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LAFAYETTE'S AIDS EDUCATION/AWARENESS DAY, APRIL 27, TO PROMPT CLASS DISCUSSIONS, SCHOOL GROUP VISITS TO VIEW AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT

EASTON, Pa. --On Monday, April 27, Lafayette College students and students from area school districts will participate in AIDS Education Day activities at the college.

Lafayette students will take part in classroom discussions about how AIDS has affected various disciplinary fields. Local high school students will attend AIDS-awareness workshops and visit the display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Kirby Field House.

Members of the Friends of the Quilt at Lafayette education committee have contacted all Lafayette faculty and asked them to participate in this educational event. Each professor has been asked to take five or ten minutes at the beginning of each class to discuss how AIDS has affected their disciplinary fields.

English classes, for example, might consider how AIDS is treated in recent literature. Students in anthropology and sociology classes might discuss the social stigma attached to persons with AIDS and HIV-positive individuals.

Six local high schools and other community groups, such as a March of Dimes leadership group, will be sending students to participate in two-hour workshops focusing on the transmission of AIDS.



Each workshop will begin with a half-hour session on AIDS and its transmission in the Farinon Center Theater, followed by a guided tour through the Lafayette display of the AIDS Quilt. After the tour, trained peer counselors from Lafayette's Students Educating on Responsible College Health (SERCH) will lead a discussion and reaction session.

Six schools will be represented: Catasauqua High School, Lehigh County Vocational-Technical School, Northern Lehigh High School, Pen Argyl High School, Salisbury High School, and Wilson High School.

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Information on photo and interview opportunities: Workshops will be held at 10 a.m.

(Northern Lehigh High School and Salisbury High School); 11 a.m. (Lehigh County Vocational Technical School); 12:30 p.m. (Wilson High School); 1 p.m. (Nazareth High School); and 7 p.m. (March of Dimes leadership group).