



[coop-chat] MESSAGE FROM '14 RAPE SURVIVOR

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What: RALLY FOR REFORMING SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCES AND POLICY AT STANFORD

Where: WHITE PLAZA

When: NOON, THIS THURSDAY, 6/5/2014

Dear Fellow Stanford Students, Classmates, and Staff:

Five months ago, I was forcibly raped by another Stanford student. I reported the sexual assault at the beginning of Winter quarter and then I proceeded to go through the ARP (Alternate Review Process). Months later, the student who raped me was found by Stanford to be responsible for sexually assaulting me through use of force.

Stanford did not expel the man who raped me. They suspended him effective 2014 Summer quarter so that he could finish his classes and walk at graduation. They also moved him out of Stanford housing, required that he complete community service, and required that he complete a sexual assault awareness program before receiving his degree or coming back to Stanford for grad school.

What this amounts to:

After his suspension (gap year) is complete, Stanford invites my rapist back to campus for grad school (where he has already been accepted) as long as he agrees to do community service and complete a sexual assault awareness course. Should he change his mind and decide to go to grad school elsewhere, he can choose to walk away from Stanford with no significant undergraduate consequences for forcibly sexually assaulting me.

What you can do: Posters and people!

This Wednesday, 8-10 pm, at EBF, join us in making signs for our rally. What message do you want to share?

This Thursday, 12 pm, at White Plaza, join our rally to demand change of our administration and our community:

- Mandatory expulsion for individuals found responsible of sexual assault (following the example of Dartmouth, Amherst, and Duke)
- Better enforcement of sanctions for assailants to comply with Title IX
- Expanded mandatory education on definitions, consent and bystander intervention for all undergraduates
- Increase SARA office capacity by hiring more staff
- Better resources for survivors throughout their chosen process, including safety measures and academic support

Show your support for survivors and demand action. I'll be there - will you?

Thanks for reading,

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