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Students, UMPD partner to raise awareness of violence

AMHERST, Mass. – New dates have been announced for a series of violence prevention presentations featuring student performers from the Health Education department at University Health Services (UHS) and officers from the University of Massachusetts Amherst Police Department (UMPD).

The students, UMPD Community Outreach Officer Mark Whelihan, Lieutenant Thomas O'Donnell, and other officers will appear at dining halls across campus for four thought-provoking performances:

Wednesday, April 2:

- Franklin DC, 5:30 p.m.
- Worcester DC, approximately 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 3:

- Hampshire DC, 5:30 p.m.
- Berkshire DC, approximately 6 p.m.

UHS health educator Amanda Collings Vann said the shows will focus on the dynamics of violence and the important role bystanders can play in prevention and intervention. Following the performances, UMPD officers will lead discussions and answer questions; information on campus resources will also be available.

For more information, contact Health Education, (413) 577-5181, or the UMPD, (413) 545-2121.