

WAVE encourages an open mind for students

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The Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education Program presented a booth Tuesday afternoon on the first floor of Corbett Center to inform students on tolerance.

WAVE, which is known for educating students on important issues such as alcohol and drug abuse, set up its booth in order to help students accept people from all walks of life, and understand that tolerance is an everyday issue.

A spinner was featured at the booth for students to win prizes while getting educated about tolerance issues. The booth also had pamphlets on a few of the different kinds of violence, which included hate crimes and interpersonal violence, just to name a few.

WAVE also passed out flyers on how to fight hate on campus, which included some suggestions such as rise up, pull together, speak out, and support the victims.

John Rivers, Assistant Coordinator of WAVE, said they were there to address tolerance, to promote a safe environment, and hoped to provide information to encourage learning and incorporating tolerance in their daily life.

"We do reduce hate crime through these actions," said Rivers.

Rivers also said that students only become aware of hate crimes that are big tragedies, like murder or a suicide, and that we need to address them.

"It happens to people every day," said Rivers.

The WAVE program usually works on activities with other departments like the Gender Diversity Resource Center to help educate students on various subjects.

For more information on the WAVE program and how to reduce hate on campus visit their website at <http://www.nmsu.edu/~wave/>.