



Sofie Karasek To Speak at UAF on April 18th, 2017

Sofie Karasek is an anti-sexual violence activist and a co-founder of End Rape on Campus (EROC), a survivor advocacy organization dedicated to ending sexual violence through survivor support, public education, and policy reformation. As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities, Sofie will be speaking at UAF. Her presentation titled "Breaking the Silence: The National Student Movement on Sexual Assault", will be at Hess Rec on April 18th at 7:00PM.

Prior to her graduation from the University of California, Berkeley in 2015, she spearheaded several federal gender discrimination complaints against Berkeley and has assisted students nationwide in holding universities accountable to Title IX. Sofie has also been a leading advocate for California's groundbreaking affirmative consent law and her work has been featured in national and international media including Wall Street Journal, Guardian, CNN, Bloomberg Businessweek, and Marie Claire. Sofie is also a subject in the documentary *The Hunting Ground*.

Sofie will also be meeting with a group of UAF students that have been reading *We Believe You: Survivors of Campus Sexual Assault Speak Out*, a book that features dozens of stories, poems, and songs from survivors of sexual violence; sharing stories of their assaults, the trauma and betrayal these women have experienced, and the healing and activism since their traumatic experience.

This lecture is part of UAF's Nanook Diversity and Action Center's programming for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This year's theme focuses on supporting and believing survivors and changing the culture by addressing the root causes and social norms that allow sexual violence to exist. We will cultivate idea that we are stronger together, and that new partners and community members are needed to expand sexual assault prevention efforts. We can all help foster attitudes that promote healthy relationships, equality, and respect. This April we're calling on groups whose influence can play a critical role in changing those causes and norms. For a full list of events for SAAM visit <http://www.uaf.edu/activities/ndac/>

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