

# Safety & Campus Security



## **CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE** **Annual Security & Fire Safety** **Report** **2021**

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## **About Chestnut Hill College**

Chestnut Hill College, founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1924, is an independent, Catholic institution that fosters equality through education. Faithful to its strong liberal arts tradition, Chestnut Hill College offers academic programs of excellence in the area of undergraduate, graduate, and continuing studies.

The Mission of Chestnut Hill College is to provide students with holistic education in an inclusive Catholic community marked by academic excellence, shared responsibility, personal and professional growth, service to one another, to the global community, and concern for the earth.

## **Safety and Campus Security at Chestnut Hill College**

The safety and security of all who live, work, and visit Chestnut Hill College is of paramount importance to the entire College Community. The Department of Safety and Campus Security is primarily concerned with providing the highest reasonable level of security on the 75-acre campus. Members of the community share this responsibility. This shared responsibility is a very important element of our overall safe learning environment.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act 73, College and University Security Information Act and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act require the publication and distribution of the following information.

The Annual Security Report is prepared by the Dean of Student Life, in collaboration with and assistance from The Office of Safety and Campus Security, The Office of Campus Life and the Office of Student Life. Crime statistics are drawn from Security Incident Reports, Campus Life Incident Reports and reports from the Philadelphia Police and other local jurisdictions, include Pottstown Police, Springfield Township (Montgomery County) Police, Upper Darby Police, Whitemarsh Township Police, and Whitpain Township Police. This includes any incidents reported confidentially. Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students and all currently employed faculty and staff. This e-mail provides a web site to access this full report. Copies of the report may also be obtained at the Department of Safety & Campus Security (Ground Floor, Fontbonne Hall). Copies may also be obtained from Undergraduate Admissions (First Floor, Fournier Hall) and Human Resources (Second Floor, Saint Joseph Hall). You may also request a copy by calling the Dean of Student Life at 215-248-7142.

## **Department of Safety and Campus Security**

The Department of Safety and Campus Security reports to the Dean of Student Life, and consists of a Director and 40 full-time Security Officers. Of these 40 officers, one is designated as a technology officer and six are Shift Supervisors. The Director of Safety and Campus Security also manages on campus parking.

Security Officers are both CPR and AED certified and have undergone training in specialized course offerings for higher education. Security officers do not carry firearms and do not have the authority to arrest individuals. Criminal investigations are conducted by the Philadelphia Police Department, which is responsible for coverage at Chestnut Hill College. Chestnut Hill College does not have a

memorandum of understanding with the Philadelphia Police Department, but the Philadelphia Police Department assists the College when needed. Victims of campus crimes and other criminal activity are encouraged to, and readily assisted in, reporting incidents to the local police. The Philadelphia Police do periodic patrols of campus and have partnered with the College for trainings and discussions related to emergency response preparedness.

Buildings and residence halls are monitored by security personnel on a 24-hour basis. The buildings and residence halls are equipped with state of the art security and fire alarm systems. All resident students must swipe in and out of the residence halls at times of entry and egress. Fire safety drills are conducted in compliance with Philadelphia Fire Department regulations. Alarms, sensors and fire equipment are cleaned, inspected and certified annually in compliance with the Philadelphia Fire Code.

Several patrol areas are included in the security operation including vehicle as well as foot patrols. Officers utilize an electronic tour watch device which provides accurate documentation on times and locations of their patrols. During these patrols, unsafe conditions discovered are promptly reported and the appropriate campus department is notified for corrective actions to be undertaken. Emergency lighting and phones are surveyed on a scheduled basis.

Chestnut Hill College's Department of Safety and Campus Security lives by our Mission Statement, and is committed to the high standards of quality in promoting a safe and problem free educational environment.

We welcome your suggestions and comments on how to make the campus an even safer environment. To share your ideas with the Department of Safety and Campus Security, you can call us at 215.242.7777.

### **Chestnut Hill College Department of Safety and Campus Security Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Department of Campus Safety and Security to fully support the educational mission of the College by creating a safe and secure campus environment for the students, faculty, support staff and administration, predicated on mutual respect and responsibility.

#### **Values: "SECURE"**

**S**afety: Provide an atmosphere of safety and protection throughout the campus.

**E**ducate: Demonstrate the importance of campus safety through student and staff educational programs and seminars.

**C**oordination: Insure that all officers are properly and adequately trained to excel in their positions in campus safety and security.

**U**nity: Develop an ongoing proactive relationship with all College departments assuring quick and deliberate security response actions.

**R**esponsibility: Honor our service commitment to the students, staff, faculty and administration of Chestnut Hill College.

**E**nforce: Enforce College safety and security policies and procedures to develop a level of compliance and ensure personal responsibility.

We encourage the students, faculty and staff to be alert, to take precautions, and to report anything suspicious, unusual or of a criminal nature to the Department of Safety and Campus Security by dialing extension 7777 from an on campus phone or 215-242-7777 from off campus or a cell phone. The Security Office is located in Fontbonne Hall. The number to the information desk, which is also staffed 24 hours a day and located in Fournier Hall, is 215.248.7090. In addition, there are several emergency phones located throughout the campus inside the buildings. Ten emergency blue light phones are located throughout campus.

The Department of Safety & Campus Security regularly publishes safety tips and reminders on the televisions around campus. Additionally, the Director of Campus Security participates in new student orientation and training for Campus Life staff.

### **Security Escort Service**

The Safety and Security Office provides a 24-hour escort service that is available to all students, faculty, staff and visitors when traveling alone on campus in isolated areas, after dark, during times of low activity or when there is concern for one's personal safety.

### **To Report a Crime**

Chestnut Hill College encourages the accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the Department of Safety and Campus Security. You may report a crime by contacting the Department of Safety and Campus Security at 215.242.7777 or by calling 911 (emergencies only; 9-911 from a campus phone). Additionally, you may choose to report a crime utilizing the following numbers:

Director of Safety & Campus Security	Fontbonne Ground Floor	215.753.3637
Information Desk	Fournier 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	215.248.7090
Security Office (Headquarters)	Fontbonne Ground Floor	215.242.7777

In response to a report of a crime, the Department of Safety and Security will take the required action, either by dispatching an officer to the individual's location or by asking the individual to file an incident report. All reports are reviewed for inclusion in the Annual Security Report. Additionally, a report of a crime may trigger a Timely Warning to the campus community (please see Timely Warnings on page 6 for additional information). All incident reports are forwarded to the Vice President for Student Life and the Dean of Student Life for review and disciplinary adjudication (if appropriate). Incident reports that involve incidents in the Residence Halls and/or resident students are also forwarded to the Director of Campus Life. If appropriate, the Director and Assistant Director of Safety and Security will conduct further investigation, including but not limited to conducting interviews, reviewing security camera footage and checking times swiped in/out of halls. Additional information obtained via any investigation will also be forwarded to the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Student Life. If assistance is required from the Philadelphia Police Department, Safety and Security will contact the appropriate unit. Any person reporting a crime to Safety and Security has the right to report the crime to the Philadelphia Police Department. This right is shared with the individual at the time of reporting and Safety and Security will assist the victim with that process.

## **Confidential Reporting Procedures**

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the college system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, a Campus Safety Officer can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of you and others. With such information, the college can keep an accurate record of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution. The College does not have a policy requiring professional counselors to report incidents confidentially. Please note that reports of sexual violence may initiate a Safety Risk Analysis and the College may have a responsibility to investigate, and potentially adjudicate, reports of sexual violence, even if this is against the wishes of the victim. For more information on what the College considers in a Safety Risk Analysis and how the College will handle reports of sexual violence, please see the Policy on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.

## **Statistical Disclosure of Reported Incidents**

Incidents reported to the Department of Safety & Security that fall into one of the required reporting classifications will be disclosed as a statistic in this annual report published by Chestnut Hill College.

## **Student Conduct Off Campus**

The Student Code of Conduct is also in effect off campus; therefore, students must display behavior that reflects favorably on them, the College and the community. Students charged with violations of local, state or federal law committed off campus shall be subject to College disciplinary proceedings if the action reflects negatively upon the College community, poses a threat to the mission of the College or to the health and safety of a member or members.

If local police departments are contacted about criminal activity occurring involving Chestnut Hill College students, they may notify Safety & Security and/or the Office of Student Life. However, there is no official policy requiring such notification. Students in these cases may be subject to arrest by the local law enforcement agency and College disciplinary proceedings through the Office of Student Life (as described above).

Please note that the College does not have any recognized off-campus student organizations or student organizations with off-campus housing facilities.

## **Daily Crime Log**

The Office of Security & Campus Safety maintains a Daily Crime Log that records all crimes and other serious incidents that occur on campus, in a non-campus building or property, or on public property. The Daily Crime Log is available for public inspection at the Campus Safety Office (Fontbonne Hall, Ground Floor) during business hours. The Daily Crime Log includes the nature, date, time, and general location of each crime reported to the department, as well as the disposition of the complaint, if this information is known at the time the log is created. Campus Safety posts specific incidents in the Daily

Crime Log within two business days of receiving a report of an incident and reserves the right to exclude reports from the log in certain circumstances.

### **Timely Warnings to Campus Community**

If it is determined that there is an emergency or situation that provides an immediate threat to the health and safety of the College community, a Timely Warning will be issued. This message may be sent through one or more of the following systems: college email system, emergency text message notification system, campus televisions, website announcement, posted announcements on campus and/or recorded phone message on the College's School Closing emergency phone number (215-248-7009). Timely Warnings will be issued to the entire community.

Timely Warnings are usually distributed for Clery Act crimes that occur within the College's Clery Act geography that represent a serious and continuing threats to students and employees. The decision to issue a timely warning is considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the facts of the case and whether there is a continuing danger to the campus community. For example, if an assault occurs between two students who have an argument, there may be no on-going threat to the Chestnut Hill College community and a Timely Warning would not be distributed. Timely Warnings may also be issued for other crime classifications as deemed necessary.

The Vice President for Student Life, or her designee, writes and issues Security Alerts in consultation with the Director of Campus Safety and Security, the Dean of Student Life and the President of the College.

### **Emergency Notification**

In addition to Timely Warnings, the College may also choose to issue an emergency notification for incidents that present an imminent or impending threat to the College community that may fall beyond the parameters of issuing a Timely Warning. Some examples of significant emergencies or dangerous situations include:

- Outbreak of meningitis, norovirus, or other serious illness
- Approaching tornado, hurricane, or other extreme weather conditions
- Gas leak
- Bomb threat
- Chemical or hazardous waste spill
- Fire
- Terrorist incident or national disaster

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and potential emergencies are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Upon confirmation of an imminent or impending threat, the College will issue an Emergency Notification. The College will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. This message may be sent through one or more of the following systems: college email system, emergency text message notification system, campus televisions, website announcement, posted announcements on campus

and/or recorded phone message on the College's School Closing emergency phone number (215-248-7009). Emergency Notifications may be issued to a subset of the College community. For example, a chemical spill that is contained and only impacts one building may not result in notification to the entire campus community.

The Vice President for Student Life, or her designee, writes and issues Security Alerts in consultation with the Director of Campus Safety and Security, the Dean of Student Life and the President of the College.

## **Chestnut Hill College Campus Crisis Protocols**

### GENERAL SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The Chestnut Hill College Crisis Protocol applies to all buildings and grounds on the College's campus. This plan is designed to help minimize hazards to personal health and the College environment. This plan will be set in motion to:

- Reduce the probably of serious injury or death due to lack of preparedness in an emergency.
- Protect Chestnut Hill College from loss occurring from emergencies.
- To ensure an orderly transition from normal daily operations to emergency operations and a subsequent return to normal daily operations.

This Crisis Protocol is designed to accomplish the following:

1. Create a plan that will be followed in case of emergency.
2. Plan for the safe evacuation of buildings and/or the campus.
3. Plan for safe shut down of equipment.
4. Reduce the risk of fire through training and preventative maintenance.
5. Educate all members of the College community on protocols that will be implemented should an emergency arise.
6. Create a plan for rapid return to normal College operations following an emergency.

### COMMUNICATIONS DURING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

During an emergency it may be necessary to evacuate, or partially evacuate, from the Chestnut Hill College campus. Services such as electricity, water and telephones may not be functioning during certain emergency conditions. Communication between Campus Safety, Maintenance, Housekeeping and Cabinet may be maintained through radios (and/or cell phone when appropriate). Appropriate campus alerts will be disseminated through the College's website, campus intercom system and the text messaging alert system. Chestnut Hill College will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

External dissemination of information related to the emergency will only be provided by individuals given approval by the President.

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Fire is only one of the possible emergency conditions which could require the evacuation of a building and/or the College campus. Chemical spills, the release of toxic or corrosive gases, civil unrest or a bomb threat may also result in the need to evacuate. In the event that evacuation is required, the building fire alarm and the campus intercom system will be used to begin evacuations. At the sounding of an alarm or notification over the campus intercom system, all occupants should promptly and calmly evacuate the building. Exit routes are posted on the back of all classroom and residence hall doors. Additionally, exit signs in hallways direct occupants to the nearest exit. If time permits, individuals should turn off any equipment and lights and close doors as they leave. Those individuals who are unable to use the stairs should proceed to the nearest exit (if they are on the ground floor) or fire stairwell. Individuals are asked to look out for each other and assist if possible or appropriate or notify Campus Safety if an individual needs assistance. Please refer to the General Evacuation Protocol for detailed information.

After evacuating a building individuals are asked to report to the designated evacuation area. Assembly areas are located at least 100 yards from the emergency and in a location that will not interfere with emergency response personnel. There are designated outdoor and indoor assembly areas for each area of campus. To the extent reasonable and possible, faculty members should attempt to account for students in their class at the time of evacuation; Campus Life professional and paraprofessional staff will also help to account for students. If it is suspected that an individual from a department, class or floor is missing please contact Campus Safety. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a College official.

There may be situations in which Shelter in Place is preferable to evacuations. In these incidents, the following procedures will be followed:

### SHELTER IN PLACE

Shelter in place is the action of seeking immediate shelter indoors, preferably in an interior area. Ideal features of a shelter in place area include:

- A location with minimal windows or vents
- Adequate space for all individuals
- Hallways, conference rooms, restrooms and classrooms can all be used to shelter in place
- Depending on the nature of the incident, access to phone lines, cell phone service and/or internet is also desirable

Shelter in place may be activated in the event of a hazardous material spill, tornado warning, shooting or act of terrorism. Please note that shelter in place may refer to short-term or long-term situations. At times, shelter in place may occur in a centralized area after an evacuation notice. In this case, please refer to the evacuation procedures and the campus evacuation map.

When sheltering in place:

- Close all doors and windows
- If possible, close or seal air vents

- Close window shades, blinds or curtains
- If possible, seal gaps around doors and windows with wet towels and/or tape
- Move all occupants away from doors and windows
- Remain indoors until an all clear message is received from a campus administrator

The Vice President for Financial Affairs publishes an annual notice requesting that individuals who may need assistance in the event of an evacuation contact the Director of Human Resources to develop an individualized plan. The same notice is made to students by the Director of Disability Services.

In all situations, appropriate follow up with the campus community will occur. This follow up may be dependent upon communication systems available as a result of an emergency and may or may not include activation of the emergency notification service, e-mail, the campus intercom system, mass voicemail and/or personal communication.

Comprehensive information about the College's crisis protocols and evacuation procedures can be found on the College website at: <http://www.chc.edu/safety-and-security/campus-crisis-protocol>

### **Emergency Response and Evacuation Testing Procedures**

On at least an annual basis, Chestnut Hill College will conduct tests of its emergency response and evacuation procedures. The tests may be announced or unannounced. In conjunction with at least one test per calendar year, the College will publicize its Crisis Protocol documents and test the emergency notification system. Additionally, at least two fire drills are held in each residence hall on an annual basis. The College will document all tests.

### **Chestnut Hill College Community**

In the 2020 fall semester, there were 1283 students enrolled at Chestnut Hill College, of which, zero (0) undergraduate students resided in residence halls. Due to COVID the College remained virtual for all of Fall 2020 (and was virtual for the majority of Spring 2020). The College employs 227 FTE faculty and staff.

The College community is composed of administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Students are enrolled in one of three schools:

School of Undergraduate Studies– Co-ed resident and commuter populations

School of Continuing and Professional Studies- Undergraduate adult co-ed commuter population

School of Graduate Studies– Adult co-ed commuter population

### **Campus Housing**

On-campus housing, limited to undergraduate students, consists of five residence halls having a variety of room types. Student rooms are equipped with knob locks or night latches on the doors and window locks on all windows. In Spring 2020 there were 17 Resident Assistants and 3 Residence Coordinators (there was no RA/RC staff in Fall 2020 as the College remained virtual due to COVID). Security training is part of the two weeks of training required of all Campus Life staff prior to the opening of classes in the fall. Regular staff meetings for resident assistants provide ongoing training, provide updates to problems in the halls, and provide a forum for solutions.

Housing for upper-classmen is based on lottery, while first-year students are assigned by the Director of Campus Life. Changes are made on a space available basis.

## **Access to Residence Halls**

### **Guest & Visitation Policy**

#### **Definitions**

For the purposes of the guest & visitation policy, please keep the following definitions in mind:

*CHC Resident* – any student living in College housing

*CHC Commuter* – any Chestnut Hill student who does not reside in College housing

*Guest* – any individual who does not attend Chestnut Hill

*Host* – resident student who has signed in a commuter or guest

CHC residents must use their CHC ID card to swipe into their building at the front desk as they enter. Students are required to show their ID if asked by front desk security or Campus Life staff. Residents are required to swipe their ID when exiting all residence halls. Residents will not be able to swipe into another building they have swiped out of the previous building. CHC residents and all guests are required to have a CHC ID or a picture ID to enter or be signed into a residence hall (see Visitation Policy). It is imperative that students follow the directives, as they exist for everyone's protection. A student who fails to produce ID and/or creates a disturbance about the procedure is subject to judicial action and/or fine. It is a College regulation that each student possesses and carries an ID.

#### **Visitation & Guest Registration**

In order to ensure the safety of all residents, specific visitation policies are set for hosting guests. It is expected that all resident students and their guests will respect the policies and consider the well-being of other residents.

CHC residents may enter any residence hall that they are not a resident of by swiping their CHC ID at the front desk. CHC residents must swipe out of all buildings when leaving.

As a host, resident students are responsible for the actions of their guest(s) at all times. If a guest violates a campus policy, the guest will be asked to leave campus and the host will be held accountable for the violation. Guests must be escorted at all times and are only permitted in rooms/areas where the host is present.

The term "guest" refers to any individual not currently enrolled at Chestnut Hill College or Chestnut Hill College commuter students. All guests must:

-  be 16 years or older (siblings of a younger age can get approval from the Office of Campus Life)
-  have a picture ID

 register with the Security Desk

The guest must be registered in the guest log by the hosting residential student, and surrender a photo identification card to the desk officer. Guests who do not have photo identification (such as a driver's license or photo ID from another college or university) cannot be signed into the facility as a guest.

## **Visitation Policy**

Co-education allows men and women to contribute to one another's education and form genuine friendships. The mission of Chestnut Hill College, given its Catholic heritage and tradition, dictates that students will adhere to all norms and values associated with Catholic teachings. In the proper context, therefore, hosting a guest is a privilege that can facilitate personal and social development and enhance the quality of life on campus. While the College does recognize the need for opportunities for studying, it does not permit overnight guests of the opposite sex for social purposes.

Rooms are private and the right of a resident to privacy outweighs another's right to guest privileges. If the presence of a guest is an invasion of a roommate's privacy, the guest must leave. Each room shall have no more than two (2) additional persons per resident (for example, in a 4 person suite there may be the four (4) residents plus eight (8) other persons. Privacy extends beyond the student's room to hallways and restrooms. Men must use restrooms designated for males and women must use restrooms designated for females. Under no circumstances are men to utilize women's showering facilities and vice-versa.

Violation of the visitation & guest policy will render students subject to College disciplinary action ranging from loss of privileges for a specific time up to and including suspension or dismissal from the residence community depending on the seriousness of the infraction. The College may suspend guest privileges during break periods even when the residence halls are officially open for health and safety concerns. The College reserves the right to remove from campus a guest who has violated College regulations. "Removal" is defined as complete separation from the College grounds, facilities and services. Guest who violate this policy are viewed as trespassers and are subject to arrest. CHC students who are involved in an incident in a residence hall other than their own may also be asked to sign-out and return to their place of residence. Violations of the visitation and guest policy will remain active and accumulate for the duration of a student's matriculation at Chestnut Hill College. Previous violations, regardless of severity, will be taken into consideration when sanctioning present incidents.

Since the residence hall is intended for adult interaction and study, it is an inappropriate setting for entertaining or for supervising young children. Student rooms are crowded and potentially dangerous to the curious restlessness of babies and young children.

## **Overnight Guests**

Resident students may have overnight guests of the same gender as long the roommate(s) are notified and do not object. Overnight guests are any visitor who is not a resident of that hall. Residents can obtain and submit an Overnight Guest Request Form on the portal at [my.chc.edu](http://my.chc.edu). Guest requests should be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the date of request. Guests are limited to two

consecutive nights at a time and a total of ten nights per semester. All guests must register at the Security desk in the Overnight Guest Log. Male guests are to be hosted overnight (i.e. provided with sleeping accommodations) only in areas for men; female guests may be hosted overnight in areas reserved for women. A guest may be removed for failing to abide by College policy and regulations. The host is responsible for the guest's actions at all times and may lose his/her guest privileges and/or residence status if a guest is involved in violation of college policy.

*\*Please note that guests were not permitted on campus in Spring 2020 due to COVID mitigation policies.\**

### **Sexual Activity Policy**

In keeping with the mission and core values of Chestnut Hill College, the environment of the residence community must be one that supports individual rights and fosters mutual respect. A college education is primarily academic and intellectual in nature, but also includes the development of the whole person; particularly attitudes and value that enhance mature responsible behavior in all areas of life. Non-marital sexual relations, including but not limited to sexual intercourse and physical contact of a sexual nature on campus at anytime, is behavior unacceptable to the College. Students involved in activity of this nature will be subject to disciplinary action.



## **Administrative Hearing Process**

*\*Please note: The process outlined below is for hearings NOT related to violations of the Policy on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence. In an incident that involves allegations of sexual discrimination, harassment or violence, the procedures outlined in the Policy on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence will be followed. Please review this policy for specifics.*

Written documentation of an incident triggers the beginning of the judicial hearing process. Students will receive written notification of a hearing, via email, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing; this notification will include the charges being brought against the student. For the purposes of the Student Handbook and all judicial hearing processes, the student being accused of a violating the Student Code of Conduct shall be the respondent and (when applicable), the person reporting the incident shall be the complainant. As a part of this process, complainants and respondents can expect the following:

- Be present throughout the hearing, but not during deliberation
- Read any documentation associated with the incident and be made aware of all evidence involved in the incident
- Present pertinent information, including witnesses of fact, that pertain to the incident
- Waive their 48 hours notice if an expedited hearing is possible and/or available
- Receive support from a member of the College community during the hearing; this person may be present during the entire hearing but is not permitted to speak during the hearing process
- No attorneys or parents are to be present
- Notes may be taken but no tape recording will be allowed

Upon receipt of a complaint or Incident Report, the Vice President for Student Life may assign a designee to investigate the matter. Hearings will be adjudicated by the Resident Director, Assistant Directors of Campus Life, Director of Campus Life, Dean of Student Life, the Vice President for Student Life or her designee.

Following the conclusion of the hearing, respondents will receive written notice of a decision, including sanctions if applicable, within 10 business days. When determining sanctioning, the following factors will be taken into account: severity of the incident, past judicial record, attitude and willingness to make amends.

A respondent wishing to appeal a judicial decision must do so in writing within 3 business days of receipt of decision. A letter of appeal should be addressed to the Vice President for Student Life.

Appeals may only be submitted on the following grounds:

- evidence of improper or inadequate procedure;
- prejudicial conduct;
- disproportionate penalty;
- new evidence, not available at the time of the hearing.

An appeal based on new evidence, not available at the time of the hearing will be referred back to the original hearing officer for a second hearing.

Upon receipt of an appeal for improper or inadequate procedure, prejudicial conduct or disproportionate penalty, the Vice President for Student Life will notify the Chair of the Appeal's Board. The respondent's letter of appeal, the hearing officer's decision letter, and all other documents used in the hearing will comprise the official file to be used by the Appeal's Board. The College Appeal's Board will consist of faculty, staff, administrators and students as appointed by the President. The complainant may be notified that the respondent has filed an appeal. Respondents will receive written notice of appeal decisions within 10 business days. Sanctions, such as interim suspension from College housing or the College itself, may be imposed during the appeals process at the decision of the Vice President for Student Life.

### **Interim Suspension**

Students may be subject to an interim suspension from the College and/or College housing if there is either 1) reasonable cause to believe that the student poses a threat to the safety of him/herself and/or the community and/or 2) reasonable cause to believe the student violated the alleged policies. Interim suspension is subject to approval by the President or her designee. In this instance the student would be asked to leave campus immediately, pending the outcome of a hearing. The respondent has 24 hours to make a written request for the President or her designee to identify reasons why he/she should not be suspended pending the outcome of the hearing. Response by the College will be made to the respondent within 24 hours of receipt of the letter. The respondent must remain off-campus pending a decision regarding the respondent's written request.

### **Discipline Records**

Student discipline records are kept for five years after a student has graduated or left the College. These records are kept confidential unless a student requests the release of these records (i.e. background check for further education or employment) or in the event of a subpoena.

### **Parental or Guardian Notification**

The College, in its discretion, may notify parents/guardians, and/or FERPA contacts of dependent students under the following circumstances:

- To College officials (including third parties under contract) with legitimate educational interests
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena
- To appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency in order to protect the student or others
- To parents in cases of drug or alcohol violation when the student is under the age of 21
- To the provider or creator of a record to verify the validity of that record (e.g. in cases of suspected fraud)
- To organizations conducting research studies on behalf of the University, provided there is a written agreement between the College and the research organization.
- To officials at an institution in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is currently enrolled.

## Sanctions

Student discipline has been delegated by the President to the Vice President for Student Life. Sanctions such as suspension or expulsion are employed in extreme cases where it seems that continuation at the College would be detrimental to the individual or to the College community as a whole. The President of the College, alone, is empowered to suspend or expel a student. The following factors will be considered in determining sanctions: present attitude, past record, both positive and negative, the severity of the damage, injury, harm or disruption or the potential for such, the student's or group's honesty, cooperation and willingness to make amends.

Persons or groups/organizations found responsible for the commission of a major and/or minor violation can expect to receive one or a combination of the following sanctions:

- **Disciplinary Warning:** notice to the student, orally or in writing, that continuation or repetition of the conduct found wrongful, within a period of time stated in the warning, may be cause for more severe disciplinary action.
- **Disciplinary Probation:** an official written notice to a student that violation of College policies, regulations, or patterns contrary to College standards or expectations, will not be tolerated. Repeated offenses or violations of any conditions of probation will result in more severe action, including possible suspension or expulsion. Disciplinary probation lasts for a stated time.
- **Educational Sanctions:** include but are not limited to counseling, classes and/or community engagement/service.
- **Fines:** fines range from \$10 to \$200 for punitive purposes and/or restitution.
- **Restitution:** the student or group may be required to make payment to the College, or to other persons, groups or organizations for damages to or misappropriation of property.
- **Loss of Residency:** a student will be required to leave the College residence community and may forfeit any housing costs. The student will be barred from entering all residence halls during the time of removal from the campus. A student who loses residency may be considered for future on-campus accommodations at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Life and the Director of Campus Life.
- **Disciplinary Residence Hall Room Change:** an action that requires a student to vacate his/her current room and relocate to another room because of the disciplinary process.
- **Restrictions of Housing Lottery:** an action may exclude a student from participation in a particular housing lottery or affect his/her ranking in a particular lottery.
- **Suspension:** separation of the student/group from the College for a specified period of time. This could include exclusion from classes and other privileges or College activities.
- **Expulsion:** termination (after due process) of student status for an indefinite period. The conditions of readmission, if permitted, shall be stated in the order of expulsion.

*Note:*

- The foregoing examples are illustrative rather than exhaustive.
- Parents or guardians of dependent students may be informed of disciplinary sanctions given to those students.
- In cases involving student behavioral problems, which occur off campus, the College reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action.

## Substance Abuse Policy

### POLICY STATEMENT:

Chestnut Hill College prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, sale or use of the following substances or items on College property or at College activities by students: illegal drugs, controlled substance analogues, prohibited drugs and drug related paraphernalia.

Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. In addition, no student is permitted to possess, use, or offer for sale any alcoholic beverage in College housing, on campus or as part of a College activity. Alcoholic beverages may not be served at any College-sponsored function in which students participate with the exception of those designated by the President.

### Alcohol & Drugs

Chestnut Hill College is committed to providing a healthy working and learning environment and the maintenance of a campus free from unlawful drug and alcohol related activity. The College complies with federal, state, and local laws, including those that regulate the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances. Chestnut Hill College students who use, sell, exchange, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia on College property, at College events, or on College sponsored trips will be dealt with in accordance with the policies outlined in the [Student Handbook](#). Chestnut Hill College is a dry campus; even students who are 21 years of age or older are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol on campus property.

A complete description of policies, prevention efforts and College goals related to the reduction of substance use and abuse can be found in Chestnut Hill College's Drug Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (Edgar Part 86) Biennial Review, which can be retrieved online at <https://www.chc.edu/sites/default/files/Uploads/Drug%20Free%20Schools%20and%20Campuses%20Biennial%20Review%202018%20Copy%20for%20Publication.pdf>.

Chestnut Hill College students are subject to prosecution under the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance; Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act for drug abuse and unlawful drug use and unlawful drug sales. The following state and federal laws concerning specific illicit drugs are drawn from the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, 35 p.s. section 107 708-113 et, seq. of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and from the Federal Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, 2 U.S.C.A. 801, et, seq., (specifically, the penalties for manufacturing, distributing, dispensing or possessing a controlled substance are found in section 841 of the Act).

In addition to educational sanctioning for violations of the College's alcohol and/or drug policies, the College offers a number of programs and trainings that are proactive and educational. These initiatives include, but are not limited to, Alcohol 101 Class, participation in National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, speakers, educational programming (DUI simulator, Safe Drinking Pledge, Water Pong, etc.) and alcohol free programming (particularly targeted at high risk times like weekends, Super Bowl, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, etc.).

## **Policy on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence**

*Please Note: This policy was originally modified in April 2011 to ensure that Chestnut Hill College procedures are in compliance with the guidance issued by the Office for Civil Rights on April 4, 2011 relating to college and universities' obligations under Title IX to respond appropriately to allegations of sexual harassment and sexual violence. Sexual harassment and sexual violence are forms of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX. In addition to sexual violence, this policy addresses any discrimination or harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. This policy was subsequently modified in August 2014 and August 2015 to ensure that Chestnut Hill College is in compliance with the VAWA amendments, Campus SaVE Act, the April 2014 Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence from the Office for Civil Rights, and guidance issued under The White House Document, Not Alone. This policy is reviewed and updated annually in order to ensure compliance with federal guidance and to best support members of our College community.*

*The policy was substantially reviewed and edited to be compliant with new regulations released by DOE and OCR in 2020. The policy below is effective on August 14, 2020 and will apply to formal complaints of sexual harassment brought on or after August 14, 2020. Complaints brought prior to August 14, 2020 will be investigated and adjudicated according to previous College policies. The College continues to monitor the order from the Biden administration Executive Order for OCR and DOE to initiate a comprehensive review of Title IX. If changes should occur from this comprehensive review the College will update the policy accordingly and distribute it to the campus community. It will also be updated in the Student and Employee Handbooks.*

### **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of Chestnut Hill College that while employed or enrolled at Chestnut Hill College no administrator, faculty member, staff member or student shall be subject to discrimination based upon sex, which can include acts of sexual violence, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, by another member of the College community. Chestnut Hill College expects all members of the campus community to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others; the College believes in a zero tolerance policy for gender-based or sexual misconduct.

Included within this Policy is the College's commitment to protect all individuals who are involved in an investigation of a potential violation of this Policy against retaliation from any member of the College community. Such retaliation will be deemed a separate basis for violating the College's Policy on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence. For the purposes of this policy, sex discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual violence all fall under the category of sexual misconduct. Violations involving sexual misconduct that do not meet the criteria for investigation, adjudication, and resolution under Title IX will be handled under separate policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, Staff Manual, and/or Faculty Manual.

### **Policy Rationale**

Chestnut Hill College values appropriate relationships, respect for all, and shared responsibility. Therefore, Chestnut Hill College is committed to fostering an educational and working environment that is free from sexual harassment and sexual violence. In recognition of and respect for the dignity of all at Chestnut Hill College, sexual misconduct in any form, cannot, and will not, be tolerated. This policy directly supports our mission in the areas of shared responsibility, social justice, and communal respect. The last decade has witnessed a heightened awareness in our society of the various forms of

sexual misconduct, and a deep and sincere concern for the entire College Community prompts us to form a Policy on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.

The purpose of this policy is:

- To educate the community on the definitions of sexual misconduct,
- To outline the steps necessary to deal most effectively with cases involving allegations of sexual misconduct, and
- To define the rights and responsibilities for members of the Chestnut Hill College community.

### **Scope of Policy**

- This policy and the procedures set forth herein apply to and cover all members of the College community in all three Schools without exception. The College community includes all administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Title IX protects students from sexual harassment in a school's educational programs and activities.
- The College also contracts a number of vendors on campus. These individuals are also protected from all forms of discrimination and are held accountable to policies and procedures outlined by their respective employers. If a vendor is accused of misconduct against a member of the College community, the College will work collaboratively with the individual's employer. At the request of the College these individuals may also be subject to interim measures (outlined below) while an incident is investigated and resolved.
- Employees are protected from sexual discrimination in all phases of their employment including applications, job performance, salary, and promotions.
- Title IX also prohibits harassment based upon sex or sex-stereotyping.
- Members of the College community are protected from being retaliated against for filing a claim or for cooperating in an investigation
- This policy and the procedures cover all members of the College community in all three Schools for claims of discrimination, harassment or retaliation under any other protected category as outlined in the College's *Non-Discrimination Policy*.

### **Legal Definition**

Discrimination or harassment on the bias of sex is a violation of Section 703 of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. Unwelcome sexual advancements, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or a condition of an individual's employment or academic advancement;
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment or academic decisions affecting the individual; or
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational, living or working environment.

## **Title IX Coordinator**

Chestnut Hill College designates Krista Bailey Murphy, Ph.D., Dean of Student Life, as the Title IX Coordinator. Dr. Murphy can be reached at 215-248-7142 or via email at [murphyk@chc.edu](mailto:murphyk@chc.edu). Dr. Murphy's office is located in Fournier, Room 144.

The Title IX Coordinator oversees the College's centralized review, investigation, and resolution<sup>SEP</sup> of reports of sexual misconduct. The coordinator also coordinates the College's compliance with Title IX. The Title IX coordinator is:

- responsible for oversight of the investigation and resolution of all reports of sexual misconduct;
- knowledgeable and trained in relevant state and federal laws and College policy and procedure;
- available to advise any individual, including a complainant, a respondent, or a third party, about the courses of action available at the College, both informally and formally;
- available to provide assistance to any College community member regarding how to respond appropriately to reports of sexual misconduct;
- responsible for monitoring full compliance with all requirements and timelines specified in the complaint procedures; and
- responsible for compiling annual and semi-annual reports.

### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OFFENSES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- **Sexual Harassment**
- **Sexual Assault**
  - **Non-Consensual Sexual Contact (or attempts to commit same)**
  - **Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse (or attempts to commit same)**
- **Sexual Exploitation**
- **Stalking**
- **Intimate Partner Violence: Domestic Violence or Dating Violence**
- **Bullying or Intimidation**

Detailed definitions and examples of these forms of misconduct are included in the Supplemental Materials section of this Policy.

### **Reporting Sexual Misconduct in Any Form**

If you have been subjected to an act of sexual misconduct, you are urged to report the incident immediately. You may also want to discuss the event with a close friend, roommate, Resident Assistant, staff, faculty, family member, etc. who can support you through the initial medical treatment (if necessary) and reporting of the events. If you have been the victim of sexual violence you are urged to report the incident to the police immediately.

If you have been the victim of an act of sexual misconduct, you may be wondering what to do next. Here are some of your **options**:

- Get to a place where you feel physically and emotionally safe.
- Contact someone you trust to stay with you for moral support.

- Immediately report the incident to the appropriate College personnel.
  - This could include a Resident Assistant (RA), Campus Safety and Security, the Title IX Coordinator, or another individual whom you trust.
- If you were a victim of sexual violence and wish to contact the police, you may do so by calling 911.
- If you were a victim of sexual violence, it is important to seek medical care so you can be treated for injuries and tested for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Philadelphia has created the Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center (PSARC). PSARC is located at 300 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124 and can be reached via phone at 215-685-3251.
  - PSARC has specially trained and certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) to assist in the medical process related to forensic exams. Forensic evidence can be collected up to 96 hours after an assault has occurred.
  - A forensic exam, completed by a medical practitioner, is the process through which physical evidence is collected. This evidence could be used in a judicial case, if the victim chooses to pursue charges. Physical evidence can include photo documentation of injuries, collection of fluids (blood, semen, urine, saliva) and other identifiable objects (hair, clothing with potential DNA). Forensic exams are free of charge to victims of assault and will not be billed to the victim or the insurance company.
- Avoid showering, bathing, douching or cleaning in any other way to help preserve medical evidence if you choose to prosecute. Any clothes, sheets, or other items that may be considered evidence should be stored in paper (not plastic) bags. If you are still wearing the clothes you had on at the time of the assault be sure to bring a change of clothes with you to the hospital.

### **To File A Complaint with the College**

To make a report of an act of sexual misconduct, we encourage you to seek out another member of the College community with whom you feel comfortable (this may include a friend, coach, advisor, etc.). Campus Security (215-242-7777) can be reached 24 hours a day should you wish to file a complaint or need immediate assistance. Campus Security can also assist you in contacting the police if you would like to file a report with the police. The College does not limit the timeframe for filing a report of misconduct. Reports can be submitted at any time, including during non-business hours, following an incident, although the College's ability to take any action may be negatively affected by the length of time between the alleged incident and the report.

You may choose to pursue the incident through the College's hearing process; you may choose to prosecute through the police; or you may choose to do both. Once the matter is reported to the College, the College may have a responsibility to investigate the situation even if you chose not to cooperate with the College. You should not feel pressured into any option; you may want to consult with your family before making a decision.

In compliance with PA [Act 16 of 2019 \(HB 1615\)](#), Chestnut Hill College also provides an online Title IX Reporting and Concern Form as a reporting option that can be access by clicking [here](#). This online form allows for anonymous submissions.

## Types of On Campus Reports/Confidentiality of Reports

The College encourages complainants of sexual misconduct to file a Formal Complaint so the College may provide supportive measures and initiate a full investigation and adjudication process (if desired). Different employees on campus have different abilities to maintain a complainant’s confidentiality.

- Some individuals are required to maintain complete confidentiality; talking to them is sometimes called a “privileged communication.” These individuals have a legal and professional obligation not to reveal information shared with them in the scope of performing their duties.
- Other employees may talk to a complainant in confidence, and generally only report to the College that an incident occurred without revealing any personally identifying information, such as the complainant’s name. Disclosures to these employees will not trigger a College investigation into an incident against the complainant’s wishes.
- All other College employees are designated as responsible employees and are required to report all the details of an incident (including the identities of both the complainant and alleged respondent) to the Title IX coordinator. A report to these employees constitutes a report to the College – and generally obligates the College to investigate the incident and take appropriate steps to address the situation.
  - By virtue of their responsibilities in the residence halls, Resident Assistants (RAs) and Resident Coordinators (RCs) are considered responsible employees.

### A. Privileged and Confidential Communications

Professional, licensed counselors and pastoral counselors who provide mental-health counseling to members of the school community (and including those who act in that role under the supervision of a licensed counselor) and nurses in the Health Center are not required to report any information about an incident to the Title IX coordinator without a complainant’s permission.

Sheila Kennedy, SSJ, Ph.D.	Director, Counseling Center Psychologist	215-248-7104	SJ 345
Deirdre Horan, MSN, CRNP	Director, Health Center, Nurse Practitioner	215-248-7111	FZ Lobby
Beth McLaughlin, RN, BSN	Registered Nurse	215-248-7111	FZ Lobby
Lisa Johnson, Psy.D.	Therapist	215-248-7104	SJ 343

### B. Non-Professional Counselors and Advocates

Individuals who work in Campus Ministry can generally talk to a complainant without revealing any personally identifying information about an incident to the College. A complainant can seek assistance and support from these individuals without triggering a College investigation that could reveal the complainant’s identity or that the complainant has disclosed the incident. While maintaining a complainant’s confidentiality, these individuals or their office should report the nature, date, time, and general location of an incident to the Title IX Coordinator. This limited report – which includes no

information that would directly or indirectly identify the complainant – helps keep the Title IX Coordinator informed of the general extent and nature of sexual violence on and off campus so the coordinator can track patterns, evaluate the scope of the problem, and formulate appropriate campus-wide responses. Before reporting any information to the Title IX Coordinator, these individuals will consult with the complainant to ensure that no personally identifying details are shared with the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator will report this information to the Director of Security for inclusion in the Daily Crime Log and Annual Campus Crime Statistics.

Jackie Newns	Chief Officer for Mission and Ministry	215-248-7095	SJ 339
Anna Ryan-Bender	Director of Campus Ministry	215-248-7993	SJ 348
Robert Mulligan, OSFS	Chaplain	215-248-7058	SJ 330

A complainant who speaks to a professional or non-professional counselor or advocate must understand that, if the complainant wants to maintain confidentiality, the College may be unable to conduct an investigation into the particular incident or pursue disciplinary action against the respondent. Even so, these counselors and advocates will still assist the complainant in receiving other necessary protection and support, such as victim advocacy, academic support or accommodations, disability, health or mental health services, and changes to living, working or course schedules. A complainant who at first requests confidentiality may later decide to file a complaint with the school or report the incident to local law enforcement, and thus have the incident fully investigated.

### C. Reporting to Responsible Employees

Unless specifically listed above, all other College employees are considered responsible employees. A responsible employee is a College employee who has the authority to redress sexual violence, who has the duty to report incidents of sexual violence or other misconduct, or who is an individual who is reasonably believed to have this authority. Resident Assistants and Resident Coordinators are also considered responsible employees.

When a complainant tells a responsible employee about an incident of sexual violence, the complainant has the right to expect the College to take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate what happened and to resolve the matter promptly and equitably. A responsible employee must report to the Title IX coordinator all relevant details about the incident shared by the complainant so that the College can determine what happened – including the names of the complainant and respondent(s), any witnesses, and any other relevant facts, including the date, time and specific location of the alleged incident.

To the extent possible, information reported to a responsible employee will be shared only with people responsible for handling the College’s response to the report. A responsible employee should not share information with law enforcement without the complainant’s consent or unless the complainant has also reported the incident to law enforcement. Before a complainant reveals any information to a responsible employee, the employee should ensure that the complainant understands the employee’s reporting obligations – and, if the complainant wants to maintain confidentiality, direct the complainant to confidential resources.

If the complainant wants to tell the responsible employee what happened but also maintain confidentiality, the employee should tell the complainant that the College will consider the request, but cannot guarantee that the College will be able to honor it. In reporting the details of the incident to the Title IX Coordinator, the responsible employee will also inform the Coordinator of the complainant's request for confidentiality.

Responsible employees will not pressure a complainant to request confidentiality, but will honor and support the complainant's wishes, including that the College investigate an incident fully. By the same token, responsible employees will not pressure a complainant to make a full report if the complainant is not ready to do so.

*Requesting Confidentiality From the College: How the College Will Weigh the Request and Respond.*

If a complainant discloses an incident to a responsible employee but wishes to maintain confidentiality or requests that no investigation into a particular incident be conducted or disciplinary action taken, the College must weigh that request against the College's obligation to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for all individuals, including the complainant.

If the College honors the request for confidentiality, a complainant must understand that the College's ability to meaningfully investigate the incident and pursue disciplinary action against the respondent(s) may be limited.

Although rare, there are times when the College may not be able to honor a complainant's request in order to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment.

When weighing a complainant's request for confidentiality or determining that no investigation or discipline will be pursued, the Title IX Coordinator will consider a range of factors, including the following:

- The increased risk that the respondent will commit additional acts of sexual or other violence, such as:
  - whether there have been other sexual violence complaints about the same respondent;
  - whether the respondent has a history of arrests or records from a prior school indicating a history of violence;
  - whether the respondent threatened further sexual violence or other violence against the complainant or others;
  - whether the sexual violence was committed by multiple respondents;
  - whether the sexual violence was perpetrated with a weapon;
  - whether the complainant is a minor;
  - whether the College possesses other means to obtain relevant evidence of the sexual violence (e.g., security cameras or personnel, physical evidence);
  - whether the complainant's report reveals a pattern of perpetration (e.g., via illicit use of drugs or alcohol) at a given location or by a particular group.

The presence of one or more of these factors could lead the College to investigate the alleged incident. If the College determines that it cannot maintain a complainant's confidentiality, the College

will inform the complainant prior to starting an investigation and will, to the extent possible, only share information with people responsible for handling the College's response.

The College will remain ever mindful of the complainant's well-being, and will take ongoing steps to protect the complainant from retaliation or harm and work with the complainant to create a safety plan. Retaliation against the complainant, whether by students or College employees, will not be tolerated. The College will also:

- assist the complainant in accessing other available victim advocacy, academic support, counseling, disability, health or mental health services, and legal assistance both on and off campus (see portion of policy identifying these);
- provide other security and support, which could include issuing a no-contact order, helping arrange a change of living or working arrangements or course schedules (including for the respondent pending the outcome of an investigation) or adjustments for assignments or tests; and
- inform the complainant of the right to report a crime to campus or local law enforcement – and provide the complainant with assistance if the complainant wishes to do so.

Because the College is under a continuing obligation to address the issue of sexual violence campus-wide, reports of sexual violence (including non-identifying reports) will also prompt the College to consider broader remedial action – such as increased monitoring, supervision or security at locations where the reported sexual violence occurred; increasing education and prevention efforts, including to targeted population groups; conducting climate assessments/victimization surveys; and/or revisiting its policies and practices. If the College determines that it can respect a complainant's request for confidentiality, the College will also take immediate action as necessary to protect and assist the complainant.

### **Formal Complaints**

A Formal Complaint is a document – including an electronic submission - filed by a complainant with a signature or other indication that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint, or signed by the Title IX Coordinator, alleging sexual harassment against a respondent about conduct within Chestnut Hill College's education program or activity and requesting initiation of the procedures consistent with the Chestnut Hill College Policy on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence to investigate the allegation of sexual harassment.

To file a Formal Complaint, a complainant must provide the Title IX Coordinator a written, signed complaint describing the facts alleged. A report filed through the online Title IX Reporting and Concern Form is not considered a formal complaint if it is filed anonymously. If a complainant does not wish to make a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator may determine a Formal Complaint is necessary. The Title IX Coordinator will inform the complainant of this decision in writing, and the complainant need not participate in the process further but will receive all notices issued under this Policy.

Once a Formal Complaint has been filed, the College will use its best efforts to process the incident (this includes investigation of facts, hearing notification, the hearing, deliberation, notification of the outcome of the hearing and the appeal process) within 90 business days. Circumstances may arise that require the extension of time frames, including extension beyond 90 days. Such circumstances may include the complexity of the allegations, the number of witnesses involved, the availability of the parties or witnesses, the effect of a concurrent criminal investigation, any intervening school break or vacation, or other unforeseen circumstances. In the event that the investigation and resolution exceed this time frame, the College will notify all parties of the reason for the delay and the expected adjustment in time frames. Best efforts will be made to complete the process in a timely manner by balancing principles of thoroughness and fundamental fairness with promptness.

### **Alcohol and Drug Use Amnesty**

The health and safety of every student is of utmost importance. The Colleges recognize that students who have been drinking and/or using drugs (whether such use is voluntary or involuntary) at the time sexual misconduct occurs may be hesitant to report such incidents due to fear of potential consequences for their own conduct. The College strongly encourage students to report incidents of sexual misconduct. A witness to or individual who experience sexual misconduct, acting in good faith, who discloses any incident of sexual misconduct to College officials or law enforcement will not be sanctioned under the College's code of conduct for violations of alcohol and/or drug use policies occurring at or near the time of the incident(s) of sexual harassment or sexual violence. This amnesty provision also applies to student groups making a report of sexual misconduct. Amnesty does not preclude or prevent action by police or other legal authorities pursuant to relevant state or federal criminal statutes.

### **Supportive Measures**

Complainants (as defined above), who report allegations that could constitute sexual misconduct under this policy, have the right to receive supportive measures from the College regardless of whether they desire to file a complaint. Supportive measures are non-disciplinary and non-punitive and may include, as appropriate and as reasonably available:

- referral to counseling or medical services
- extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments
- modifications of work or class schedules
- campus escort services
- restrictions on contact between the parties (no contact orders)
- changes in work or housing locations
- leaves of absence
- increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus

Supportive measures will remain private to the extent possible. Some College officials will be notified of supportive measures as needed for implementation.

## Emergency Removal

As a residential educational institution, the College has a responsibility to protect the community from potential harm. The College retains the authority to remove a respondent from either institution's program or activity on an emergency basis, where the College (1) undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis and (2) determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual misconduct or gender-based discrimination justifies a removal.

If a College official determines such removal is necessary, the respondent will be provided notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal.

If appropriate, the College will work with the respondent to continue his/her course of study online.

## Investigation

In order to assure a prompt and equitable resolution to the complaint, complainants will be asked to provide details of the reported incident, either verbally or in writing, detailing the specifics of the incident, names of individuals, date, time, place, specifics which occurred, witnesses to the events described, etc. This complaint will start the College's investigation of the events reported.

- An investigation will be conducted once a complaint is filed.
- The person who makes the report is the complainant and the individual named in the report is the respondent.
- Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will draft a Notice of Allegations that will be sent to the respondent. The Notice of Allegations will include the identity of the complainant, the alleged conduct violations, and the dates of these allegations. This Notice of Allegations will be received prior to the beginning of an investigation. The Notice of Allegations will also state that the respondent is presumed not responsible and explain the use of an advisor of choice.
  - There may be extenuating circumstances in which a complainant requests that the College investigate allegations confidentially. The College cannot promise complete confidentiality. Information can only be shared within the College if there is a "legitimate educational need." In order for information to be shared outside of the College, a complainant would need to give explicit permission or that information would need to be subpoenaed. It should be noted that the College's ability to thoroughly investigate and resolve incidents of sexual misconduct may be limited should the complainant not want his or her name or any identifiable information shared.
- The College bears the responsibility of conducting the investigation and collecting all evidence. All evidence collected, including copies of statements (as described below) will be shared with both parties.
- The respondent will be given the opportunity to provide his/her version of the reported incident. This can occur either verbally or in writing by the respondent to the investigator; the respondent has the right to decline this option.
- The College will provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence.
- The complainant's statement will be shared with the respondent.

- The respondent's statement (if provided) will be shared with the complainant.
- At the conclusion of the investigation, both parties will have an equal opportunity to review all evidence collected.
- The parties will have ten (10) business days to inspect and review the evidence and submit a written response by email to the investigator. The investigator will consider the parties' written responses before completing the Investigative Report. The parties and their advisors must sign an agreement not to photograph, copy or disseminate any of the evidence subject to inspection and review or use such evidence for any purpose unrelated to the College adjudication process.
- At the conclusion of the investigation, and following the 10 day review period, the investigator(s) will prepare an Investigative Report to be used by the Title IX Coordinator and hearing panel (if applicable).
- The College will use its best efforts to complete its investigation within 21 business days of the date it receives the complaint, to allow 10 days for review of this investigation, to allow 5 days for the completion of the investigative report (upon completion of these 10 days), and to schedule a disciplinary hearing within 14 business days of the completion of the Investigative Report.
  - At times, a thorough investigation may take longer than 21 days. In instances where extra time is needed, both parties will be notified of the reasons and an expected completion date.
- The parties may mutually agree to extend these time periods.

## **Hearing and Resolution**

- Upon completion of the investigation, the College will schedule a hearing. As described above, every effort will be made to schedule a hearing within 14 business days of the completion of the Investigative Report.
- Both parties have the right to an advisor of choice; this advisor may be, but does not need to be, an attorney. If a party does not select an advisor of choice the College may provide one, at no charge, to the party.
- All hearings will be held using a live format. This may occur in person or virtually via the use of a video conferencing platform.
- The College cannot compel anyone to attend or participate in the hearing. However, if any party decides to not participate in the hearing, then the College cannot use any statements made by that individual in determining responsibility.
- The complainant and respondent are both subject to live cross examination by the advisor of choice for the other party (i.e. the advisor of choice for the complainant may cross examine the respondent and vice versa). Cross examination is not permitted directly by the complainant or respondent. Cross examination related to establishing credibility will generally be permitted, but questions regarding a party's previous sexual history will generally not be permitted. If a complainant or respondent refuses to participate in cross examination the College cannot use any statements previously made by that individual in determining responsibility.
- All hearings will be recorded and transcribed.
- Every effort is made to collect all information during the investigation. In the event that additional information is presented, both parties need to submit this additional documentation to the Title IX Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the hearing; the Title IX Coordinator will

share this information with the respective parties. Both parties will be shown a copy of the Statements provided by the other party; this includes Statements from any witnesses of fact.

- Additional information presented at this point may result in the investigation being reopened.
- At least 72 hours notice will be given to both complainant and respondent to appear at the hearing.
- In determining a remedy, the College may take into consideration the prior disciplinary history of the respondent.
- The College utilizes a preponderance of evidence as the standard of proof in all disciplinary proceedings; this standard is met if the proposition is more likely to be true than not true. Preponderance of evidence is the acceptable standard for civil cases.
- A written decision, complete with sanctions, if any, will be received within 10 business days after the hearing.
- The written decision will include the allegations, procedural steps that were followed, findings of fact, conclusions drawn based upon findings of fact, conclusions applying the facts to this policy and the Student Code of Conduct, a rationale for the findings for each charge, and appeal procedures.
- The complainant and respondent will be notified of the outcome of the hearing; this notification will be made in writing and will occur as concurrently as possible.
- The process will terminate if the respondent is no longer a student or employee.
  - Please note that the College will still provide appropriate accommodations to the complainant if the respondent is no longer a student or employee. If the respondent is a student, the College reserves the right to place a hold on the account and withhold transcripts.
- The College will cooperate to the extent permitted by law with criminal proceedings.
- The College does not condone retaliation towards the respondent or the complainant.

Any claims of retaliation will be investigated and those individuals will be subject to disciplinary action. Please see the end of this policy for additional information on retaliation.

## **Sanctions for Students**

Individuals found responsible for violating this policy may face one or more of the following sanctions. The severity of the incident, past judicial record, attitude, and willingness to make amends will be taken into consideration when determining sanctioning.

- **Disciplinary Warning:** notice to the student, orally or in writing, that continuation or repetition of the conduct found wrongful, within a period of time stated in the warning, may be cause for more severe disciplinary action.
- **Disciplinary Probation:** an official written notice to a student that violation of College policies, regulations, or patterns contrary to College standards or expectations, will not be tolerated. Repeated offenses or violations of any conditions of probation will result in more severe action, including possible suspension or expulsion. Disciplinary probation lasts for a stated time.
- **Educational Sanctions:** including counseling, reflection papers, research papers, classes and/or community engagement/service.

- Fines: fines range from \$10 to \$200 for punitive purposes and/or restitution.
- Restitution: the student or group may be required to make payment to the College, or to other persons, groups or organizations for damages to or misappropriation of property.
- Loss of Residency: a student will be required to leave the College residence community and may forfeit any housing costs. The student will be barred from entering all residence halls during the time of removal from the campus. A student who loses residency may be considered for future on-campus accommodations at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Life and the Director of Campus Life.
- Disciplinary Residence Hall Room Change: an action that requires a student to vacate his/her current room and relocate to another room because of the disciplinary process.
- Restrictions of Housing Lottery: an action may exclude a student from participation in a particular housing lottery or affect his/her ranking in a particular lottery.
- Suspension: separation of the student/group from the College for a specified period of time. This could include exclusion from classes and other privileges or College activities.
- Expulsion: termination (after due process) of student status for an indefinite period. The conditions of readmission, if permitted, shall be stated in the order of expulsion.

## Appeals

- Both parties have the right to appeal. A letter of appeal should be addressed to the Title IX Coordinator within 3 business days of receipt of the decision. Appeals may only be submitted on the following grounds:
  - evidence of improper or inadequate procedure;
  - prejudicial conduct;
  - disproportionate penalty;
  - new evidence, not available at the time of the investigation.
- An appeal based on new evidence, not available at the time of the hearing will be referred back to the investigative process. Following the completion of the new evidence, the original hearing panel will reconvene for a second hearing.
- Upon receipt of an appeal for improper or inadequate procedure, the Title IX Coordinator will review the case from initial complaint to resolution to determine if there was improper or inadequate procedure.
- Upon receipt of an appeal for prejudicial conduct or disproportionate penalty, the Title IX Coordinator will convene a specially trained appeals board
- If an appeal meets none of the above criteria, the complainant and/or respondent will be notified that the appeal does not meet the criteria to move forward.
- The respondent's and/or complainant's letter(s) of appeal, the hearing panel's decision letter, and all other documents used in the hearing will comprise the official file to be used by the Appeal's Board.
- The parties will receive written notice of an appeal decision within 10 business days.
- Appeals will go a specially trained appeals board. While the College Appeals Board consists of faculty, staff, administrators or students as appointed by the President, no students will serve on appeals related to violations of the Policy on Sexual Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.

- The non-appealing party will be notified that the appeal has been filed. Once it is formed, the Appeals Board will notify the parties if additional documentation is requested and the time period for its submission. All documentation reviewed by the Board will be made available in advance for both parties to review and submit comments; comments will be shared with one another. If evidence is discovered after the conclusion of the hearing, this new evidence will be reviewed by the Appeals Board. Both parties will be made aware of any new evidence. The Appeals Board will, after reviewing all available evidence and documentation, make a recommendation to the Title IX Coordinator or her designee. In cases involving a recommendation of suspension or expulsion, the recommendation of the Appeals Board will be issued to the President. In cases not involving suspension or expulsion, there is no right for either party to appeal to the President. Both parties will receive written notice of the appeal decisions within 10 business days after the Appeals Board has received any additional documentation it may request. As stated earlier, the review of the Appeals Board is limited to fact based issues, this includes evidence of improper or inadequate procedure, prejudicial conduct and/or disproportionate penalty.
- Sanctions, such as interim suspension from College housing or from the College itself, or from employment may be imposed during the appeals process at the decision of the Vice President for Student Life or the Assistant to the President for Administration and Special Projects.

## **Alternative Resolution**

Parties who do not wish to participate in the full investigation and hearing process (as described above) may request Alternative Resolution by the College. The Title IX Coordinator will determine if Alternative Resolution is appropriate upon the written submission of a request by either party. Factors in considering the appropriateness of the alternative resolution process include, but are not limited to, the gravity of the allegations, whether there is an ongoing threat of harm or safety to the campus, whether the respondent is a repeat offender, and whether the parties are participating in good faith. This determination is not subject to appeal. In order to proceed, both parties must agree to this resolution. Either party may withdraw from the alternative resolution process at any time and resume the formal grievance process described above; the College, acting in good faith, may also determine, at any point in the process, that the Alternative Resolution process is not appropriate and may resume the formal grievance process. Both parties also agree that the findings reached in the Alternative Resolution process are binding and cannot be appealed. Alternative Resolution is not permitted for allegations that involve sexual misconduct by faculty or staff against students.

Alternative Resolution typically takes the form of either Administrative Resolution or Mediation. In Administrative Resolution, the respondent agrees to and accepts responsibility for the charges (issued in writing through the Notice of Allegations as described above). A hearing panel will then be convened to determine sanctioning. At this hearing, the parties will have the opportunity to speak, including giving an impact statement, but there will be no cross examination and the facts will not be in question. The hearing panel will issue a written determination that includes sanctions, rationale for these sanctions, and appeal procedures. Both parties will have the right to appeal the sanctions.

During mediation, any potential investigation will halt. If the mediation results in a resolution, the disciplinary process will be concluded, and the matter will be closed. If a resolution cannot be reached, the matter will be referred back to the Title IX Coordinator to re-evaluate other options for resolution, including investigation. During mediation, a facilitator will guide a discussion between the

parties. In circumstances where the parties do not wish to meet face to face, either party can request that the facilitator conduct separate meetings. Whether or not the parties agree to meet face to face, each party will be permitted to bring an advisor of their choice to any meetings. At the conclusion of the mediation, the agreement reached between the parties will be signed by both parties.

Records of the outcomes of Alternative Resolution are maintained by the Title IX Coordinator.

## **Procedures for Faculty and Staff**

Any person who believes he or she has experienced sexual misconduct, as defined in the College's Policy on Sexual Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence, may file a complaint against the Chestnut Hill College faculty, staff, or administration member (the person filing a complaint is referred to as a "complainant"). The procedures outlined below are designed to create a fair and confidential process for the complainant and respondent, while also ensuring a community built on appropriate relationships and respect for all. As acts of sexual misconduct present a threat to the community, the President is kept apprised of all training and prevention efforts, as well as allegations of sexual misconduct.

## **Interim Measures**

Upon the filing of a complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will review the allegations and determine the necessity and scope of any interim measures to prevent further acts of harassment, misconduct, or retaliation and to provide a safe educational and work environment. The range of interim measures may include, but not be limited to:

- Adjusting the complainant's or respondent's work schedule, assignment, or location for employment.
- Changing the complainant's or respondent's academic schedule, allowing the complainant to take an incomplete in one or more courses, allowing the complainant to drop (or retake) a course without penalty, or complete course work via alternate delivery methods.
- Providing an escort to ensure safe movement between classes, work sites, and other activities.
- Allowing the complainant to withdraw from or retake a class without penalty, or extending deadlines for examinations or other assignments.
- Providing access to tutoring or other academic support.
- Putting the respondent on paid administrative leave until the conclusion of the investigation.
- Issuing a no contact order.

An individual's failure to comply with restrictions imposed by interim measures is a violation of this policy and a basis for disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

## **Investigation of a Complaint**

### **Investigator**

The Title IX Coordinator will designate an Investigator (ordinarily a member of Human Resources, the Office of the President, or when necessary, an outside third party investigator) specifically trained in sexual misconduct investigations to conduct a prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of any sexual misconduct complaint against a College faculty or staff member. Every effort will be made to eliminate any possible or perceived bias in the selection of an investigator.

With the exception of sanctioning (described below), the Investigation, Hearing, and Resolution processes described above will be followed for cases involving faculty or staff. Alternative Resolution is not an option for allegations involving sexual misconduct by a faculty or staff member against a student.

### **Sanctioning**

If there is a finding of responsibility, the hearing panel will submit a report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs (if the respondent is full-time faculty), the Dean of the respective college (if the respondent is adjunct faculty) or the Director of Human Resources (if the respondent is staff) to make a final determination as to the appropriate disciplinary sanction, per policies outlined in the Faculty Manual and Staff Handbook, for the respondent's violation of the Policy. In the event that the respondent is a tenured faculty member, procedures outlined in the Termination of Contract and Dismissal policy (Faculty Manual Policy F301.1) will be followed. If a conflict of interest exists that could create real or perceived bias against either the complainant or the respondent, another Vice President may be appointed. All decisions related to suspension or termination of employment are made by the President.

### **Imposition of Sanctions**

#### **Suspension or Termination of Faculty.**

Any disciplinary sanction that involves the suspension or termination of a faculty member will be conducted pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Faculty Handbook.

#### **Disciplinary Actions against Staff.**

Disciplinary sanctions involving staff will be consistent with any applicable policies outlined in the Staff Handbook.

### **Appeals**

The respondent has the right to appeal the investigative determination and the sanction imposed. Appeals will be submitted to the Title IX Coordinator and will be handled by a third party contracted service.

The College's determination as to whether the respondent's conduct violated the Policy will be presumed to have been reached reasonably and appropriately, by a preponderance of the evidence. Therefore, an appeal is available only on the following grounds:

- evidence of improper or inadequate procedure;
- prejudicial conduct;
- disproportionate penalty;
- new evidence, not available at the time of the hearing.

Any appeal must be in writing and should be filed with the Title IX Coordinator within ten (10) calendar days of the date of receipt of the relevant Vice President's final decision.

### **Preservation of Records**

A confidential record of all complaints, including their disposition, will be maintained by the Title IX Coordinator.

### **Retaliation**

Chestnut Hill College strictly prohibits retaliation against any individual for reporting, providing information, exercising one's rights or responsibilities, or otherwise being involved in the process of responding to, investigating, or addressing allegations of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Therefore, any retaliation, intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against any such individual, undertaken or attempted either directly or by someone acting on behalf of another, will be addressed in the most serious way by the College, and individuals who engage in such actions are subject to discipline up to and including suspension, exclusion, or dismissal. These behaviors will result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings. Anyone who is aware of possible retaliation or has other concerns regarding the response to a complaint of sexual misconduct should report such concerns to the Title IX Coordinator or to any Deputy Coordinator, who shall take appropriate actions to address such conduct in a prompt and equitable manner.

### **To File a Complaint with the Office of Civil Rights**

Anyone who wishes to file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) may do so through the mail, email or online. Prior to filing a complaint with OCR against an institution, a potential complainant may want to find out about the institution's grievance process and use that process to have the complaint resolved. However, a complainant is not required by law to use the institutional grievance process before filing a complaint with OCR. If a complainant uses an institutional grievance process and also chooses to file the complaint with OCR, the complaint must be filed with OCR within 60 days after completion of the institutional grievance process. For more information on filing a complaint, please visit the OCR website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>.

### **Record Keeping**

After a matter is concluded, the individual who conducted the investigation shall prepare a written summary of the matter. The purpose of the summary is (1) to insure the College is aware of repeat incidents by the same individual and (2) for record keeping purposes so the College can evaluate the effectiveness of its anti-harassment policy and procedures. This summary will be kept in a separate file which may be consulted for the two purposes stated.

## Supplemental Information

### Definitions of Sexual Misconduct

- Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is:

- unwelcome, gender-based verbal or physical conduct that is,
- sufficiently severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it,
- unreasonably interferes with, denies or limits someone's ability to participate in or benefit from the College's educational program and/or activities, or is
- based on power differentials (quid pro quo, i.e. where an employee or student is informed their job or academic progress is dependent on their providing sexual favors to someone with authority over them), the creation of a hostile environment, or retaliation.

Examples include: an attempt to coerce an unwilling person into a sexual relationship; to repeatedly subject a person to egregious, unwelcome sexual attention; to punish a refusal to comply with a sexual based request; to condition a benefit on submitting to sexual advances; sexual violence; intimate partner violence, stalking; gender-based bullying.

Sexual harassment also includes harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, which may include acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex/gender or sex/gender-stereotyping, even if the acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

A single, isolated incident of sexual harassment alone may create a hostile environment if the incident is sufficiently severe. The more severe the conduct the less need there is to show a repetitive series of incidents to create a hostile environment, particularly if the harassment is physical.

- Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is defined as having sexual intercourse or sexual contact with another individual without consent, including:

- by the use or threat of force or coercion;
- without effective consent; or
- where that individual is incapacitated.

Sexual contact includes intentional contact with the intimate parts of another, causing another to touch one's intimate parts, or disrobing or exposure of another without permission. Intimate parts may include the breasts, genitals, buttocks, groin, mouth, or any other part of the body that is touched in a sexual manner. Sexual contact also includes attempted sexual intercourse.

Sexual intercourse includes vaginal or anal penetration, however slight, with a body part (e.g., penis, tongue, finger, hand, etc.) or object, or oral penetration involving mouth to genital contact.

It is important to note that a person who is incapacitated cannot consent to sexual activity. *Consent* to engage in sexual activity must be knowing and voluntary; it must exist from the beginning to end of each instance of sexual activity and for each form of sexual contact. Consent is demonstrated through mutually understandable words and/or actions that clearly indicate a willingness to engage freely in sexual activity. Consent is active, not passive. Incapacitation may result from the use of alcohol and/or drugs. Incapacitation and consent are further defined at the end of this policy.

Sexual contact and sexual intercourse are defined in additional detail below:

○ NON-CONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONTACT

Non-Consensual Sexual Contact is:

- any intentional sexual touching,
- however slight,
- with any object,
- by a man or a woman upon a man or a woman,
- that is without consent and/or by force.

Sexual Contact includes:

- Intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals, or touching another with any of these body parts, or making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; any intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner, though not involving contact with/of/by breasts, buttocks, groin, genitals, mouth or other orifice.

○ NON-CONSENSUAL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE

Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse is:

- any sexual intercourse
- however slight,
- with any object,
- by a man or woman upon a man or a woman,
- that is without consent and/or by force.

Intercourse includes:

- i. vaginal penetration by a penis, object, tongue or finger, anal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger, and oral copulation (mouth to genital contact or genital to mouth contact), no matter how slight the penetration or contact.
- Sexual Exploitation

Occurs when an individual takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his/her own advantage or benefit, or to the benefit or advantage of anyone other than the one being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of other sexual misconduct offenses. Examples of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to:

- Invasion of sexual privacy;

- Prostituting another individual;
  - Non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity;
  - Going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as letting your friends hide in the closet to watch you having consensual sex);
  - Engaging in voyeurism;
  - Knowingly transmitting an STI/D or HIV to another individual;
  - Exposing one's genitals in non-consensual circumstances; inducing another to expose their genitals;
  - Sexually-based stalking and/or bullying may also be forms of sexual exploitation
- Stalking

Stalking occurs when a person engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits acts toward another person, including following the person without proper authority, under circumstances that demonstrate either of the following:

- place the person in reasonable fear of bodily injury; or
- reasonably cause substantial emotional distress to the person.

Stalking includes the concept of cyber-stalking, a particular form of stalking in which electronic media such as the Internet, social networks, blogs, cell phones, texts, or other similar devices or forms of contact are used to pursue, harass, or to make unwelcome contact with another person in an unsolicited fashion.

Examples of stalking include:

- unwelcome and repeated visual or physical proximity to a person;
  - repeated oral or written threats;
  - extortion of money or valuables;
  - unwelcome/unsolicited written communication, including letters, cards, emails, instant messages, and activity through social media or other online mediums;
  - unwelcome/unsolicited communications about a person, their family, friends, or co-workers; or
  - sending/posting unwelcome/ unsolicited messages with an assumed identity; or
  - implicitly threatening physical contact;
  - or any combination of these behaviors directed toward an individual person.
- Intimate Partner Violence: Domestic Violence or Dating Violence

Intimate-partner violence, also referred to as dating violence, domestic violence, and relationship violence, includes any act of violence or threatened act of violence against a person who is, or has been involved in, a sexual, dating, domestic, or other intimate relationship with that person. It may involve one act or an ongoing pattern of behavior. Intimate-partner violence can encompass a broad range of behavior, including, but not limited to, physical violence, sexual violence, emotional violence, and economic abuse. Intimate-partner violence may take the form of threats, assault, property damage, or violence or threat of violence to one's self, one's sexual or romantic partner, or to the family members or friends of the sexual or romantic partner. Intimate-partner violence affects individuals of all genders,

gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations and does not discriminate by racial, social, or economic background.

- Bullying or Intimidation

Bullying includes any intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act or a series of acts directed at another individual or individuals that is severe, persistent, or pervasive and that has the intended effect of doing any of the following: (i) substantially interfering with a student's education; (ii) creating a threatening environment; or (iii) substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the College. Bullying is prohibited, and participating in such acts will result in disciplinary action. Bullying that is based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, or based on any other protected classification as outlined in the College's *Non-Discrimination Policy* will be handled under this policy.

Intimidation is any verbal, written, or electronic threats of violence or other threatening behavior directed toward another person or group that reasonably leads the person(s) in the group to fear for her/his physical well-being. Intimidation is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

Anyone who attempts to use bullying or intimidation to retaliate against someone who reports an incident, brings a complaint, or participates in an investigation in an attempt to influence the judicial process will be in violation of retaliation as described within this policy and will be subject to disciplinary action.

#### ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS:

- **Consent:** Consent is clear, knowing and voluntary. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. The lack of a "no" cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity.
  - Consent to any one form of sexual activity cannot automatically imply consent to any other forms of sexual activity.
  - Previous relationships or prior consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts.
  - The College affirms a "yes means yes" standard for consent; by this standard, consent is an affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity
- **Force:** Force is the use of physical violence and/or imposing on someone physically to gain sexual access. Force also includes threats, intimidation (implied threats) and coercion that overcome resistance or produce consent ("Have sex with me or I'll hit you. Okay, don't hit me, I'll do what you want.").
  - Coercion is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercive behavior differs from seductive behavior based on the type of pressure someone uses to get consent from another. When someone makes clear to you that they do not want sex, that they want to stop, or that they do not want to go past a certain point of sexual interaction, continued pressure beyond that point can be coercive.

- NOTE: There is no requirement that a party resists the sexual advance or request, but resistance is a clear demonstration of non-consent. The presence of force is not demonstrated by the absence of resistance. Sexual activity that is forced is by definition non-consensual, but non-consensual sexual activity is not by definition forced.
- In order to give effective consent, one must be of legal age.
- Sexual activity with someone who one should know to be -- or based on the circumstances should reasonably have known to be -- mentally or physically incapacitated (by alcohol or other drug use, unconsciousness or blackout), constitutes a violation of this policy.
  - Incapacitation is a state where someone cannot make rational, reasonable decisions because they lack the capacity to give knowing consent (e.g., to understand the “who, what, when, where, why or how” of their sexual interaction).
  - This policy also covers a person whose incapacity results from mental disability, sleep, involuntary physical restraint, or from the taking of rape drugs. Possession, use and/or distribution of any of these substances, including Rohypnol, Ketomine, GHB, Burundanga, etc. is prohibited, and administering one of these drugs to another individual is a violation of this policy. More information on these drugs can be found at <http://www.911rape.org/>
- Use of alcohol or other drugs will never function as a defense for any behavior that violates this policy.
- The sexual orientation and/or gender identity of individuals engaging in sexual activity is not relevant to allegations under this policy.
- For reference to the pertinent state statutes on sex offenses, please see <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/CT/HTM/18/00.031..HTM>.

## External Resources

### Medical Care for Sexual Assault:

#### Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center (PSARC)

300 E. Hunting Park Avenue  
 Philadelphia, PA 19124  
 215-685-3251  
 Hotline: 215-425-1625

#### 24 Hour Hotlines:

Women Organized Against Rape 215.985-3333\*  
 National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE\*  
 Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline: 866-SAFE-041

#### Sexual Harassment:

Women’s Law Project 215.928.9801  
 Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations 215.686.4692

## Prosecution:

Special Victims Unit 215.685.3251

Police Sex Crimes Unit 215.685.1180/81/82 Rape Prosecution Unit 215.686.8083

*Please note that these resources are in Philadelphia. For locations outside of Philadelphia please call 911.*

\*These resources are confidential

## Campus Wide Prevention Efforts

Prevention efforts focus not only on education, but also primary prevention techniques such as bystander intervention, as well as providing alternative programming for individuals. Alternative programming sometimes has an educational component, but sometimes it is purely designed to provide an alcohol and drug free environment for individuals, thus helping to minimize their own risk. Examples of programs are included in the chart below:

Type of Program	Examples
Lectures & Workshops	Escalation Workshop “DUI: A Powerful Lesson” – Mark Sterner Women Organized Against Rape Workshop Healthy Choices Orientation Session
Awareness Programs	It’s On Us Week of Action Alcohol 101 (in first year seminars and for policy violators) Denim Day Sobriety/Safe Drinking Pledge It’s On Us Pledge DUI Simulator Virtual Bar Various Residence Hall Programs National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Day of Silence
Alcohol Free Programming	Fridays After Dark (every Friday after 9 pm), Midnight Madness (funded by an NCAA CHOICES grant, Alternative programming on high risk days (Super Bowl, World Series, Halloween, St. Patrick’s Day, etc.)
Training	Step UP to be a Dear Neighbor (bystander intervention training) Responsible Employee/Campus Security Authority Training with Faculty, Staff, Resident Assistants and other paraprofessional staff Sexual Harassment Training
Electronic	Social Media campaigns It’s On Us Campaign Use of campus wide TVs

## Educational Resources

Our goal is to always prevent an incident from occurring. With this goal in mind, the remaining section includes examples of policy violations and risk reduction tips.

### Risk Reduction Tips

Risk reduction tips can often take a victim-blaming tone, even unintentionally. With no intention to victim-blame, and with recognition that only those who commit sexual violence are responsible for those actions, these suggestions may nevertheless help you to reduce your risk of experiencing a non-consensual sexual act. Below, suggestions to avoid committing a non-consensual sexual act are also offered:

- If you have limits, make them known as early as possible.
- Tell a sexual aggressor “NO” clearly and firmly.
- Try to remove yourself from the physical presence of a sexual aggressor.
- Find someone nearby and ask for help.
- Take affirmative responsibility for your alcohol intake/drug use and acknowledge that alcohol/drugs lower your sexual inhibitions and may make you vulnerable to someone who views a drunk or high person as a sexual opportunity.
- Take care of your friends and ask that they take care of you. A real friend will challenge you if you are about to make a mistake. Respect them when they do.

If you find yourself in the position of being the initiator of sexual behavior, you owe sexual respect to your potential partner. These suggestions may help you to reduce your risk for being accused of sexual misconduct:

1. Clearly communicate your intentions to your sexual partner and give them a chance to clearly relate their intentions to you.
2. Understand and respect personal boundaries.
3. **DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS** about consent; about someone's sexual availability; about whether they are attracted to you; about how far you can go or about whether they are physically and/or mentally able to consent. If there are any questions or ambiguity then you **DO NOT** have consent.
4. Mixed messages from your partner are a clear indication that you should stop, defuse any sexual tension and communicate better. You may be misreading them. They may not have figured out how far they want to go with you yet. You must respect the timeline for sexual behaviors with which they are comfortable.
5. Don't take advantage of someone's drunkenness or drugged state, even if they did it to themselves.
6. Realize that your potential partner could be intimidated by you, or fearful. You may have a power advantage simply because of your gender or size. Don't abuse that power.
7. Understand that consent to some form of sexual behavior does not automatically imply consent to any other forms of sexual behavior.
8. Silence and passivity cannot be interpreted as an indication of consent. Read your potential partner carefully, paying attention to verbal and non-verbal communication and body language.

## Examples

Amanda and Bill meet at a party. They spend the evening dancing and getting to know each other. Bill convinces Amanda to come up to his room. From 11:00 pm until 3:00 am, Bill uses every line he can think of to convince Amanda to have sex with him, but she adamantly refuses. He keeps at her, and begins to question her religious convictions, and accuses her of being “a prude.” Finally, it seems to Bill that her resolve is weakening, and he convinces her to give him a “hand job” (hand to genital contact). Amanda would never had done it but for Bill's incessant advances. He feels that he successfully seduced her, and that she wanted to do it all along, but was playing shy and hard to get. Why else would she have come up to his room alone after the party? If she really didn't want it, she could have left.

**Bill is responsible for violating the Non-Consensual or Forced Sexual Contact section of this policy. It is likely that a College hearing would find that the degree and duration of the pressure Bill applied to Amanda are unreasonable. Bill coerced Amanda into performing unwanted sexual touching upon him. Where sexual activity is coerced, it is forced. Consent is not effective when forced. Sex without effective consent is sexual misconduct.**

Jiang is a junior and Beth is a sophomore. Jiang comes to Beth's dorm room with some mutual friends to watch a movie. Jiang and Beth, who have never met before, are attracted to each other. After the movie, everyone leaves, and Jiang and Beth are alone. They hit it off, and are soon becoming more intimate. They start to make out. Jiang verbally expresses the desire to have sex with Beth. Beth, who was abused by a baby-sitter when she was five, and has not had any sexual relations since, is shocked at how quickly things are progressing. As Jiang takes her by the wrist over to the bed, lays her down, undresses her, and begins to have intercourse with her, Beth has a severe flashback to her childhood trauma. She wants to tell Jiang to stop, but cannot. Beth is stiff and unresponsive during the intercourse. Is this a policy violation?

**Jiang would be held responsible in this scenario for Non Consensual Sexual Intercourse. It is the duty of the sexual initiator, Jiang, to make sure that he has mutually understandable consent to engage in sex. Though consent need not be verbal, it is the clearest form of consent. Here, Jiang had no verbal or non-verbal mutually understandable indication from Beth that she consented to sexual intercourse. Of course, wherever possible, students should attempt to be as clear as possible as to whether or not sexual contact is desired, but students must be aware that for psychological reasons, or because of alcohol or drug use, one's partner may not be in a position to provide as clear an indication as the policy requires. As the policy makes clear, consent must be actively, not passively, given.**

Sam and Chris are at a party. Sam is not sure how much Chris has been drinking, but is pretty sure it's a lot. After the party, Sam walks Chris to Chris' room, and Chris comes on to Sam, initiating sexual activity. Sam asks if Chris is really up to this, and Chris says yes. Clothes go flying, and they end up in Chris' bed. Suddenly, Chris runs for the bathroom. When Chris returns, Chris' face is pale, and Sam thinks Chris may have thrown up. Chris gets back into bed, and they begin to have sexual intercourse. Sam is having a good time, though Sam can't help but notice that Chris seems pretty groggy and passive, and Sam thinks Chris may have

even passed out briefly during the sex, but Sam does not let that stop him. When Sam runs into Chris the next day, Sam thanks Chris for the wild night. Chris remembers nothing, and decides to make a complaint to the Dean.

**This is a violation of the Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse Policy. Sam should have known that Chris was incapable of making a rational, reasonable decision about sex. Even if Chris seemed to consent, Sam was well aware that Chris had consumed a large amount of alcohol, and Sam thought Chris was physically ill, and that Chris passed out during sex. Sam should be held accountable for taking advantage of Chris in that intoxicated condition. This is not the level of respectful conduct expected of students.**



## Missing Student Notification Policy and Procedures

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Chestnut Hill College has established the following policy and procedures to assist in locating any student living in Chestnut Hill housing, who based upon the facts reasonably known to the College, is determined to be missing.

For purposes of this policy, a student may be considered to be a "*missing student*" if the student's absence is contrary to his/her usual pattern of behavior and unusual circumstances may have caused the absence. Such circumstances could include, but not be limited to, a report or suspicion that the missing person may be the victim of foul play, has expressed suicidal thoughts, is drug dependent, is in a life-threatening situation, or has been with persons who may endanger the student's welfare.

Chestnut Hill College strongly recommends all students to register confidential contact information in the event that a student over the age of 18 years is determined missing for a period of 24 hours. Your confidential contact may be your emergency contact individual or someone else. If a student is under the age of 18, and not legally emancipated, the College is required to notify their custodial parent or guardians not later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined to be missing, as set out in the procedures below. If a student is determined to be missing, the College will notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the student's status and of their emergency contact.

Students are asked to complete a confidential form at their floor meeting to designate this person; forms are also available from the Office of Student Life. To assist with the administration of this policy, students are encouraged to keep fellow students, Campus Life staff, and/or their confidential contact informed of their whereabouts and, in particular, when they will not be returning to their residence overnight.

### Reporting Missing Persons

The following procedure has been established to investigate when, based on the facts and circumstances known to Chestnut Hill College, a resident student is determined to be missing.

To report a missing person dial 7777 from a campus telephone, use one of the blue light emergency telephones on campus or dial (215) 242-7777 from off-campus/cell phones. You may also report a missing student to Security Headquarters located in the ground level of Fontbonne Hall, Campus Safety at the front desk in Fournier, to the Office of Student Life or to Campus Life (an RA, the RD or Campus Life staff in Fitzsimmons).

If a student is reported as missing, Chestnut Hill College will follow these procedures:

- Campus Safety and/or Student Life will conduct a thorough investigation and obtain all necessary information (including, but not limited to, the person's descriptions, clothes last worn, where the student might be, with whom the student might be, a description of the student's vehicle or a vehicle in which the student was last seen, information about the student's physical and mental well-being, class schedule, and a current photograph of the student).
- Upon confirmation that a student is missing and cannot be located, the Vice President for Student Life will be notified. The Vice President for Student Life will notify the President.

- If the missing student resides in on-campus housing, Campus Life will be contacted. Campus Life will contact neighbors and friends in the immediate vicinity of the student's room and report any findings to the Vice President for Student Life.
- If a resident student has been missing for more than 24 hours, the Vice President for Student Life or designee will notify the student's confidential contact, which will be maintained in the Student Life database.
- If the student is under 18 years old and not emancipated, the Vice President for Student Life or designee will immediately notify a custodial parent or legal guardian.
- If a student over 18 years old has not designated an emergency contact, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified. All notifications as mentioned in this section will be made by the Director of Campus Safety or his/her designee.
- If the student is not located in a reasonable amount of time (no more than 24 hours) or if it is immediately apparent that the student is missing (e.g. a witnessed abduction), Chestnut Hill College will contact the appropriate local law enforcement agency to report the student as a missing person and the local law enforcement agency will take charge of the investigation.
- Once the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies have been notified the College will assist in their investigation.

In conjunction with its investigation, Security may access vehicle registration information, access sign-in logs/swipes and computer access records. The College may also review e-mail logs for recent use of the College's e-mail system and check social networking sites.

If the missing person is a commuter student, faculty or staff the College will assist the investigating jurisdiction upon request.

### **Sex Offender Registry and Access to Related Information**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act went into effect on October 28, 2002. The law requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where state law enforcement agency information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires the sex offender, already registered in a state, provide notice to each institution of higher education in that state, as to where the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. Presently Pennsylvania State law does not require a sex offender to list the school of higher education of which he or she is a student.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania maintains a system for making certain Registry information on violent sex offenders available to the public. Presently the only individuals listed on the 'public disclosure' registry list, are those classified under Megan's Law, as sexual predators or those individuals having moved to Pennsylvania and are on parole/probation for a sexual offense in that state from which they moved. To obtain this information you must contact the Pennsylvania State Police at Embreeville, PA, at 610.269.5355 or the Philadelphia Police Department of Public Affairs at 215.686.3388.

## Educational Programs

Education is a key to the prevention of crimes. The Office of Safety and Security participates annually in new student orientation and Campus Life training for Resident Assistants and Residence Coordinators. Additionally, the Office of Student Life offers a wide variety of programs to students. These programs include, but are not limited to lectures, alcohol free programming, awareness programs and the sharing of crime prevention tips via on campus televisions. These programs occur annually, with additional programs scheduled as needed and appropriate. Specific examples are as follows:

Type of Program	Examples
Awareness Programs, Workshops & Lectures	Step Up To Be A Dear Neighbor (Bystander Intervention Training) Alcohol 101 (in first year seminars and for policy violators) Healthy Choices Denim Day Sobriety/Safe Drinking Pledge DUI Simulator DUI: A Powerful Lesson Virtual Bar Various Residence Hall Programs National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Day of Silence BASICS Sessions
Alcohol Free Targeted Programming	Fridays After Dark (every Friday after 9 pm), Midnight Madness (partially funded by an NCAA CHOICES grant), Alternative programming on high risk days (Super Bowl, World Series, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, etc.)

<b>Important Phone Numbers</b>	
Director of Safety & Campus Security	215.753.3637
Information Desk (Fournier Hall)	215.248.7090
Security Office (Fontbonne Ground Floor)	215.242.7777
Residence Hall Emergencies	215.242.7777
Vice President of Student Life	215.248.7030
Dean of Student Life	215.248.7142
Director of Campus Life	215.753.3702
Health Office	215.248.7111
Counseling Center	215.248.7104
Police Emergency	911



## College Crime Statistics

Clery Crimes	On Campus <sup>1</sup>			Non-Campus <sup>2</sup>			Public Area <sup>3</sup>			Residence Halls <sup>4</sup>		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Burglary	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses	On Campus			Non-Campus			Public Area			Residence Halls		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Stalking	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

1. On Campus – Any building or property owned by the College within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the College in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the College’s educational purposes. College residence halls are included within this definition.
2. Non-Campus – Any building or property owned or controlled by the College that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institutions educational purposes, is frequently used by students and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area.
3. Public Area – All public property, including thoroughfares, streets and sidewalks that are within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus.
4. Residence Halls – Residence halls for students on campus are a subset of the On Campus category. Statistics from this category are repeated in the On Campus column.

Please note that Chestnut Hill College has zero reports of crimes that were unfounded and subsequently withheld from this report for 2018, 2019, and 2020. A crime is considered unfounded for Clery Act purposes only if sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel make a formal determination that the report is false or baseless.

Alcohol, Drugs & Weapons	On Campus			Non-Campus			Public Area			Residence Halls		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Liquor Law Arrests	0	0	0	7 <sup>#</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Referrals	100	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	20	2
Drug Arrests	0	0	0	3 <sup>@</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Referrals	55	41	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	41	15
Weapons Arrests	0	0	0	1 <sup>%</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Referrals	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#A total of seven (7) liquor law arrests in 2018 were reported by the Whitemarsh Township Police (6 violations), occurring at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and by the Upper Darby Police (1 violation) occurring at Bonner Prendergast High School.

@A total of three (3) drug arrests in 2018 were reported by the Whitemarsh Township Police (2 violations) occurring at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and by the Pottstown Police Department (1 violation) occurring on the Montgomery County Community College Pottstown campus.

%One (1) weapon arrest in 2018 was reported by the Whitemarsh Township Police, occurring at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School.

## Hate Crimes

There were no Hate Crimes for the years 2018, 2019, or 2020. Please note that hate crimes cover the following areas of bias: race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and gender identity.



## THE PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING ACT

The Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting Act mandates the release of crime statistics and rates to matriculated students and employees, and, upon request, to new employees and applicants for admission. The index rate is calculated by multiplying the actual number of reported offenses by 100,000 (a theoretical population for comparison purposes) and dividing that product by the number of the College's Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students and employees. The FTE is calculated using a state required formula. The College's FTE Population was 1,663 in 2018, 1,578 in 2019, and 1510 in 2020. They do not indicate actual criminal prosecution or student disciplinary action, or the outcome of either. Please note that the state crime classifications for which the College is reporting these statistics vary from the crime classifications under federal law, which are also published in this brochure. Due to differences in crime classifications and their definitions, reported statistics in this section are generally not comparable to those included in the preceding Clery Act tables.

	2018		2019		2020	
	Actual	Index*	Actual	Index*	Actual	Index*
Murder	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Manslaughter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Rape	0	0.00	2	126.74	0	0.00
Robbery	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Aggravated Assault	1	60.13	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other Assault	2	120.26	2	126.74	1	66.23
Burglary	1	60.13	2	126.74	0	0.00
Theft	4	240.53	7	443.60	1	66.23
Vehicle Theft	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Arson	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>481.06</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>823.83</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>132.45</b>

	2018		2019		2020	
	Actual	Index*	Actual	Index*	Actual	Index*
Forgery & Counterfeiting	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Fraud & Embezzlement	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Vandalism	7	420.93	1	63.37	0	0.00
Weapons	1	60.13	0	0.00	0	0.00
Prostitution	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other Sex Offenses	1	60.13	0	0.00	0	0.00
Narcotics	55	3307.28	41	2,598.23	15	993.38
Gambling	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Family Offenses	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
DUI	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	66.23
Liquor Law Possession	100	6013.23	20	1,267.42	2	132.45
Drunkenness	3	180.40	0	0.00	1	66.23
Disorderly Conduct	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Vagrant	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Trespassing	1	60.13	0	0.00	0	0.00
Harassment by Communication	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Hate Crimes	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>10102.23</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3,929.02</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1258.29</b>

## Fire Safety

### Reported Fires by Building Location for all Chestnut Hill College Residence Halls

Building	# of Fires Since 2018	Date	Cause of Fire	Equipped w/ Sprinkler	Fire & Smoke Detectors	Emergency Plans Posted	# Annual Evacuation Drills
Fournier Hall	0	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	2
Fontbonne Hall	0	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	2
Fitzsimmons Hall	0	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	2
Loyola Lodge	0	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	2
Lincoln Woods%	0	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	0
<b>Total Fires</b>	<b>0</b>						

%Lincoln Woods is private apartment complex reasonably contiguous to the Chestnut Hill College campus. In 2020, the College leased eight (8) apartments in Lincoln Woods.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crimes (formed by the Federal Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act) requires the reporting of all crimes and a further breakdown of the crimes into the following geographical locations on campus; A) On-Campus; B) Non-campus; C) In residence halls; and D) Public property.

Further, the Clery Act mandates the reporting of "Hate Crimes" (motivated by bias or prejudice) and disciplinary actions for alcohol, drugs and weapons that are a violation of law. This disclosure is made in the preceding tables.

The information published above is in compliance with the PA College and University Security Information Act (PA Act 73 of 1988) and the Federal Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-542) as amended through Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (34CFR668.41 and 34CFR668.46).

## Contact Information

This report is prepared annually by Krista Bailey Murphy, Ph.D., Dean of Student Life, in collaboration with Campus Safety & Security, The Office of Campus Life and the Office of Student Life. Statistics are collected from Campus Life Incident Reports, Security Incident Reports, reports filed by Campus Security Authorities, and information received via requests to local law enforcement. These statistics are checked against Campus Life FYI Reports (meant for reporting of issues not related to crimes or policy violations), CARE Reports (filed by Campus Life and members of the Wellness Team for issues related to personal, social, and emotional wellbeing, the Daily Crime Log, and confidential reports made to the Title IX Coordinator (when appropriate), in order to ensure accuracy and that no statistics are inadvertently missed due to misfiling.

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