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ANNOUNCING LAUNCH OF FIRST YEAR: UNFILTERED TO
ENCOURAGE DIALOGUE AND PUBLICIZE RESOURCES

NOTRE DAME - From Student Government and Show Some Skin comes a new event aimed at helping connect first-year students to vital university resources. Combining the best of Show Some Skin stories and informative diversity panels, First Year: Unfiltered will target first-year students to share stories of identity and direct them to the many resources regarding race, socioeconomic status, sexual violence and LGBTQ+ life at Notre Dame. The mission of First Year: Unfiltered is to recognize the dignity of every human person and engage in a dialogue about subjects which affect Notre Dame students every day, encouraging understanding and solidarity across lines of division.

First Year: Unfiltered will take place on 26 September 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Lafortune Student Center Ballroom.

The program, comprised of four thirty-minute segments, will center on the topics of race, socioeconomic status, sexual violence and LGBTQ+ life. Depending on the topic, one or two Show Some Skin monologues will be performed live by student actors, followed by a short panel of student leaders involved with the given topic. These students will define the issue on our campus, as well as point students toward support groups and campus resources. The panel will also address questions generated anonymously by the audience and submitted via Poll Everywhere, allowing students to learn from the experiences and knowledge of well-informed upperclassmen. All first-year students are invited and encouraged to attend.

First Year: Unfiltered is sponsored by First Year of Studies, Show Some Skin, Prism, Student Government, Office of Merit Scholarships, the Gender Studies Program, the Center for Social Concerns and Diversity Council.