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**PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: “BUILDING CAPACITY AND
INFUSING GENDER VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND BYSTANDER EDUCATION
STRATEGIES ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE STATE OF IOWA”**

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Executive Summary: The Center for Violence Prevention at the University of Northern Iowa was established in 2011 through a collaborative partnership between public and private stakeholders. Modeled after nationally recognized bystander-based violence prevention programs, the UNI Center systematically works to build capacity by conducting “train the trainer” workshops for faculty, staff, and students; by infusing bystander-based violence prevention strategies into existing programs and curriculum; and by working with existing systems, such as athletic teams, military units, residence hall systems, and student organizations to create sustainable and cultural transformations. To work effectively across the Regent Enterprise and throughout the State of Iowa, the Center partners extensively with the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, the Iowa Departments of Education and Public Health, and the domestic and sexual violence coalitions and agencies serving colleges and universities throughout the state. The Center for Violence Prevention is recognized as a regional training center for active, bystander education and interventions strategies; it serves K-12 school districts as well as all institutions of higher education. The co-presenters are Dr. Annette Lynch and Dr. Alan Heisterkamp.

Dr. Lynch is a founding director of the Center for Violence Prevention and a professor in the School of Applied Human Sciences. In 2007, she was a recipient of the Iowa Board of Regents Faculty Excellence award in recognition of her efforts to create safer campuses in Iowa.



Dr. Heisterkamp directs the *Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Leadership Institute* in the Center for Violence Prevention. As a founding director, he oversees all campus bystander education training and implementation, curriculum infusion of bystander strategies within pre-service teacher education programs, and MVP bystander training and outreach to Iowa’s K-12 school districts and institutions of higher education.