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In today's society there is a push for the current generation to become better than the previous one. To seek higher education, and make a path for oneself. Currently, unbeknownst to most parents or guardians the college campus is one of the last institutes that does not have legislation to protect its inhabitants. It's a sad fact to try to comprehend that most incarcerated inmates have more rights than a current college student. My name is Krista Kingsbury I'm a Central Connecticut State University alumni Criminology class of 2011.

I was fully aware of this institutes shortcomings in protecting victims of crime when it came to sexual assault not only first hand, but secondhand as well. It's these experiences that have propelled me to make my voice heard. Especially, in the interest of those who don't have the strength to speak out or feel over looked.

If a university can adhere to making classroom changes for those with learning disabilities, or promote a healthy learning environment for those of a different religion, then they most certainly can make exceptions for not only victims of sexual assault, but all victims. It's time for the word "victim" to stop being associated with being weak, but use it as a starting point to change the future. If a victim makes the decision to follow through with their goals and ambitions, a university should do all that they can to help them instead of dismissing them, or making them feel that their assaulter has more power over them.

With the most crimes reported against those who are ages 18-24, and statistics like 1/4 woman and 1/6 men are assaulted the college campus is a breeding ground for crime. So why not protect this population that puts themselves out there to one day contribute to society. Please, see me here today feel my strength and just think I could be your sister, your daughter, your friend or even just a peer. What would you do to protect them?

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