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Sandee Kastrul, President, i.c.stars

Sandee Kastrul is the president of i.c.stars, and has been working in education for the past ten years focusing on cross-curricular integration strategies, diversity training and curriculum development. She implemented a professional development program with Harold Washington College Career and designed a comprehensive science and civics interactive program for GED students at Jobs For Youth. She is a consultant for the Illinois Resource Center providing School Corporations with diversity training and cross-cultural teaching methodologies throughout Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Ms. Kastrul holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ithaca College. www.icstars.org



Marc Kaplan, CFO

Marc Kaplan is the Executive in Charge of Production from "America's Most Wanted," television show on Fox, which is directly responsible for more than 1,080 captures, averaging a slightly more than one capture for every show that has aired. Marc has been functioning as the CFO for the company for over eight years. He does regular work with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, whose mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, among other things. Additionally Marc helped promote the national launch of the Amber Alert, which aims to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for and the safe recovery of the child. He has most recently begun to work on a project to help to breathe new life into the "Neighborhood Watch" program in cooperation with the National Sheriff's Association.

Marc volunteers a lot of time to charitable organizations and non-profits. He reads to a blind gentleman every other week as part of a program run by the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, distributes animal rights literature and promotes the benefits of a vegetarian diet for Compassion Over Killing, and raises money for the River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation where he teaches free Tai Chi classes every spring and fall for the community and has done so for the past four years. He just recently started teaching a weekly class at the Wellness Community of DC who helps people find support, explore ways of coping with the stress of a cancer diagnosis and treatment, and learn how to be active in enhancing your health and well-being.

Finally, his children and he often visit the SAVE Animal Shelter in Princeton, New Jersey, which is a nonprofit shelter and animal welfare organization dedicated to protecting the health and wellbeing of companion animals in the Greater Princeton Area.

"We stand tallest when we stoop to help others."



Mary P. Koss, PhD

Mary P. Koss is a Regents' Professor in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman Arizona College of Public Health at the University of Arizona. She has worked in the field of violence against women for more than 30 years. She served on the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Violence Against Women, is the sexual violence coordinator of the CDC-funded national on-line resource on research on violence against women, www.VAWnet.org, and currently sits on the Coordinating Committee of the Sexual Violence Research Initiative based in Johannesburg, South Africa. She is co-editing a two book series for the American Psychological Association Presidential Initiative on Violence Against Women and Children including maltreatment, sexual and physical violence that will appear in 2009. In recognition of her contributions the American Psychological Association honored her with its 2000 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy, and with the 2003 Committee on Women in Psychology Leadership Award. In 2010 she will be the 8th recipient of the Visionary Award from International End Violence Against Women (first recipient was Vice President Joe Biden).



Lisa Rainwater, PhD

For two decades, Lisa Rainwater has been engaged in community organizing on issues such as affordable education, women's equality, ecofeminism, sustainable communities, and environmental protection.

In the 1990s, Lisa Rainwater was catapulted into the world of civic action while serving as Student Senate Vice President at Winona State University in Minnesota, where she organized students to fight federal cuts to financial aid. In 2000 Rainwater embarked on her career as a community organizer and promoter of civic action. As President of the Madison NOW chapter, she revitalized a defunct chapter, served on the Wisconsin NOW Executive Committee, was elected a delegate to the 2002 National Conference for NOW, and served as an advisor to the Wisconsin Women's Network. From 2003–2007 Rainwater was the Indian Point Campaign Director for the New York-based group Riverkeeper and coordinated the efforts to shut down the Indian Point nuclear power plant. Her work led to New York State becoming the first in the nation to intervene in a nuclear power plant relicensing proceeding. As Riverkeeper's Policy Director, she developed community strategies and policy and legislative initiatives. Rainwater's work has been featured in national broadcasts, publications, and numerous media outlets.

In July 2006 Rainwater and PAVE founder Angela Rose launched The Binding Project, which seeks to unite people by empowering them to take ownership over zip tie bindings and other forms of restraint often used by perpetrators as a means of control and power.

Rainwater received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (German Studies), her M.A. from the University of Oregon (German), and her B.A. from Winona State University (Psychology/German). Her research has won awards and been published in a variety of national and international scholarly journals. She is a published author and translator. Currently, Rainwater is the Executive Director of The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, located in Arkville, New York.



Avery Slyker, Ph.D.

Dr. Avery Slyker is a highly focused, fiscally proficient and successful manager offering 15 years of achievements within nonprofit, social service organizations coupled with exceptional interpersonal and communication skills. Dr. Slyker has over seven years of experience administrating and managing social service programming; advocating on behalf of women, children, and families; marketing social services; and administering healthy client relations.

Dr. Slyker has long recognized the need to strengthen community leadership. She believes leadership is evolving into a personal choice of learning how to develop a passionate voice to evoke societal change. In 2008, Avery completed a Doctoral degree at Capella University in Minneapolis where she explored how cultural feminist theory has strengthened the work of women's leadership. Dr. Slyker feels that community leaders have redefined leadership capacity and personal tenacity as passion.

Dr. Slyker has been recognized for her academic achievements by the National Honor Society for Elite Social Work Students, PI GAMMA MU International Honor Society for the Social Services, and the Golden Key National Honor Society. Prior to moving to Florida, Dr. Slyker was a Prevention Consultant in Northeast Ohio. During this time, she presented over 100 workshops, trainings, and lectures focused on community resiliency, team building, and youth empowerment.

Along with her studies and advocacy on behalf of women, girls, and families, Dr. Slyker is dedicated to her husband, parents, and four grandchildren, who inspire and empower her each moment of every day to be honest to herself.



Janet E. Clark

Janet E. Clark, a writer from Iowa, has served since June of 2008 as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) representing a child who has been deemed a "child in need of assistance". To become a CASA, Janet took 30 hours training in child welfare and the juvenile justice system, with a requirement to take an additional 12 hours per year continuing education. In addition, she volunteers as a SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) leader, serving as a supporter, advocate and activist in the area of sexual assault by offering survivors support, connecting them with attorneys if

interested, and connecting them with resources specific to their needs.

Janet began speaking out about sexual abuse after writing her book, *Blind Faith*, a novel about the Roman Catholic clergy abuse crisis. Her first time shattering the silence of sexual violence was speaking at her church, where her pastor asked her to give the sermon. Janet is continuing her efforts to raise awareness about sexual assault and abuse through her work with PAVE and is honored to be part of our first Board of Directors.



Kitty Kurth

Kitty Kurth is President of Kurth Lampe, a political consulting/public relations firm she founded with her husband, Kevin Lampe in 1996. Kurth Lampe is a Chicago-based consulting firm dedicated to the effective communication of its clients' ideas, proposals, and viewpoints.

Experience Over the past several years Kurth Lampe has provided clients with wide ranging services such as public relations and communications strategies for individuals, groups and corporations on a national and international level; campaign and media relations to local, state and federal campaigns in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan; public affairs; and grassroots organizing for a variety of local and national non-profit groups.



Tiombe C. Preston, MS, MFT Inc.

Tiombe Preston is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with over 13 years experience as a feminist therapist, educator, and activist working to empower clients and communities. As the owner of a private practice and consulting business, she provides individual and group therapy for survivors, consultation on curriculum and program development, clinical supervision, oppression/diversity training, law enforcement training, and speaking engagements for social services, universities, youth programs, crisis services, and counselor/mentor certification courses. Her specializations include feminist therapy, child abuse, sexual and domestic violence, advocacy for survivors with disabilities and mental illness, communities of color, and other anti-oppression work.

In addition to her private practice Tiombe she serves as the Advocacy Caucus for People with Disabilities Representative on the Council of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) and is the Clinical Coordinator for the YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services in Compton. She is also the Program Manager for the California BlackWomen's Health Project where she directs a statewide Advocate Training Program that trains health policy activists and educators, on issues including mental health, reproductive justice, sexual and domestic violence, and public policy. Tiombe Preston is considered a Subject Matter Expert on sexual assault for the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and a Core Faculty member of the California Victim Assistance Academy at CSU Fresno and she also instructs courses part time in Feminist Therapy, Treatment Planning, and Child Abuse and Partner/Spousal Abuse for CSU Long Beach's Master's in Counseling Program.



Victor Vieth

Victor Vieth serves as the Director of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC), a state of the art training complex located on the campus of Winona State University (WSU). NCPTC includes five moot court rooms, four forensic interview rooms and a “mock house” in which to conduct simulated child abuse investigations. NCPTC staff provides intensive instruction for undergraduate students and current professionals in the field on how to better recognize, react, and respond to children who are being abused.

Having graduated magna cum laude from WSU Victor earned his Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law (HUSL). While studying at HUSL, he received the American Jurisprudence award for achievement in the study of Constitutional law and served as editor-in-chief of the Law Review.

Victor has trained thousands of child-protection professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories, and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigations, prosecutions and prevention. He gained national recognition for his work in addressing child abuse in small communities as a prosecutor in rural Minnesota. He has been named to the President’s Honor Roll of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. The Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association named him one of “21 Young Lawyers Leading us Into the 21st Century.”

Victor has published countless articles related to the investigation, prosecution and prevention of child abuse and neglect. He is also the author of *Unto the Third Generation*, a bold initiative that outlines the necessary steps we must all take to eliminate child abuse in America in three generations.



Robin Sax, J.D.

Robin Sax a former deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County specializing in sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and stalking cases. Robin is now an outspoken advocate fighting for victims as well as a legal commentator on national television shows including *Larry King Live*, *Nancy Grace*, *The Today Show*, and *The Early Show*. Sax is a host of *Justice Interrupted Radio*, a top-ranking radio show that highlights cases that have not received media attention that desperately need awareness via media outlets. Though her voice is that of a prosecutor she has gained notoriety as an advocate for victim's rights, insuring that the judicial system is working properly and that there are appropriate sentences for offenders, resources for law enforcement, and education for everyone.

Sax has authored six books including *Predators and Child Molesters: What Every Parent Needs to Know to Keep Kids Safe*, *It Happens Every Day: Inside the World of a Sex Crimes D.A.*, and *The Complete Idiots Guide to the Criminal Justice System* and *Everything I Learned About Parenting I Learned in Court*. She is also a lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law and Attorney Assistant Training Program, and an adjunct professor at the California State, Los Angeles, School of Criminal Justice. www.robinsax.com



Laura Schwartz

Laura Schwartz, a former Special Assistant to the President and The White House Director of Events for the Clinton Administration, created and executed more than 1000 White House events including State arrival ceremonies and dinners, America's Millennium Celebration and NATO's 50th Anniversary. While producing the President's events on the world stage Ms. Schwartz demonstrated the Presidency's ability to inspire a nation and the world through powerful events

Today, Ms. Schwartz shares her unique perspective on leadership and politics on the CBS Early Show domestically and internationally on Good Morning London throughout the UK, the BBC World News and Sir David Frost's "Frost Over The World." Laura was the Political Analyst on the Fox News Channel '04-'07 and the Special Correspondent to CNN's Larry King Live for the presidential primaries.

In 2001, Ms. Schwartz founded White House Strategies, an event, media, political and message consultancy through which she gives her acclaimed lecture series and individual coaching on "The Networking Power of Social Events, ©" the title of her upcoming book which explores our social scenes and the overlooked opportunities to land an incredible job, meet a mate, increase your client base, professional and personal profitability and success. Ms. Schwartz takes this same message to the readers of the acclaimed Chicago magazine Today's Chicago Woman in her series titled "Eat, Drink and Get Mary a Job!"

Ms. Schwartz has been honored by the American University, Washington DC and in January 2009, Laura was invited to address the prestigious Oxford Union in England on the Foreign Policy Legacy of Former President Bush.

Ms. Schwartz is based in Chicago where she operates White House Strategies and travels extensively both domestically and internationally for speaking engagements and with her clients, empowering them to unleash their limits by recognizing and embracing their highest personal and professional potential. www.whitehousestrategies.com/

Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment.

PAVE is a 501c3 national nonprofit organization that uses social, educational and legislative tactics to shatter the silence of sexual violence. PAVE's work is based in education and action. We work to stop sexual violence before it starts by challenging cultural norms that encourage violence or ignore the spectrum of sexual abuse. Additionally, PAVE strives to empower victims and survivors by creating an awareness and response to any injustices done to them. Through being both prevention and awareness focused, PAVE is working to end sexual violence on all fronts.

Mission Statement

Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment (PAVE) is a multi-chapter national 501c3 nonprofit organization that uses education and action to shatter the silence of sexual violence through targeted social, educational and legislative tactics.

Core Principles

- >> PAVE was created to shatter the silence of sexual violence using education and action.
- >> PAVE values survivor voices as one of the strongest tools to shatter the silence.
- >> PAVE works to prevent sexual violence by engaging both men and women.
- >> PAVE was built on inclusiveness to all communities regardless of biological sex, gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual preference, ability, religion, creed, etc.
- >> PAVE is not a support group. It is a grassroots organization that raises awareness and takes action on issues of sexual and domestic violence.
- >> PAVE is not just for survivors. It is for everyone, though many survivors find healing by turning their trauma into action.
- >> PAVE aims to educate on the prevalent myths and misconceptions surrounding violence, including the fact that the majority of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows and trusts.
- >> PAVE believes that all members in the community have a stake in ending sexual violence. Prevention transcends individual responsibility to include bystander intervention and perpetrator accountability.
- >> PAVE never blames victims for the crimes done to them.
- >> PAVE is working towards a societal shift and uses grassroots action to create change.

PAVE's mission is on-going and welcomes your support. For more information, please visit the [Take Action](#) section of our website. We have information specifically for individuals, campus or community activists, and affiliates. If you can't get involved but still want to help, your financial support is always welcome. [DONATE NOW >>](#)



Angela Rose

Founder & Executive Director

In response to her abduction and sexual assault Angela Rose turned a suburban community into a group of proactive citizens at the age of seventeen. After banding together with her perpetrator's other victims and their families, Angela spearheaded the movement that culminated with the passage of the 1998 Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act in Illinois. This act enables the State to hold a sexually violent person in custody under psychiatric care if the person has been convicted of a previous sexually violent offense, exhibits a mental disorder and is seen as a threat. Nearly 200 convicted sex offenders have been committed as Sexually Violent Persons in Illinois since 1998.

As a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Angela began to intimately understand how silence cloaks the prevalence of sexual assault. Instead of retreating in the face of adversity, Angela rose to the challenge to voice what is often left unsaid. In 2000, the UW Associated Students of Madison appointed Angela Campus Safety Coordinator.

Empowered by her experiences on campus, Angela founded PAVE (Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment) in 2001 – a community-based organization that uses social, educational and legislative tactics to shatter the silence of sexual violence. That same year, Angela was appointed the UW Women's Issues Diversity Liaison, where she successfully initiated a dialogue on sexual assault within diverse cultural communities. In 2001, Angela was elected the President of the WI Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Through PAVE, Angela has trained thousands in sexual assault prevention, produced a documentary entitled "Transition to Survivor" and founded Men Opposing Sexual Assault, a student group that highlights the importance of men in the anti-sexual assault movement.

Now a national non-profit with chapters in multiple states, PAVE is committed to ending sexual violence through education and empowerment. Angela continues to serve as the organization's Executive Director. Angela's passion and energy are coupled with her dedication to shattering the silence of sexual violence. Audiences across the country have benefited from her experiences and her ability to turn her tragedy into triumph.

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