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## **2019 CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF BARD COLLEGE RESULTS**

In Spring 2019, Bard College administered the 2019 Campus Climate Survey through Everfi to poll its undergraduate and graduate students concerning their understanding of, and experiences with, sexual assault and related topics, and their attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors around gender-based misconduct.

A total of 1,687 graduate and undergraduate students were invited to participate in the survey. A total of 506 students participated in the survey, providing a response rate of 30%. This document provides a summary of the primary findings about the campus climate concerning nonconsensual sexual contact and gender-based misconduct from the survey based on the sample of students who participated.

The data we collected from this survey will give us a more accurate and clearer depiction of our campus climate and will greatly help us to improve the resources, education, and the services we provide around nonconsensual sexual contact and related conduct.

### ***Perceptions of Campus Climate***

- 84% of survey participants believe that the faculty, staff, and administrators respect what Bard students think.
- 82% of survey participants think that faculty are genuinely concerned about students' well-being.
- 66% of survey participants believe that administrators at Bard are genuinely concerned about students' well-being.
- 60% of survey participants students believe that faculty, staff, and administrators at Bard treat students fairly.
- 80% of survey participants reported feeling safe at Bard.
- 62% of survey participants reported knowing where to find confidential support at Bard.
- 38% of survey participants feel that there is a good support system at Bard for students going through difficult times.

### ***Prevalence of Unwanted Sexual Contact***

- 26% of survey participants reported experiencing sexual contact without their consent since becoming a Bard student, including incidents of touching of a sexual nature and coercion.
- 92% of those survey participants reporting experiencing nonconsensual sexual contact reported that the experience was with someone they knew.
- At least 30% of those students who reported experiencing nonconsensual sexual contact also reported that the incident involved the use of drugs or alcohol by at least one of the parties prior to the incident's occurrence.

### ***Perceptions of Bystander Response***

- When asked to respond on a scale of "Not at all Likely" to "Very Likely," students replied that they felt the following about the likelihood that most students would take action if they saw someone trying to take advantage of another person sexually:

Not at all Likely	-- 0.8%
....	-- 2.1%
....	-- 5.4%
Somewhat Likely	-- 23.3%
....	-- 25.8%
....	-- 19.6%
Very Likely	-- 22.9%

- 14% of students who participated in the survey indicated that they had observed a situation that they believe was, or could have have led to, a sexual assault, and 95% of those students reported taking some action to either engage in that situation as an active bystander or following up later with the person who appeared to be at risk.

### ***Perceptions of Reporting***

- 41% of students agreed that they understood how to report a sexual assault at Bard.
- 40% of students indicated that they know how to contact Bard's Title IX Coordinator.
- 59% of survey participants indicated that they know where to go to get help regarding sexual assault at Bard.
- 39% of survey participants indicated that they know where to seek special accommodations (such as changes in class schedule or housing) at Bard if they are sexually assaulted.

### *Perceptions of Bard College's Response to Reports of Sexual Assault*

- 70% of survey participants indicated that they felt that if someone were to report a sexual assault to administrators at Bard, the administrators would take the report seriously.
- 69% of survey participants reported thinking that administrators would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report and 66% reported that the administrators would support the person making the report.
- 47% of survey participants have confidence that Bard's administrators will follow the procedures necessary to address complaints of sexual assault.
- 53% of survey participants indicated that they felt that administrators would take corrective action to address factors that may have led to the sexual assault.
- 46% of survey participants who indicated that they used Bard's procedures to report the incident of nonconsensual sexual contact feel that they were treated fairly through Bard's procedures.
- 63% of the survey participants who replied that they used Bard's procedures to report the incident indicated that the procedures helped in some way.