

PATHFINDERS MONTHLY

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Dr. Helen Eigenberg Secures Funds to Engage Student Leaders in Violence Prevention

The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Program, an initiative of Northwestern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, is a leadership program that motivates student-athletes and student leaders to play a central role in solving problems that have historically been considered "women's issues": rape, battering, and sexual harassment. The MVP program regards student-athletes and student leaders not as potential perpetrators or victims, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers. This emphasis lessens the defensiveness men often feel and the helplessness women often experience when discussing issues of men's violence against women. The mixed gender, racially-diverse MVP Program, composed of former professional and college athletes, motivates men and

women to work together to prevent gender violence.

This year, UTC was one of only five schools nationwide selected to implement the MVP Program utilizing a multi-year technical assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. Under the leadership of **Dr. Helen Eigenberg**, Professor and Head of UTC's Criminal Justice Department, **Dr. Nancy Badger**, Director of UTC's Counseling and Career Planning Center, and **Ms. Sara Peters**, Coordinator for Education and Advocacy of UTC's Transformation Project, the MVP Program will offer four training sessions this fall to raise awareness among UTC's student athletes about the level of men's verbal, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of women. In addition, MVP Program staff at the national level will host a three-day Train the Trainers Institute on campus

for community leaders, empowering them to conduct future training programs for student athletes and student leaders. As part of the technical assistance grant, UTC will also receive the complete MVP curriculum along with ongoing assistance with program implementation and evaluation.

Dr. Eigenberg's success in securing funding to implement the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program, in addition to her continued success in sustaining the Transformation Project, is a vital step in combating violence against women on the UTC campus. In addition to furthering UTC's mission as an engaged metropolitan university, the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program will empower UTC's student athletes with concrete options to effect positive change in our campus community.

FUNDED GRANTS AND RESEARCH
SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 –SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

**DRS. HENRY SPRATT, JOEY SHAW, DAVID ABORN, AND GARY LITCHFORD, AND GIS
MANAGER ANDY CARROLL**

U.S. Geological Survey UTC Research Activities for the NBII SAIN Node \$149,875

COLLEGE OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

MS. SANDY COLE

Chattanooga Housing Authority WesTech Project \$4,800

DR. KAY LINDGREN

U.S. Department of HHS/HRSA Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships \$36,915

DR. STEVE UNDERWOOD

Tennessee Department of
Education Physical Activity and Nutritional Training for
Schools (PANTS) \$13,000

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

MR. BOB BOYER

Tennessee Arts Commission Attendance at the 2006 Performing Arts Exchange \$425

DR. JOHN MCCORMACK

Corporation for Public
Broadcasting Radio Community Service Grant \$117,238

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