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Harris-Stowe Launches Center for Non-Violence and Abuse Prevention

ST. LOUIS, MO (January 15, 2014) –Harris-Stowe State University is proud to announce the launch of the new Center for Non-Violence and Abuse Prevention, with the inaugural kick-off event, “Breaking the Silence” to be held Thursday, January 29, 2015, at the William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center Professional Development Room at 6 p.m.

The Center for Non-Violence and Abuse Prevention will be part of the Division of Student Affairs at HSSU, and will serve as a platform to educate, facilitate programs and provide resources that address different forms of abuse and violence.

“As Harris-Stowe continues to press forward as an intellectual think tank in the St. Louis community, I feel it is imperative we establish centers such as the Center for Non-Violence and Abuse Prevention to address major issues that our society faces,” stated HSSU President Dr. Dwaun Warmack. “Those who have been a victim of abuse or violence are many times left feeling helpless. Therefore, we must work together to fight these stigmas and educate and empower through dialogue and other resources.”

The kick-off will include a panel discussion, a question and answer session with the audience, and personal testimonies. Dr. Vicki Bernard, director of counseling services, will serve as the moderator. Christina Menese, community education supervisor at the YWCA Women’s Resource Center along with a representative of Safe Connections will also participate in the forum and provide additional information.

The event is free and open to the public.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a fully accredited four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of teacher education, business and arts & sciences. In 2013, HSSU ranked No. 1 in the state in degree production of African-Americans in mathematics and ranked 4th of 13 public institutions in the degree production of African-Americans (Missouri Department of Higher Education). The university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor’s degree in the state of Missouri.

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