A common question that HOPE Center employees hear is, “what is the HOPE Center?” The HOPE Center proudly serves our campus under the mission “to support, empower, and enlighten all students about issues of sex, gender, sexual violence, personal safety and health, social justice and educational equity.” We aim to maintain a safe space on campus for students to discuss issues related to and exceeding our mission, which also involves programming events such as our annual Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil in October and Take Back the Night rally in April. In efforts to maintain and grow our presence on campus, we have decided to create the monthly newsletter you are currently reading. A Touch of HOPE is a monthly publication that is composed by the Lock Haven University HOPE Center student staff. With this project, HOPE aims to broaden our reach, foster discussion and intellectual exchange, advertise events and services, and more. The publication will include articles containing ideas, current events, and reviews related to our mission and goals. The publication will be found in various locations on the first week of each month. As the publication grows, we hope to have an engaged and interactive audience. We aim to provide a stronger voice for those on our campus who are looking to end violence and discrimination against the marginalized groups in our society.

Peg Dierker (PCADV Executive Director) to Speak at LHU

Peg Dierker is the executive director of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one of the largest resources in Pennsylvania for domestic violence services. Peg has devoted her career to leading organizations through management operations. She has a successful background directing advocacy, fundraising and operations for nonprofits, government institutions and national commercial businesses. She has also had great success in the area of public policy.

On October 28th, at 6pm in Rogers Gymnasium. As part of the HOPE Center’s annual Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil, Peg will be giving a speech titled “Upstanders for Safety,” in which she will talk about taking opportunities in our day to day lives that can create the social change needed to end domestic violence and sexual assault.
Meet the HOPE Center Student Staff!

Briana Jordan.
Briana is a senior social work major. She is a new student worker at the HOPE center and she is also the Vice President of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Meghan Mausteller.
Meghan is a junior dual-majoring in English and Communication with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. Meghan is also a peer mentor for the Communication Department, a member of the Global Honors Program, historian of Phi Sigma Pi, and a student member of PCSW.

Abby Wilson.
Abby is a junior psychology major and a new student worker at the HOPE Center. She is the Zumba instructor at the Student Recreation Center and a member of Psi Chi (Psychology Department’s Honor Society). Outside of school, Abby is in the National Guard working as a mechanic.

The HOPE Center exists to support, empower, and enlighten all students about issues of sex, gender, sexual violence, personal safety and health, social justice and educational equity. Our programs and events are designed to foster open discussion and intellectual exchange about these and other issues, to promote an overall sense of well-being, and to create a safe campus climate for all. We are located in Ulmer Suite 100, and can be contacted via 570-484-2111. For more information, stop by, call, or visit us on the web at:

http://www.lhup.edu/students/campus_safety/hope_center/

Other Important Community Resources:

- The Clinton County Women's Center at (570) 748-9509
- Lock Haven University Public Safety at (570) 484-2278
- Lock Haven Police Department at 911 or (570) 893-5911
- Title IX Coordinator: Ms. Deana Hill at (570) 484-2014 or dhill@lhup.edu