

Victims rights advocate to speak at Peru State College

(KLZA)-- Victims' rights advocate and creator of the viral hashtag, #WhyIStayed, Beverly Gooden will visit Peru State College as part of the campus's Distinguished Speaker Series.

Gooden will speak on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Beverly Gooden breaks down the myths and misunderstandings around domestic violence to illuminate the complex reasons why victims stay in abusive relationships and what you can do to help.

Known for creating the viral Twitter hashtag #WhyIStayed in the wake of several high-profile domestic violence incidents, Gooden sparked a national conversation about how society views victims, while calling for a community response to this important social issue.

Drawing on her own gripping tale of overcoming an abusive relationship, Gooden provides you with a personal account of how it feels to live in fear and why it's so difficult for individuals to leave those who exert physical and emotional control over them.

Peru State established the Distinguished Speaker Series in 2010 as part of a commitment to student engagement and success. The intent of the Series is to bring diverse, nationally and internationally recognized speakers to southeast Nebraska to enrich the educational experience of students while also providing regional communities more opportunities to engage in interesting and relevant topics.

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