of Forest Meadows, to Palm, Olive, Locust, Magnolia, and Deer Park Avenues are the boundaries of the campus. That area includes approximately 223 acres of undeveloped, non-contiguous property east of Deer Park Avenue and Dominican's residence halls, Pennafort, Meadowlands, Fanjeaux, and Edgehill Village.

COOPERATION WITH LOCAL POLICE AGENCIES

Dominican has involved and will continue to involve any local or state police agency whenever the situation calls for such action. Local agencies should be contacted immediately by anyone on campus whenever there is an emergency or life-threatening incident on campus. Local agencies are also contacted when campus officials are informed of criminal activity. These agencies are contacted whether the event occurs on campus or during an off-campus activity sponsored by a student organization or by the University.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Students should always take precautions when entering or leaving their residence halls and their rooms after dark. Students should travel in pairs after dark. They should inform their roommates where they are going and when they plan to return. Keep someone informed of your whereabouts.

Security guards check buildings during their rounds. They make sure that all windows are locked and that lights are turned on or off as appropriate. The guards also check the parking lots around campus, including the lot near the Conlan Recreation Center.

If you are walking on campus after dark, walk with a friend or call campus security for an escort. Walk in well lit areas, near curbs, and remain sensitive to anyone walking behind you. Pick up a copy of the Campus Safety Pocket Guide in the Office of Student Life. This guide provides additional safety tips, identifies emergency assembly areas, and lists phone numbers to call in case of emergency.

FIRE SAFETY

No fires were reported on campus in 2009. Dominican University takes fire safety seriously. University personnel conduct fire drills in the residence halls and in classroom buildings each semester. Please make administrators aware of fire safety issues. As pointed out in the student handbook, it is against federal and state laws to tamper with any part of a building fire system or with any fire hose, extinguisher, sprinkler system, or smoke alarm. Any person sending a false alarm or violating any provision of the Federal or State fire laws is subject to a fine imposed by the University, civil prosecution, and possible dismissal from the University. Failure to exit a building during a building fire alarm or drill will result in a \$100 fine. San Rafael fire codes dictate the maximum number of persons who can be in a room at any one time. This includes residence hall rooms. Recently, information about fire safety on campus and detailed information about fire safety and arson was sent via email to all students, faculty, and staff. If you did not receive that information, please contact the Vice President for Student Life in Edgehill/Alumni Heritage House or call directly at 415 485-3282.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault can happen anywhere. Sexual assault is a widespread problem on college and university campuses. According to some statistics as many as one in five female students is a victim of such an assault during her undergraduate years.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault, go to a safe place immediately. Leave the scene of the crime as it is. **DO NOT** drink, eat, shower, douche, wash your hands, comb your hair, brush your teeth, or change your clothes. Such activities destroy physical evidence that could be used in the possible prosecution of the person who assaulted you. Contact someone who can help and support you, for example a resident advisor or a trusted friend. **GET MEDICAL ATTENTION** immediately. Do consider contacting the police. The police are willing to meet a victim at the hospital if you do not want them to come to campus. Also consider contacting an agency such as Community Violence Solutions (800-670-7273) to advocate on your behalf at the hospital. The importance of seeking immediate medical attention cannot be overstated. On campus, the University Counseling Center and the Health Center are available to provide support and be a resource for you. See the long section "Discrimination and Harassment Policy" online at the Dominican website student handbook for other resources. The Office of Student Life will work with students involved in sexual assaults to change academic and living arrangements.

The Office of Student Life encourages a student victim to contact the San Rafael Police Department. In addition, report the sexual assault to the Vice President for Student Life, the Associate Dean of Students, or the Director of Human Resources, who is also the Title IX Compliance Officer on campus.

Students who have committed sexual assault crimes have been reported to civic officials. In some instances those students have faced trial. Students who are referred to the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, to the Associate Dean of Students, or to the Student Judicial Board for sexual harassment or assault issues may face expulsion.

Reporting sexual assaults may prevent future assaults.

Hate crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions									
Illegal weapons possessions	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Drug Law violations	6	8	5	6	8	4	0	0	1
Liquor law violations	133	87	93	130	87	93	0	0	0

Most of the burglaries involved laptops in unoccupied faculty and staff offices; some laptop thefts occurred in the residence halls. In the reported incidents of sexual assault, all parties involved were Dominican students.

Some of the liquor law violations involved students at parties where alcohol was served. In these situations each student attending the event was issued an incident report and disciplinary action was taken.

In addition to the burglaries reported, there were 13 thefts in 2008 that do not get reported to the federal government. The thefts included four laptops from the residence halls and five laptops from other campus buildings.

Additionally, in 2008, one car was broken into at the Forest Meadows lot, and one car was broken into at the Edgehill Village parking lot. There was an attempted break in of a car parked on Acacia Avenue. For 2009, one of the burglaries was an attempted burglary of Caleruega. There were eight thefts in 2009. Four of those thefts were of laptops/computers. There was one sexual assault involving two Dominican students in 2009. It occurred off-campus. That crime does not have to be reported; nevertheless, in the spirit of full disclosure, I want the campus to be made aware of that crime. The University fully investigated it.

The University considers all reports of crime be very serious.

GRADUATION RATES AT DOMINICAN

U. S. Public Law 101-542, the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, requires that colleges and universities make known to current and prospective students the graduation rates of their first-time, full-time freshmen by gender and ethnicity, as well as graduation rates of athletes who received athletic related financial aid.

Dominican Graduation Rates		Graduation Rates of First-time, Full-time Freshmen		Graduation rates of Athletes Received Athletic Financial Aid		
		4-year Graduation Rates	6-year Graduation Rates	4-year Graduation Rates		
Graduation Year:		2010	2010	2010		
Cohort Starting Year:		2006	2004	2006		
Cohort Size:		264	276	Total	Basketball	All Others
				35	12	23
Total Graduated	#	90	150	8	2	6
	%	34	54	23	17	26
Male	#	13	37	4	0	4
	%	14	25	50	0	67
Female	#	77	113	4	2	2
	%	86	75	50	100	33
Hispanic/Latino	#	14	31	1	0	1
	%	16	21	13	0	17
Black/African American	#	5	10	1	1	0
	%	6	7	13	50	0
Asian	#	19	33	2	1	1
	%	21	22	25	50	17
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
	%	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
White	#	38	62	3	0	3
	%	42	41	38	0	50

Multiracial	#	5	4	1	0	1
	%	6	3	13	0	17
International	#	1	1	n/a	0	n/a
	%	0	0	n/a	0	n/a
Unknown	#	7	9	n/a	n/a	n/a
	%	8	6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Data source: IR Data Warehouse

More detailed data on this subject can be obtained by viewing via links below. Students are welcome to visit the Office of Institutional Research to view statistics about Dominican's graduation rates in detail since 1994.

Consumer Information Summary

The Financial Aid Office has prepared this summary of federally-required disclosure information for Dominican University of California students. This information was last updated **October 2009**.

The following required disclosure information is available at the location indicated:

Costs of Attendance	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/costs2.html
Types of Aid Available	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid.html
Process for Receiving Aid	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/general-financial-aid-information.html
How Eligibility is Determined	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/howapply.html
How Dominican Distributes Aid among its Students	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/fininfo/financialaid.html
How and when financial aid is disbursed	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/general-financial-aid-information.html
Satisfactory Progress Requirements	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/fininfo/financialaid.html
Requirements to Repay Loans	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/loans.html
Availability of Loan Deferments	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/loans.html
Entrance and Exit Counseling Requirements for Loans	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/loans.html
Federal Student Aid availability for Study Abroad Programs	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/specialprograms/studyabroad/policiesprocedures.html
Family Right to Privacy Act (FERPA)	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/policiesprocedures/ferpa1974.html
Requirements for Officially Withdrawing	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/policiesprocedures/withdrawal.html
Dominican Refund Policies	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/fininfo/financialinformationfall-spring2006-2007.html
Return of Federal Student Aid Funds due to withdrawal	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/general-financial-aid-information.html
Completion Rates	http://www.dominican.edu/about/facts/institutionalresearch/righttoknow.html
Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife/studenthandbook.pdf (pages 20 -25)
Campus Crime Statistics	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/files/crimestatsgradratesletternov07.pdf Updated version will be available online in November 2008

Accreditation	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/universitygov/accreditationsmembershipsandaffiliations.html
Facilities and Services for Disabled Students	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/advising/disability.html
Facilities, labs, and libraries	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/generalinformation.html http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/library.html
List of Faculty and Instructional Personnel	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/facultypages.html http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/facadmin.html

Equity in Athletics Summary	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/files/consumerinformationsummary.pdf Updated version will be available online in November 2009
Athlete Completion Rates	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/files/consumerinformationsummary.pdf Updated version will be available online in November 2009

The following reports are available on request. Please contact the office or individual indicated:

Annual Equity in Athletics Report	Conlan Recreation Center Coordinator, (415) 482-3507
Campus Crime Report	Vice President for Student Life, (415) 485-3282

The following information is disseminated via e-mail by the Provost's Office or Dean of Students Office to every student on an as-needed basis:

Campus Crime Timely Warning Notification

In addition to the federally-required information, students may find the following resources helpful:

Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife/sexualharass_policy.pdf (pages 26 -27)
Emergency Procedures	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife/studenthandbook.pdf
Academic Support Services	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/academicadvising.html

Questions? During normal business hours, please contact the Director of Financial Aid at (415)257-1302.

I hope you are enjoying your semester.

John Kennedy
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students