Dear New Colorado State Student,

At Colorado State University, we recognize the college experience is more than academics. The people you live with, social interactions and co-curricular activities all play an important role in shaping your time on campus. Our goal is to ensure that all CSU students have positive educational and social experiences.

As part of CSU’s comprehensive approach to alcohol and sexual assault education, it is required that all new incoming students (including transfer and international) under the age of 23, as of July 23, 2012, complete an online, evidence-based program called Alcohol Edu/Haven: Sexual Assault Prevention. Whether you choose to drink or not, the program will provide a tailored experience to explore your perceptions about college drinking, provide feedback about high-risk behaviors, campus expectations and consequences, while empowering you to make well-informed choices about alcohol while at CSU.

Embedded in the online program will also be a module on understanding sexual assault. You will learn what the definition of consent is and how to obtain consent, how to help a friend and how to intervene in a situation that might escalate to sexual assault. We recognize that talking about sexual assault can be difficult, and want to acknowledge that some of you may have had personal experiences with sexual assault. If taking this module is difficult or triggering for you, please know there are resources on campus to support you, even prior to your arrival to campus this spring. If you are a survivor and need to talk after taking the module, please contact the Women and Gender Advocacy Center at 970-491-6384 or email wgac@colostate.edu.

Alcohol Edu/Haven: Sexual Assault Prevention has two parts.

1. The first part of the course takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete, and we recommend that you engage in it during multiple sittings. This section starts with a survey and ends with an exam. Secondly, you must earn a grade of 80% or higher to pass the first part of the course. *The deadline for completing Part One of Alcohol Edu/Haven: Sexual Assault Prevention is August 20, 2012.*

2. Six weeks after completing Part One, you will receive an email inviting you to take Part Two the course. You will NOT be able to complete Part Two until you receive this message. It will only take about 15 minutes to complete. *The deadline for completing Part Two of the course is October 19, 2012.*

_Registration Hold - Due to the important nature of this program, if you do not complete Part One by August 20, 2012 a hold will be placed on your academic record, making you ineligible to register for classes for the next semester._

Please note the course includes three surveys to measure attitudes and behaviors. All survey responses are strictly confidential; CSU will only receive information about the student body as a whole and will never see individual student answers.

Enclosed are instructions for taking Alcohol Edu/Haven: Sexual Assault Prevention. We also encourage you to talk with your parents/family members about the course and your planned approach to situations involving alcohol and consent while you are attending CSU.

Please e-mail csu_alcoholsexualassaultedu@mail.colostate.edu if you have any general problems or concerns. Congratulations on your acceptance to CSU! We look forward to seeing you on campus this fall.

Sincerely,

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