



WHAT'S YOUR GREEN DOT?

Imagine a map covered with red dots. Each red dot on this map represents an act of violence (physical assault, sexual violence, stalking, bullying) – or a choice to tolerate, justify or perpetuate this violence.

A red dot is a rape – a red dot is a hit – a red dot is a threat – a red dot is an individual choice to do nothing in the face of a potentially high risk situation.

Violence on our campus is the accumulation of individual decisions, moments, values, and actions made by all of us. It's hard to know exactly how many red dots are on our map at any given moment – but we do know there have been enough to create a culture that sustains unacceptable rates of power based personal violence against members of our community.

Violence is not limited to women, but impacts members of our community of all genders and every race, background, sexual orientation, religious, or political persuasion, socioeconomic status and ability.

Now imagine adding a green dot in the middle of all those red dots on your map. A green dot is any behavior, choice, word,

A GREEN DOT is:

Pulling a friend out of a high risk situation.

Putting a green dot message on twitter, Facebook or instagram (#LVCgreendot)

Striking up a conversation with a friend or family member about how much this issue matters to you.

Asking someone who looks distressed, “Are you O.K.?”

Calling Public Safety when you see a potential un-safe situation.

Asking people arguing for directions to Petco!

How many green dots will it take to outnumber the red dots and reduce violence? How many of us will have to do two or three or 10 dots to this map to begin to make a difference? Even though we don't know the exact number, we do know this: there are far more people on this campus who don't commit violence than those who do. If just some of us were willing to step up—even in small ways—green dots would very quickly take over the map—and less people would be hurt. Think about it. Will you do your green dot?