How to Be Revolutionary

September WRC events
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Did you know that by the end of her career, the average woman will have lost $431,000 due to the gender wage gap?* Students will have an opportunity to learn about this and find ways to create workplace equality and success during the upcoming Women’s Resource Center event “How to Be Revolutionary in the Workplace.” This event continues the discussions of the 2013 Jan Term workshop “Women Are Getting Even,” which prepared participants to help decrease the gender wage gap.

The upcoming forum, which takes place on September 18th from 6:00-8:00pm in Hagerty Lounge, will include speakers from on-campus food providers Sodexo, who recently worked with student organization La Hermandad to organize into a worker’s union. Other topics that will be addressed include communication, salary and position negotiation, providing students a foundation to become revolutionary in their workplaces. This event will be student-led by members of the Women’s Resource Center and Career Center.

The Women’s Resource Center is encouraging students to speak up and join in this year! Throughout the year, they will be putting on events following the theme “Find Your Voice, Share Your Story.” The first event of the school year was a trip to Rosie the Riveter National Park, a local area that commemorates the WWII icon of women in the workplace. Also new is the WRC’s recently furnished lactation room, designed to fit the needs of recent mothers.

The WRC will be holding several other campus-wide events this month, including a free self-defense workshop that will take place in Dante room 204 on September 19th from 7:00-9:00pm. There will also be the Celebrating Latinas Luncheon, which encourages Latina students and alumni to share their stories and takes place on September 25th (Hagerty Lounge, 1:00-2:30pm). The Body Positive, an ongoing program that promotes positive self-image, will take place every other Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the WRC.

*information from U.S. census data at www.whitehouse.gov

What’s up with the WRC?

WHAT: A space for empowerment, support and engagement about issues such as gender-based violence and inequality.

WHO: Everyone! Students of any race, gender, religion or sexuality are free to hang out in the WRC, which is run by student workers, volunteers and faculty members.

WHEN: 8:30am-4:30pm on weekdays, with events throughout the year.

WHERE: The WRC is located on the bottom floor of Mitty Hall.

WHY: The center focuses on the 5 core Saint Mary’s values, including inclusiveness, social justice and respect for all persons. It strives to create a more balanced and engaged community.