

# NEWS LETTER

## MENTORS IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

### CENTRAL COLLEGE MVP TRAIN THE TRAINERS

On January 19-20th, the PATCVP director helped co-facilitate an MVP training of trainers alongside two new master trainers, Jodi Blackford and Gabby Flowers (pictured from left) to 25 Central College staff and students.



### SPRING 2025 MVP TRAIN THE TRAINERS

Our spring 2025 MVP training of trainers (TTT) was hosted in Waterloo, IA on February 26-27th. Schools in attendance were Davenport, Marshalltown, and Oelwein, as well as staff from Pathways Behavioral Services and Cedar Falls Public Safety. We welcome all of our new colleagues into the MVP model! Our MVP training of trainers is a facilitator development training that allows facilitators to advise teams and implement lessons.



### MVP STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Leadership Summit on May 1, 2025 at their Fieldhouse. MVP schools in attendance were Mason City, Ft. Dodge, Oelwein, and Marshalltown bringing approximately 75 student mentors and support staff. Session topics included leadership skills, team builders, facilitation practice, and more.



### DAN MARBURGER MVP ADVOCACY AWARD CEREMONY

On April 30th, four MVP advisors were honored with the inaugural Dan Marburger MVP Advocacy Awards. The award will be given annually to an MVP school team and an individual champion in Iowa who exemplifies the same unwavering passion for violence prevention as Dan. A special thank you to the Marburger family for supporting this award in Dan's honor.

This year's Dan Marburger MVP Advocacy Award recipients were:

- The Perry High School MVP Advisory Team: **Christine Krohn**, **Allisa Bahney** and **Tamara Valline**
- **Jenny Wagner**, MVP Advisor, Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School



## EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

### IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

PATCVP director presented to over 80 Iowa high school leaders on bystander intervention skills at Conference Connections in Brooklyn, Iowa on January 15th and in Northwood, Iowa on January 22nd.

### OELWEIN HEARTS DIVERSITY NIGHT

On March 11th, the PATCVP director spoke about MVP and had a booth at Oelwein High School's HEARTS Club 2nd annual Diversity Night where over 75 community members attended to learn about diverse topics from students.

### UNI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION'S 2025 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING CONFERENCE

The director of PATCVP, Alys Mozak, was a featured presenter at the UNI COE Social and Emotional Learning conference on April 4th speaking to 20 school personnel in a pecha kucha style presentation about the Mentors in Violence Prevention model.

### IOWA HEALTHIEST STATE INITIATIVE CONFERENCE

The director of PATCVP, Alys Mozak, was a featured presenter at the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative conference on April 16th speaking to 20 professionals in various industries on bystander intervention.

### SAAM PANEL EVENT

PATCVP partnered with the Women's and Gender Studies department and the Office Civil Rights Compliance on a Sexual Assault Awareness event on April 9th, 2025 entitled Red Flag, Green Flag: Navigating Healthy Dating with expert dating and relationship panelists and UNI faculty and alum: (featured in picture from left)

- **Bill Henninger**, UNI Associate Professor, Department of Family, Aging & Counseling
- **Melody Kosobucki**, Sexual Assault Advocate, Riverview Center
- **Vanessa McNeal**, Professional Speaker, Trafficking Documentarian
- **Sam Krutzfeldt**, Tinder Data Scientist



## SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & FUNDING

### TOMSON SCHOLARS

With a generous ongoing scholarship from O. Jay and Patricia Tomson for students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences who are doing violence prevention internships, we want to recognize this semester's Tomson scholarship recipients (pictured from top left):

- **Klarence Baker**, Social Work
- **Larissa Marble**, Social Work, Family Services & Criminology
- **Hallory Domnick**, Family Services
- **Alaina Wilson**, Social Work
- **Jalisa Young**, Master of Social Work

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### ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATION SUBMISSION

The PATCVP in partnership with a grant funded initiative with the University of Iowa's Injury Prevention Research Center have written a paper on challenges to the MVP model submitted for a special issue of Prevention Science.