The Director of Educational Equity is responsible for overseeing the College’s response to reports of harassment and discrimination and compliance efforts relating to state and federal laws including Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. In addition, the Director of Educational Equity collaborates with offices across campus to train and educate the community on discrimination and harassment related issues.

In my role as Director of Educational Equity, I’m often asked about the type of reports that are filed with my office and how the College handles each report of alleged sexual harassment or misconduct. The purpose of this report is to provide information to the college community on these issues, including the type and frequency of reports to the Educational Equity office.

I am always interested in discussing new ideas for sexual misconduct prevention education or how to encourage reporting. Feel free to reach out to me to discuss the same or to address any related questions or concerns.

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Reporting Options:

Making a report to the College is the act of notifying the Director of Educational Equity of an incident of sexual misconduct. A report may be accompanied by a request for resources, no further action, informal resolution, and/or to initiate a formal resolution process (all of these options may be discussed further with the Director of Educational Equity or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator after a report is made to the College).

If you believe a crime occurred, you always have the option to report to the police by calling 911 or the Department of Public Safety’s emergency line at 610-330-4444 (regardless of whether or not the incident is reported to the College). For non-emergencies, Public Safety can be reached at: 610-330-5330.

Reports to the College can be made in a variety of ways:

ONLINE REPORTING

• Online reports can be made at any time at:
  sash.lafayette.edu (click on “Report Sexual Misconduct”); or
  onepard.lafayette.edu (click on “Fill Out a Universal Reporting Form”)

• You have the option to report online anonymously (reporting requirements may differ for employees, as many employees are considered “responsible employees” and must report identifying information). Please note, the College is limited in its ability to respond to anonymous reports. You should not expect to receive a follow-up communication if you report anonymously; however, the College may attempt to gather additional information about any reported incidents. Anonymous reports will be kept on record, and if enough information is available, may be recorded in the school’s crime statistics.

IN-PERSON REPORTING:

In-person reports can be made to the Director of Educational Equity or to a Deputy Title IX Coordinator during normal business hours. Appointments are encouraged.

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REPORTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY OFFICE:

The information contained in this report is based on information received by the Educational Equity Office during the 2018 – 2019 academic year. All reports to the office—whether online, by telephone, or in-person—are documented and logged for tracking purposes. The numbers contained in this report may vary from information in other office reports (such as the Annual Security Report) due to differing definitions of reportable conduct, geographic limitations, and other factors.

The data below is based on reported information. Not all reports received by the Office of Educational Equity are able to be verified and/or go through a formal investigation and grievance process. Whether a report is referred to the formal grievance process depends on a variety of factors including the wishes of the reporting party, the relationship of the responding party to the College, evidence of a pattern of conduct, and other factors. As noted below, there are times when a report does not contain enough information for the College to gather additional data about the incident.

During the 2018 -2019 academic year, the Director of Educational Equity received 52 sexual misconduct reports (this includes reports of sexual and gender-based harassment, as well as sexual violence). The graph below compares the number of reports received by the College per academic year beginning in 2013. The College believes the increase in report numbers over the last three academic years represent a combination of national attention to sexual misconduct issues, creation of the Educational Equity Office at Lafayette, and increased ways to report sexual misconduct on campus. The College does not have evidence to indicate that the number of incidents on campus have increased in the last three academic years.
The reports received by the Educational Equity Office during the 2018-2019 academic year included reports of sexual and gender-based harassment, electronic harassment and exploitation, domestic and dating violence, stalking and sexual assault. The reports are broken down by category (as reported) in the graph below—The “Other/Unknown” category below includes reports of conduct that do not fit within the other five categories and reports that did not contain enough information to assess the category in which they belong.

The Educational Equity Office receives reports of conduct that occurs both on and off campus. The chart below shows the location of incidents reported during the 2018–2019 academic year.
RESOLUTION OF CASES:
Reports to the Educational Equity Office are resolved consistent with the College’s Policies on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct (for full policies, visit sash.lafayette.edu/get-informed/policies-laws/). These policies provide for informal or formal resolution of complaints. Many reports are not resolved through either of the processes outlined in the College policies. This decision is based on the wishes of the reporting party and assessment of the report by the Director of Educational Equity, or is sometimes due to insufficient information. In cases that do not proceed through either the informal or formal resolution processes, the reporting party may still seek resources and support measures from the College.

Informal resolution may be pursued when both the reporting and the responding parties consent to resolve a report through this process. Informal resolution varies on a case-by-case basis, but may include facilitated conversation, training and education, or other remedies designed to maintain the reporting party’s access to education or employment activities and eliminate a potential hostile environment at the College.

Formal resolution involves a fact-finding investigation of the complaint. This involves interviewing involved parties and witnesses and gathering evidence in an investigative report. For cases involving students (not faculty, staff, or non-college affiliated individuals), the investigation may result in the issuance of student conduct charges for violation of the College’s sexual harassment and/or sexual misconduct policies (procedures differ for faculty or staff responding parties, and may be found on the Human Resources website or in the Faculty Handbook). If student conduct charges are issued, a hearing panel will determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether the policies have been violated. If the panel determines a policy was violated, they will also determine sanctions.

The flowchart below is intended to provide an overview of procedural options for incidents involving students. Please consult the appropriate policy and procedures for a complete explanation of the available processes.
Due to the small number of sexual misconduct cases that go through the student conduct process each year, the following data represents an aggregate of data collected for the last five academic years (2014 – 2019). The following information is broken down by conduct charges issued. In many cases there are multiple charges against a single responding party (in instances where sexual assault is charged, there is likely also a sexual harassment charge). An individual may be found responsible for some charges and not responsible for others (for example, a responding party may be found responsible for sexual harassment but not responsible for sexual assault).

Of the investigations through the formal resolution procedures that led to student conduct charges between 2014 -2019, approximately 33.3% of the student conduct charges issued were for sexual harassment policy violations, and 66.6% of the charges were for violations of the sexual misconduct policy, including sexual assault and dating violence. Of those charges, approximately 76% resulted in a responsible finding by a hearing panel.

The chart below represents sanctions in cases between 2014 -2019 for sexual harassment and sexual misconduct, in which there was a responsible finding:

For more information on student conduct cases and outcomes, visit conduct.lafayette.edu
Additional Information and Resources:
The Educational Equity Office maintains a website at sash.lafayette.edu. Visit this site for more information on reporting sexual misconduct, campus and community support and resources, and educational material on Title IX and sexual misconduct.

There are a number of resources available to individuals who have experienced sexual or gender-based harassment or other forms of sexual misconduct. The list below contains information for campus, community, state and national resources.

CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES:

ON CAMPUS FOR STUDENTS:

COUNSELING CENTER
2nd floor Bailey Health Center
610-330-5005 (After-hours crisis telephone support available)

COLLEGE CHAPLAIN
Rev. Alex Hendrickson
107 Farinon College Center
610-330-5959
hendrica@lafayette.edu

ON CAMPUS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF:

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Visit: hr.lafayette.edu/benefits/employee-assistance-program/for more information

COMMUNITY

CRIME VICTIMS COUNCIL
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY
cvcl.org
801 Hamilton St., Suite 300
Allentown, PA
610-437-6611 (24-hour hotline)

TURNING POINT
OF LEHIGH VALLEY
turningpointlv.org
444 E. Susquehanna St.
Allentown, PA
1-877-438-4957 (24-hour hotline)

OTHER RESOURCES
AT LAFAYETTE:

ACADEMIC RESOURCE HUB
300 Scott Hall
hub.lafayette.edu
610-330-5098

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES
hub.lafayette.edu/disability-services/
3rd Floor Scott Hall
Resourcehub@Lafayette.edu

BAILEY HEALTH CENTER
healthcenter.lafayette.edu
607 High St.
610-330-5001

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
901 Bushkill Drive
610-330-5330 (non-emergency)
610-330-4444 (emergency)

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610-330-5338
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HUMAN RESOURCES
hr.lafayette.edu
12 Markle Hall
(610) 330-5060

OFFICE OF INTERCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
intercultural.lafayette.edu
107 Farinon College Center
(610) 330-5320

OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT
conduct.lafayette.edu/
204 Feather House
(610) 330-5082

ONEPARD
onepard.lafayette.edu

OTHER COMMUNITY, STATE,
AND NATIONAL RESOURCES:

EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
48 N. 4th St, Easton, PA
610-250-2282 (main number)
911 (emergency)

LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL MUIHLENBERG:
484 Schoenersville Rd., Bethlehem
610-402-8000
484-884-2521 (emergency room)

CEDAR CREST:
1200 South Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown
610-402-8111 (emergency room)

ST. LUKE’S HOSPITAL ANDERSON CAMPUS:
1872 Riverside Circle, Easton
1-866-STLUKES (785-8537)
484-503-3000 (emergency room)

WARREN:
185 Roseberry Street,
Phillipsburg, NJ
908-859-6700 (emergency room)

BETHLEHEM:
801 Ostrum Street,
Bethlehem, 484-526-4000

PENNSYLVANIA COALITION AGAINST Rape (PCAR)
pcar.org
1-888-772-7227

PENNSYLVANIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (PCADV)
pcadv.org, 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
(National helpline)

RAPE, ABUSE, AND INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK (RAINN)
rainn.org, 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
(24-hour hotline)

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (NRCDV)
nrcdv.org, 1-800-799-7233
(National helpline)

NATIONAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER (NSVRC)
nsvrc.org