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To the University Community:

We are all aware that sexual violence is something that no community is immune from. And that its prevalence and impact are often misunderstood, and can be difficult to discuss. However, one of the more important tools in combating sexual assault is knowledge.

National surveys report that one in five women, and one in sixteen men, are sexually assaulted while in college. These appalling numbers are consistent across institutions, from small liberal arts colleges to large universities. As President, one of my highest priorities is the safety and welfare of all members of our University community, as well as ensuring that we are a respectful learning and working environment. We must do everything we can to combat sexual violence in our society – and our University.

To that end, I am proud to announce the launching of the [University's Sexual Violence website](#). This informative site has been designed to help make every member of our community aware of what constitutes sexual assault, what resources are available in the event of an assault – and to give them information that can help prevent sexual violence from occurring.

The University of Connecticut enforces a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault and all forms of sexual violence, and we work hard to minimize risks to our entire campus community. This commitment is reflected in the University's [Sexual Assault Response Policy](#), which guides UConn's response to reports of sexual assault.

I want to thank the outstanding students, staff and faculty who work hard to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for the entire campus community. If you have thoughts or questions about sexual violence, harassment or discrimination, I encourage you to contact the [University's Title IX Coordinator, Elizabeth Conklin](#).

Sincerely,

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