



### **Katie Koestner**

Katie Koestner is an internationally recognized author, activist, and educator. As the first woman in history to speak out nationally as the victim of acquaintance rape, she appeared on the cover of TIME Magazine at age 18. She has also appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, NBC Nightly News, CNBC Talk Live, CNN, Larry King Live, Good Morning America, Later Today, MSNBC, Entertainment Tonight and other national television programs. Katie is the subject of an HBO movie and has lectured at over 5000 schools and universities around the world. Ms. Koestner is the founder of the Take Back the Night Foundation, which is an international organization working to end sexual violence, support survivors and raise awareness.

Ms. Koestner has assisted the US Department of Education in developing and providing programs to women in high-risk communities. Her testimony on Capitol Hill was instrumental in the passage of federal student safety legislation. She has presented to the Division 1 Basketball Coaches at the Final Four and to Chinese Delegates at the UN. The US Ambassador to India has invited Ms. Koestner to lecture for 19 days in India, and the US Department of Defense has had Ms. Koestner train their top 200 officers. In 2007, Coe College awarded her an honorary doctorate for her extensive work on student safety and public service.