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Dear CSB/SJU Students:

Fundamental to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University is the belief is that all persons are made in God’s image and likeness, and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. The Benedictine tradition teaches us to treat all persons as Christ himself. This is our ideal and something we as a community strive toward every day.

Most of us believe that neither we nor people we know well will ever be directly involved in sexual assault or other serious sexual misconduct. We are saddened by the pain that sexual misconduct has caused for far too many students—men and women—on our campuses and on college campuses across the country. We encourage you to take personal responsibility for understanding our policies and for practicing our value of respecting the dignity of all persons at all times.

You can read the sexual misconduct policy here: http://www.csbsju.edu/Human-Rights/Sexual-Misconduct/CSBSJU-Sexual-Misconduct-Policy.htm.

We have several educational initiatives to address issues of sexual misconduct, one of which you experienced in orientation. Another program we encourage you to get involved in is Bystander Training. Bystander Training is based upon the principle that each of us has opportunities to prevent interpersonal/relationship violence (including sexual assault). This training helps participants to recognize the scope and causes of these forms of violence, and to develop the skills to effectively and safely intervene to prevent acts of violence.

We are also working hard to educate the student community on issues of consent. Consent must be informed and freely given. Did you know that if a person is at all impaired by alcohol they are considered unable to give consent? For more about consent please read through the policy above.

Below is the list of Staff members you can contact for questions, comments, and concerns regarding any of the information herein.

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We wish each of you great success and no harm as you begin this new academic year.

Sincerely,

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