

*Thank you for your interest in creating a Rhyme for Reason submission for our
Take Back the Night 2010 event!*

The purpose of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is to increase the public's understanding about sexual violence in our society. This effort can help communities support rape and sexual assault survivors, victims, and their families, as well as the individuals and agencies that provide rape crisis intervention and prevention services throughout the year.

Take Back the Night (TBTN) is an international event intended to educate, protest, and bring awareness on violence. Throughout its history, TBTN has inspired both women and men to confront a myriad of social ills, including rape, sexual violence, domestic violence, violence against children, and violence against women. The unifying theme throughout these diverse topics is the assertion that all human beings have the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard, and the right to reclaim those rights if they are violated. The University of West Florida will be hosting a combined SAAM and TBTN event on **April 7th, 2010**.

Share your thoughts and feelings on, or your direct/indirect experiences with, sexual violence through poetry, spoken word, or monologue. Submissions will be entered into a contest. The top 3 submissions will be read by the winners during the event and prizes will be awarded!!

Poetry Contest Guidelines:

To be considered in the contest, you must abide by the following:

1. All works performed must be original works of the participant.
2. Each participant is allowed no more than 3 minutes for the performance of their work. If the participant does not want to read their own work, then a delegate may be chosen to read it for them.
3. Works containing explicit or potentially explicit language must be pre-approved prior to performance by the organization sponsoring the event.
4. The full names, nicknames, or other identifiers of survivors of sexual violence may not be disclosed.
5. Performers must provide a typed copy of their performance pieces prior to their performance.

Please provide your name, phone number and email address on your submission. Submit your poem by March 1, 2010 to Barbara Geffrand in Counseling and Wellness Services, Bldg 19, or email it to wellness@uwf.edu.

Winners will be asked to recite their written work or delegate someone to recite their poem for them at the April 7, 2010 Take Back the Night event. Prizes will also be awarded at that time!! You may submit as many poems as you like.

Good Luck and Thank You for participating in this important event!