Testimonials

Tens of thousands around the world experience the **"Can I Kiss You?"** program each year. Students, educators and staff praise the approach and express their gratitude for the how-to skills they gain from Mike Domitrz.

What Students Are Saying About Mike:

"It felt like it helped me know a lot more about what was okay in terms of true consent,"..... "And it's okay to ask. Like, saying, 'Can I kiss you? is an okay thing to say and actually it's kind of romantic if you do it right."

"What a brilliant presentation! Thank you for sharing your insights...and challenging our beliefs and assumptions."

"Your talk was entertaining and fun while also challenging us to think about basic dating situations in a new, insightful perspective. Too bad you aren't a professor–I love your energy!"

"Please come back!"

"I like the way you use humor to soften the mood of what could be an uncomfortable subject."

"I've never seen a presentation like this before," .....He let us know that we don't have to be embarrassed or ashamed about talking to our partners, and how to ask questions to make sure we really know what the other person wants. Talking allows you to cut through a lot of uncertainty and awkwardness."

Watch the Powerful 5-Minute Video at www.CenterForRespect.com

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*To protect privacy of students, names and locations are not provided

Praise from Educators

"Only Mike can engage students in caring about, and for their peers in ways they never even imagined. He motivates them to commit to looking out for each other and to create a culture of respect at Central College. He has sustained his dedication and passion for the work of gender violence prevention and bystander intervention over time and keeps it fresh each time he has visited campus. There is a reason we have partnered with him over the last ten years and that President Putnam has committed to attend "Can I Kiss You?" and take the stage afterward to reinforce Mike's message. It's because Mike treats the students with respect and helps each one of them believe they can make a difference for someone else."

Peggy Fitch, Central College (IA)

"Mike gives students something valuable to walk away with - and that is knowledge about how they can take action. Bringing Mike to your campus is the best decision you will make for your students this year."

Kathleen Warner - Creighton University (NE)

"I've been on campus since 1985 and yours is what I would hands-down nominate as the single most moving and empowering educational program I have ever witnessed. My students (and I!) were captivated by your engaging pedagogy and your brilliantly on-point messaging. 1000 thanks for coming to our campus and thank you for exemplary advocacy and enthusiastic delivery; what a winning combination!"

Father James P Nelson, St. Norbert College (WI)

"Mike was absolutely wonderful! Great information! Our students were not only entertained but was educated as well. We look forward to Mike coming back to PVAMU real soon! Thanks Mike!"

Prairie View A& M Administrator

"Can there be a more difficult audience than 500 plus college freshman required to attend a lecture on sexual assault? That's exactly what Mike Domitrz faced when he visited Berry College. It took Mike very little time, however, to get the entire, jaded audience on his side. Five minutes into his presentation, students were falling over each other, vying for the chance to come to the front of the room and interact with Mike in front of their peers."

Katherine Powell, 1st-Year Experience at Berry College (GA)

Our progams earn consistently **positive press**

From *Humber Today*, Humber College

"If you can't talk about it, you shouldn't be doing it."

That's the message Humber students living in residence heard during a highly interactive presentation on healthy intimacy and sexual assault as part of their orientation activities.

In an hour-long workshop called Can I Kiss You? that combined jokes and humour with sober, reflective moments, Mike Domitrz took participants through a variety of different scenarios related to dating and intimacy, providing suggestions and tools for keeping sexual situations consensual and healthy.

From *The Dallas Morning News*, Dallas, Texas

[Domitrz's] messages seemed to reach the students.

Shelton student Wendy Cohen, said she knows now that she would like to be asked permission for a kiss and would do the asking herself.
"It just shows a lot more respect and opens up a new way of communication," she said. Otherwise, "it's like kind of giving them permission to do whatever they want."

Matt Schroeder, also a Shelton student, said he learned if you give respect, you get it in return.
"If you're with the right person, they would find asking them to be very respectful, and they would feel a lot more love than if you just went for it," he said. "I think I'm going to use his technique now."

Shelton student Scott Howe, said Mr. Domitrz's presentation was funny and entertaining and focused on what students should do instead of what they should not do.

"He was able to really talk about an uncomfortable subject matter and make it easy and comfortable to talk about," he said.

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Mike Domitrz's briefings and trainings earn consistently **positive press**

From *The Gazette*, University of Western Ontario

Mike Domitrz, author of Can I Kiss You? and founder of the anti-sexual assault organization** The Center for Respect**, gave an O-Week presentation to frosh explaining the topic of consent in relateable and engaging terms.

Beyond pushing people to ask before they proceed in sexual or romantic encounters themselves, Domitrz also encourages people to intervene when they see someone receiving unwanted sexual attention, rather than taking on the attitude of "it's not my business."

Students engaged with the presentation throughout, with a few people going up for demonstrations and almost everyone joining in to say, "Yes I do!" after each prompt. The energy in the lecture theatre throughout showed that Domitrz had a strong impact on his audience, with plenty of positive chatter amongst students once it had ended.

From *The Charger Bulletin* at the University of New Hampshire

Mike uses a clever mix of comedy and drama to make a presentation that will have students paralyzed with laughter one minute and silenced with grief the next. Bringing a couple of people up from the audience, Mike gave a couple of examples of the right and wrong ways to go about on a date. He said, among other things, that you should never just "go for it" or use body language as an excuse not to talk. The ideal relationship, he asserts, is one based on mutual understanding, respect and communication. And for those who know perpetrators or victims of sexual violence, Mike had two respective messages: learn the difference between backing-up and covering-up your friend's actions, and support is always better than vengeance.