

# **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

## **Day of Action 2020**

Tuesday, April 7, marks a day of national recognition for sexual violence awareness and prevention. We're embracing this day as a kickoff to Sexual Assault Awareness Month and invite all students to join and continue the movement against sexual assault and abuse. While we may not be able to physically gather for events, there are opportunities to come together as a community throughout the month to show our support for survivors and raise awareness of these issues that permeate all sectors of society.

### **SHOW OFF YOUR TEAL!**

#### **All month**

The teal ribbon is the symbol used for raising awareness about sexual assault. Whether you're decorating your windows or posting online, use a little color to start the conversation on why the movement matters. Help us create spaces and opportunities for educating, learning and reflecting by displaying ribbons, printouts, streamers or signs — all things teal — to prompt critical thought and dialogue about sexual violence. Photos and videos with educational messaging are great ways to reach people outside of your immediate environment. The Office of Residential Life will be highlighting posts on their Instagram so be sure to tag @skidmoreslife and use #SkidmoreSAAM when posting!

### **Teal Talks**

#### **Weekly**

All students are invited to join in via Zoom for discussions on various topics relating to sexual violence based on short essays grounded in intersectionality, social justice and activism. Students are welcome to attend any (or all!) of the meetups. Each week, we'll cover a different reading. Links to readings will be provided upon registration.

[Register for 4/10 @ 2:30 p.m. EST](#)

[Register for 4/16 @ 4 p.m. EST](#)

[Register for 4/24 @ 2:30 p.m. EST](#)

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### **DENIM DAY**

#### **April 29**

The Denim Day campaign began after an Italian Supreme Court ruling overturned a rape conviction on the premise that, since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped the person who assaulted her take them off, thereby implying consent. The next day, the women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans to work in solidarity with the victim. Since then, the campaign asks community members to protest the misconceptions that surround sexual violence by wearing jeans. Post a photo of your fashion statement as a social statement and share your pledge to help end sexual violence. Don't forget to tag Res Life on Instagram @skidmoreslife and use #DenimDaySkidmore when posting! Learn more at [denimdayinfo.org](http://denimdayinfo.org).