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HazingPrevention.Org Renames Annual Institute to Honor Kimberly Novak

The Board of Directors of HazingPrevention.Org has renamed its summer institute The Novak Institute for Hazing Prevention, honoring Kimberly J. Novak. The institute, formerly known as the Interdisciplinary Institute for Hazing Intervention, educates an international audience on hazing intervention and prevention every summer.

HazingPrevention.Org's mission is to empower people to prevent hazing. The organization creates and offers multiple programs, services and resources while also serving as a clearinghouse for similar programs and resources offered by other organizations.

Novak, a higher education consultant, is recognized as a national expert in student-focused risk management and campus safety. She has been a featured speaker at conferences and on college campuses around the country and served as faculty for several nationally sponsored professional institutes. Prior to embarking on her consulting career, Novak played a key role in the opening of Arizona State University's Phoenix campus in 2004 where she served as the director for Student and Campus Community Development. Novak has served as a member of the Department of Education's Review Board for the Higher Ed Center and on multiple national conference teams. She has been recognized nationally for her presentation skills. Among her honors in the fraternal world, she has been awarded Accolades for Fraternal Service by Kappa Alpha Order, honored as Chapter Advisor of the Year by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and most recently recognized by Sigma Phi Beta as a Community Ally. A member of Delta Gamma, Novak approaches her work with college students with the heart of an advocate and is committed to the advancement of fraternal values on college campuses across the country.

HazingPrevention.Org Founder and Executive Director Tracy Maxwell said that renaming the institute in Novak's honor was natural since she played such a vital role in launching an institute that would be entirely unique from any other program being offered.

"In the early days of HazingPrevention.Org, we were trying to determine exactly what we should do as an organization. That was when a dinner with Kim Novak changed everything. She told me about a curriculum she had developed to help people better understand prevention principles of a public health approach and apply it to hazing," Maxwell said. "Her curriculum was not only revolutionary, but she wanted to give it to HazingPrevention.Org while facilitating our first Institute only six months after our meeting. Kim has been so instrumental in the development of higher-level thinking about hazing prevention, and has brought so much to our understanding of the problem. It made perfect sense to name this Institute after her to recognize the significant contributions she has made," Maxwell said.

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The 2010 Novak Institute for Hazing Prevention is slated for June 9-12 on the campus of SUNY-Geneseo in New York. The Institute offers an interdisciplinary approach to hazing prevention and intervention by encouraging teams of students and professionals from a variety of fields to participate in the interactive, hands-on experience. The Institute attracts college undergraduate and graduate students, university campus professionals, national Greek organization staff, coaches from all levels of athletics, campus and community police and more.

For more information about The Novak Institute for Hazing Prevention, including online registration, visit www.HazingPrevention.Org and click on the Novak Institute link.

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