UWSELA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

“Five Awake”

Screenings, Legislative Affairs Panel Discussions, Awards
2015-2016-2017-2018

Louisiana has been called one of the most dangerous places in America for women due to domestic violence homicides. But five strong, determined Louisiana women have helped change that. The documentary short film “Five Awake” chronicles their championing of a historic legislative package to protect victims of domestic abuse and save lives. Their advocacy resulted in unanimous passage of the most comprehensive package of bills ever aimed at stopping domestic violence. “Five Awake” shows how grassroots efforts by the public can lead to significant and unexpected victories in the Louisiana Legislature.

The 2016 New Orleans Film Festival Jury awarded “Five Awake” the prestigious “Best Louisiana Feature”. The 35-minute documentary had its first Louisiana public screening followed by a panel conversation and reception on October 18, 2016, at the Orpheum Theater. View the photo gallery here.

Charmaine Caccioppi, Chief Operating Officer of United Way of Southeast Louisiana; Kim Sport, attorney and volunteer public policy chair for United Way of Southeast Louisiana; Mary Claire Landry, Director of the New Orleans Family Justice Center; and Beth Meeks, Executive Director of Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, spearheaded the “United Against Domestic Violence” collaborative. State Rep. Helena Moreno carried four of six legislative bills for the group in the 2014 legislative session.

The six bills led to: 1) increased penalties for domestic abuse, 2) firearm prohibitions for offenders, 3) guidelines for domestic abuse intervention programs, 4) expedited transmission of protective orders to statewide law enforcement database, 5) prohibition of release on recognizance for violation of protective orders, 6) immediate divorce for victims, 7) punitive damages for victims, and 8) the creation of the Domestic Violence Prevention Commission. All five women were appointed to the Commission, with Kim Sport serving as the first chairman, leading to the enactment or revision of over 50 provisions of law regarding domestic violence over a three-year period.

trailers - vimeo.com/238999769
https://vimeo.com/180950245

“Five Awake” screenings, legislative affairs panel discussions, and awards received:

2015
Rough cut screenings (Duke University, Tulane University, LSU)

June 30, 2016
Los Angeles Independent Film Fest (Winner Best Documentary Short)

July 11, 2016
Kingsley House Libby Milton Champion for Children Award

October 5, 2016
2016 Public Policy Legislative Champion Reception – The Rampart Room

October 18, 2016
New Orleans Film Festival Official “Five Awake” Screening - The Orpheum Theatre (BEST LOUISIANA EATURE)

October 27, 2016
Louisiana Women’s Policy & Research Commission Meeting - “Five Awake” Screening

November 8, 2016
Harry Connick, Jr. Show – “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion in New York

December 8, 2016
New Orleans Family Justice Center – “Five Awake” Screening & CLE Training

January 24, 2017
Junior League of New Orleans General Membership Meeting – “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion
“Five Awake” screenings, legislative affairs panel discussions, and awards received: (Continued)

January 29, 2017  Cinema on the Bayou - Lafayette Film Festival – “Five Awake” Screening  Acadiaana Center for the Arts – Lafayette, LA

January 31, 2017  LSU Medical School (freshmen nurses)

February 1, 2017  Louisiana State Law Institute – Domestic Violence Legislation  LSU Law School - Baton Rouge, LA

February 2, 2017  Baton Rouge “Five Awake” screenings at two high schools

February 7, 2017  Loyola University – Women’s Resource Center - “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion (canceled due to tornadoes)

February 14, 2017  Tulane University Law School- Louisiana State Law Institute – “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion

February 15, 2017  Artemis Film Festival (Santa Monica)

February 16, 2017  CARE Session - The New Orleans Children’s Advocacy Center & Audrey Hepburn CARE Center - “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion

March 11, 2017  Equinox Women’s Film Festival - Alaska. (WINNER BEST DOCUMENTARY)

March 26, 2017  The Women’s Film Festival of San Diego, Women’s Museum of California – “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion

March 28, 2017  Harry Connick Jr. - “Five Awake” Aired on FOX 8 (nationally syndicated)

March 29, 2017  Cleveland Film Festival (two screenings, one panel discussion hosted by Old Stone Church)

April 5, 2017  17th Annual Family Justice Center Conference – “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion  Hilton Milwaukee City Center - Milwaukee, WI

April 10, 2017  Tulane University Sexual Assault & Awareness Month – SAPHE & Women in Politics “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion

April 12, 2017  New Orleans Bar Association – Civil District Court - “Five Awake” Screening & Legislative Discussion


April 22, 2017  AAUW LA 2017 State Convention in Baton Rouge, LA – Legislative Panel Discussion

May 17, 2017  Claims Education Conference at Hilton New Orleans Riverside – “Five Awake” Screening

May 21, 2017  Feminist Garden Party, Martine Chaisson Gallery - “Five Awake” Screening

June 15, 2017  Private Screening of the Award Winning Documentary “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion  Helen Mills Theater – New York, NY

https://shootonline.com/newsbreifs/women-filmmakers-team-short-documentary-five-awake

June 27, 2017  AWHONN Convention - “Five Awake” Screening/Panel Discussion  Ernest N. Morial Convention Center


September 26, 2017  Screening at Family Justice Centers Conference in New Orleans.

August 31, 2017  Lady Filmmakers Film Fest Screening - Beverly Hills.

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