

January 2007

## SAFE ZONE . . . Statement of Interest

Sponsored by Gay-Straight Coalition, Multicultural Affairs, & Residence Life

Name:

Banner ID No.:

Year / College:

Local Address:

Email address:

Safe Zone is a program that seeks to create and make known "safe spaces" for students who may feel threatened by ignorance, bigotry, harassment or discrimination based on sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or religion.

Safe Zone volunteers offer a safe space for students to talk, to be listened to, and to learn of campus resources. Safe Zone volunteers provide immediate support and respect for the person who comes to them and takes a public stand against language and behaviors that demean or diminish others. The commitment is for one semester and is renewable.

All students who wish to be a Safe Zone volunteer must submit a written Letter of Interest. This letter should be about one-page in length, typed, and respond to the questions listed below. Letters are due by Friday February 2 at Noon. They can be submitted to [kathleen.byrnes@villanova.edu](mailto:kathleen.byrnes@villanova.edu) or hard copy to 202 Dougherty Hall. Questions? Email Kathy Byrnes or call (610) 519-4550.

To become a volunteer, you must be available for the training on **Friday, February 9, 2007 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bartley 1001**. If you are not available for the training, you will have to wait until next semester to serve.

- 1) What skills do you have that will make you an effective Safe Zones volunteer?
- 2) What is your role on campus and why would your involvement in Safe Zones be important to you in this role?
- 3) Tell us about a life experience in which you encountered someone different from yourself.
- 4) Please list one on-campus reference, faculty, staff or student. Include the person's phone number, and their role on campus.