



EDUCATION *about* and PREVENTION *against*  
gender and relationship violence

## Jana's Campaign Updates

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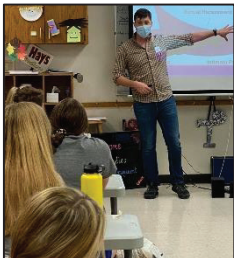
### Michelle McCormick, LMSW Elected as Board President



This past September, Michelle McCormick, LMSW, was elected to serve as President of the *Jana's Campaign* Board of Directors. McCormick is the Director of Victim Services at the Kansas State Attorney General's Office, in Topeka, KS. McCormick has held various positions in the domestic violence intervention field for over 20 years, and has served on the *Jana's Campaign* board since 2013. Michelle brings her field expertise and non-profit leadership knowledge to the *Jana's Campaign* team. Thank you Michelle for your service.

### SECONDARY EDUCATION

#### Secondary Education Prevention Education Programming Available Online & In-Person

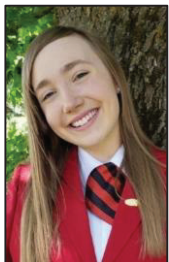


Despite the limitations from COVID-19, virtual and hybrid classroom styles, and school closures, *Jana's Campaign* staff developed online programming to address healthy – and unhealthy – relationship behaviors, warning signs or 'red flags' of unhealthy relationships, how to help a friend, and gender-specific presentations. While practicing social distancing and wearing masks in person, and through our online platform, *Jana's Campaign* provided 22 presentations impacting a total of 1,014 students.



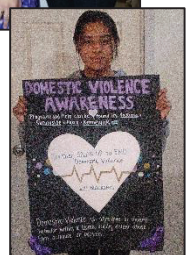
We are anxious for the new year and eager to work with even more schools and students! We will work to individualize a teen gender violence prevention plan that will best meet the needs of the school. We are prepared to provide programming both in person and virtually if needed. Contact us at 785-656-0324 to schedule a presentation.

### Washington FCCLA Partners with Jana's Campaign for State-Wide Project



A Washington state high school student, Alyssa Lloyd, has partnered with *Jana's Campaign* for a state-wide Mini-Grant Service Project. Alyssa is the Washington State Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Vice President of Community Service and decided to focus the state-wide community service project on the issues of gender-based violence and child-abuse prevention. This project includes several monthly challenges comprised of poster contests, writing/art competitions, and social media contests. She has also encouraged local FCCLA chapters to

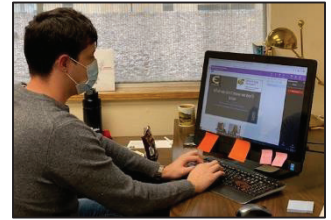
“adopt” community organizations that provide direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families. “Adopting” these organizations may look different in each community, but it is Alyssa's hope that the chapters will raise funds or donate care packages. Alyssa shared, “these causes have always been dear to my heart, but in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, now more than ever, it is important to educate on healthy relationships and signs of abuse, as people are spending abundant amounts of time at home.” We are so proud of Alyssa's dedication to this project and to raising awareness of these issues.



## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **Campus Safety Summits Succeed Despite COVID-19 Challenges**

COVID-19 has posed challenges to every organization across the country and *Jana's Campaign* is no exception. In the spring, it became clear we would need to make accommodations to host the regional campus safety summits. The four virtual 2020 Campus Safety Summits hosted a total of 259 attendees from 86 universities and organizations, representing 21 states! This transition came with many learning opportunities, but also several areas of growth for all four of our regional campus safety summits. This has inspired us to develop a year-round Virtual Summit which we plan to provide both live and on-demand webinar training sessions for institutions at an affordable price. To learn more about the upcoming Summits, please visit our website at [www.janascampaign.org/higher-education](http://www.janascampaign.org/higher-education).



### **Arkansas Tech University Invites Jana's Campaign to Provide Title IX Policy Audit**



Title IX is a federal civil rights law passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. As a best practice, Arkansas Tech University invited outside consultants to review their policies and procedures in regards to compliance with Title IX law. This past summer, Dr. Christie Brungardt was selected to serve as an expert consultant and provide feedback to the university on their current practices and policies. *Jana's Campaign* team members are available to provide these consultation services to review policies and practices regarding gender-based violence in K-12 schools and on higher education campuses.

### **New Higher Education Campus Safety Summit Partnership**

*Jana's Campaign* is excited to announce a new partnership with Rice University and the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC), both located in Houston, TX. Rice University takes a progressive approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence on campus. The HCDVCC hosts a Title IX Committee in Harris County with the purpose of engaging domestic and sexual violence providers with system providers in education, law enforcement, and other social service agencies to support victims impacted by gender-based violence in the educational setting. Partnering with these organizations, we hope to further engage the colleges in the Houston area and beyond to expand our impact across the state of Texas. The 2021 Campus Safety Summit will take place virtually and is scheduled for April 14-28. Thank you to board member and former executive director of AVDA Domestic Violence Services in Houston, TX, Sherri Kendall, for connecting *Jana's Campaign* with Rice University and HCDVCC. For more information about the upcoming Summit, visit [www.janascampaign.org/campus-safety-summit](http://www.janascampaign.org/campus-safety-summit).

## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

### **Executive Director to Serve on State-Wide Sexual Assault Awareness Subcommittee**

As an extension of the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI), the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence has created the Kansas Sexual Assault Response Advisory Committee (K-SARAC) consisting of several subcommittees focusing on awareness, legislative, and medical efforts. Kaiti Dinges, *Jana's Campaign* Executive Director, was invited to serve on the K-SARAC Awareness Subcommittee. This subcommittee will focus their work on educating the general public on rape culture, enhancing prevention efforts, and continuing the "Yes, *this room*" campaign. We are grateful for the opportunity to be represented on this subcommittee and work with other agencies across the state of Kansas to further educate, raise awareness of, and prevent sexual violence.

## Jana Mackey to be Featured in “She’s Gone” Art Installation



Rochelle Sadiel, founder and executive director of Remember the Women Institute (RWI), located in New York City, NY, contacted Dr. Christie Brungardt to invite *Jana’s Campaign* to participate in “She’s Gone,” an Israeli art installation created by Keren Goldstein. This project consists of displaying beloved clothing items of women who have been murdered due to gender-based violence. This project is dedicated to raising awareness and action to prevent gender-based violence worldwide and across cultures. Due to COVID-19 limitations, an online event was created to introduce the installation and share

the realities of domestic violence internationally. Christie Brungardt, Jana’s mom, spoke about Jana and the social justice work she accomplished in her lifetime during the online event. In 2021, the installation will take place in New York City, featuring two items of Jana’s clothing, a simple black dress, and her favorite high-heeled black combat boots. The webinar can be viewed at:

## INTERNAL NEWS AND FUNDRAISING

### Empty Place at the Table Fundraising Goal Surpassed through Virtual Event

*Jana’s Campaign* hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Place at the Table on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> through online platforms for both the silent and live auction portions of the event. With nearly 200 friends, family, and supporters joining us virtually, nearly \$80,000 was raised surpassing our fundraising goal for the event! Every dollar raised at Empty Place at the Table is directly used to provide effective gender and relationship violence prevention education. A special thank you to all attendees, volunteers, and event sponsors! Mark your calendars to join us for the 2021 event, scheduled for Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>!



### New Initiative through Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women



Prior to *Jana’s Campaign* Board President, Michelle McCormick, taking her current position at the Office of Victim Services at Kansas Attorney General’s Office in April of 2020, she was the Program Director at the YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment (CSE) in Topeka, KS. During her time in this position, she invited *Jana’s Campaign* to partner with the CSE to write a grant through the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on

Violence Against Women Rural Grant’s program. Due to this federal grant, the CSE is able to expand their programming to provide critical services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. *Jana’s Campaign’s* involvement will be to enhance prevention education efforts with the establishment of an Education & Prevention Specialist in Holton, KS, to better serve the rural communities of Jackson, Wabaunsee, and now Brown Counties.

Through the collaboration of domestic and sexual violence advocacy agencies and prevention education organizations, we truly believe we can prevent all forms of gender-based violence. It is our hope through this partnership that we can establish a model of comprehensive services that can be replicated throughout the state and the country.



## Jana's Campaign Welcomes Two New Board Members and a Returning Member



Kelly Simmons, MSE is the Assistant Principal and K-6 grade counselor at Wilcox-Hildreth School in Nebraska. Kelly is active in her community through "Communities for Kids," an initiative created to support families, providers, and children in creating early childhood programs. Kelly was instrumental in the creation of the *Jana's Campaign* K-12 Counselor Toolkit and provides valuable insight to our program development based on her experience working first hand with K-12 students.



Duc Vu, JD, has spent the last decade working in government administration, regulatory roles, and on political campaigns. Vu brings a wealth of governmental affairs knowledge to *Jana's Campaign* as well as fond memories from attending law school with Jana. He has shared he is always looking for the next way to make an impactful difference.



Curt Brungardt, PhD is a co-founder of *Jana's Campaign*, the Emeritus Omer G. Voss Distinguished Professor of Leadership Studies, and the founder of the Center for Civic Leadership at Fort Hays State University. In his academic career, Curt specialized in political leadership, social justice, and community organizing. His specific work with *Jana's Campaign* focuses on engaging men and boys in reducing gender and relationship violence by examining modern masculinity.

Thank you all for your dedication to preventing gender-based violence through education.

## Spring 2021 Intern Selected



Partnering with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Fort Hays State University (FHSU), *Jana's Campaign* secured a student-intern for the 2021 spring semester. Adria Girard, FHSU freshman from Clyde, KS was selected to fill this position through an application and interview process. Adria will work with the *Jana's Campaign* team members on projects specific to our secondary and community education programs. Thank you to Fort Hays State University and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for providing us with this opportunity.

## Staff and Board of Directors Available for Presentations

*Jana's Campaign* staff and board members are available to provide gender and relationship violence prevention education programs in your schools, organizations, or communities. These programs can be provided online or in-person to meet your needs. Our team provides engaging and impactful presentations appropriate for all age groups, all at little to no-cost. To inquire about scheduling a presentation, please call 785-656-0324.

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