

Father's Day Breakfast helps stop violence

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A leading anti-sexist male activist will be the special guest speaker at an inspiring Father's Day breakfast Monday, May 31.

Jackson Katz is an educator, author and filmmaker that is internationally recognized for his groundbreaking work in the field of gender violence prevention education with men and boys, particularly in the sports culture and the military.

He will speak to approximately 300 secondary school students, and also hold a session for sports coaches while he is London.

The 4th Annual Father's Day Breakfast is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. at the London Convention Centre. Tickets are \$20 and you can register with Lina Rodriguez at lardila@uwo.ca.

The breakfast is sponsored by a large group of London organizations including The University of Western Ontario's Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women and Children, part of the Faculty of Education.

Other sponsors include the Thames Valley District School Board, the London District Catholic School Board, London Police Service, the Middlesex-London Health Unit, Women's Community House, Changing Ways, LUSO Community Services, St. Leonard's Community Services, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Peter Jaffe, a Professor in Western's Faculty of Education and the Academic Director of the Centre for Research on Violence Against Women & Children, and London Police Chief Murray Faulkner will also be speaking.

Katz has lectured on hundreds of college and high school campuses and has conducted hundreds of professional trainings, seminars, and workshops in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and Japan. He is the co-founder of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, the leading gender violence prevention initiative in professional and college athletics.

He is the director of the first worldwide domestic and sexual violence prevention program in the United States Marine Corps. and is also the creator and co-creator of educational videos for college and high school students, including Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity (2000), Wrestling With Manhood (2002) and Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies and Alcohol (2004). His book, The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help, was published by Sourcebooks in 2006.