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From Plan to Practice

A new guide for college parents, the Aegis app is here, a first look at OPTIC, and news from campus.

Welcome to the October issue of ***Beyond Awareness***. In July, we introduced PASS Worldwide as a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit. This issue shows that mission at work: in the hands of parents, on college campuses, and in new technology designed to support safer, more informed choices.

What if one twenty-minute conversation changed your student's first semester?

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SONIA OTT

A Letter From Sonia Ott, Executive Director, PASS Worldwide

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Partners,

When we launched Beyond Awareness in July, we introduced PASS Worldwide as our new 501(c)(3) nonprofit and promised to share the journey with you. In the months since, a great deal has moved from plan to practice.

"I came home convinced that we belong in rooms like that one."

Alexander Ott has published a new guide to help parents begin one of the most important conversations of the college year. The Aegis app we told you was on its way is now here, and Aegis has begun developing OPTIC, a new patented technology. Student ambassadors continue to carry our message onto campus, and new university conversations now stretch from California to New York.

Each of these steps reflects the idea that has guided us from the beginning: safety, consent, and respect should be defaults, not exceptions.

I also want to tell you about a day that has stayed with me. On September 25, I went to the Livelong Seminar in New York City, a gathering of about 2,000 people focused on living well and living long. I went because I believe a healthy, positive relationship with intimacy is part of a long and happy life, and I wanted to hear how others think about it.

The panels were fascinating, but the real conversations happened in the hallways, over coffee and at lunch. Almost every time I explained that PASS Worldwide is about education and a positive, respectful approach to sex, the person I was talking with wanted to share a story of their own. I heard from so many people still carrying hurt from past experiences. One mother told me about her son, who has struggled ever since he was drugged and assaulted. I think of her often.

When I mentioned our for-profit company, Aegis, people lit up. Many asked how they could get the app for themselves and for the people they love.

I came home convinced that we belong in rooms like that one. I would love to see PASS Worldwide at future longevity events, and even more, to see a conversation about sexual well-being on the program itself.

Thank you for being part of this work. I look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead.

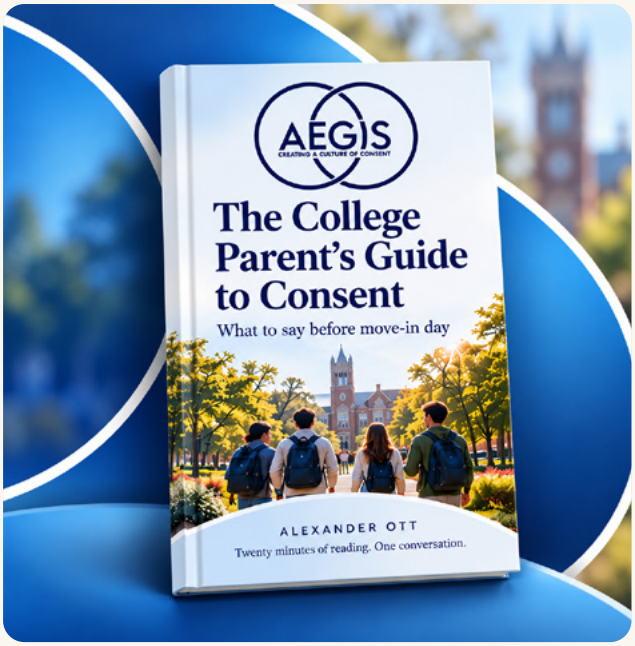
With gratitude,



Sonia Ott
Executive Director, PASS Worldwide

FEATURED RESOURCE

New from Alexander Ott: The College Parent's Guide to *Consent*



"The standard is a clear yes, not a missing no."

The College Parent's Guide to Consent

Five Subjects, One Conversation



Consent · Alcohol · Leaving · Response · Bystander Action

About the Guide

Alexander Ott has written a new guide for parents of college-bound students. ***The College Parent's Guide to Consent*** is built around a simple framework: twenty minutes of reading that prepares a parent for one meaningful conversation with their student before move-in day.

In plain language, the guide covers five subjects: consent, alcohol, leaving a situation, how to respond if something goes wrong, and bystander action. It explains consent through four pillars (freely given, specific, informed, and current), offers scripts parents can use word for word or in their own voice, and closes with a Ten-Minute Setup worksheet to complete with a student before drop-off.

Published by Aegis and written by PASS Worldwide co-founder Alexander Ott, the guide reflects a core part of the PASS Worldwide mission: equipping the adults who set the tone in students' lives with practical, plain-language resources.

Read the Guide ›

Please feel free to share the guide with families who may find it useful.



Alexander Ott
Co-founder and Chief Commercial Officer, PASS Worldwide

FROM OUR SISTER COMPANY

Is Here



Now Live on the Apple App Store

In our July issue, we shared that the Aegis app was on its way. It is here: Aegis is live and available to download today on the Apple App Store.

Built by our sister company, Aegis Consent, the app brings relationship education, voice-verified partner check-ins, and personal safety features together in one place. Just as we described in July, Aegis puts education first: users learn about healthy relationships and communication before they access the app's features. It is the technology pillar of the PASS Worldwide mission, now in people's hands.

Get the App ›

Download on the App Store

aegisconsentapp.com

Aegis is available for $2.99 per month.

EDUCATION FIRST

Aegis is built so users learn about healthy relationships and communication before they use the app's features. It's the PASS Worldwide mission, in your pocket.

MADE FOR COLLEGE LIFE

Aegis supports safer, more informed choices for students, and gives parents a natural way to start the conversation before move-in day.



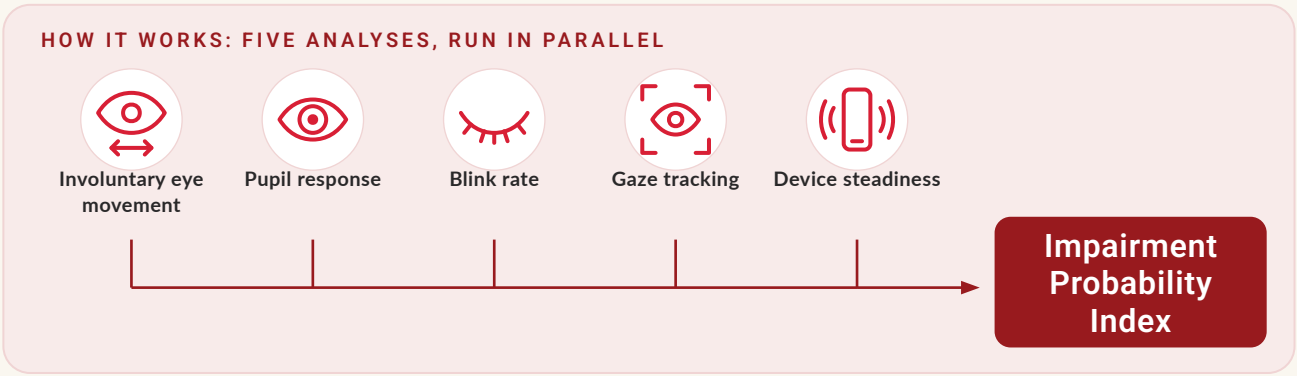
INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT

Introducing *OPTIC*

Ocular Pattern Technology for Impairment Classification

Aegis has begun developing a new technology within the Aegis app: OPTIC.

Alcohol is one of the five subjects in Alexander Ott's new guide for a reason: it is often part of the situations where consent becomes unclear. OPTIC is being designed to help. Using only a phone's front-facing camera, it runs five independent analyses at the same time: involuntary eye movement (nystagmus), pupil response, blink rate, gaze tracking, and how steadily the device is held. It then combines the results into a single score, the Impairment Probability Index.



OPTIC's technology is now patented, providing an added level of confidence in the innovation behind the platform. Aegis continues to strengthen its intellectual property portfolio with additional patents covering its technology.

Aegis has set demanding performance targets for OPTIC:

≥92%	≥88%	≥0.95
TARGET SENSITIVITY	TARGET SPECIFICITY	TARGET AUC

Development targets, not validated results. OPTIC is in development and is not FDA authorized.

Sensitivity measures how reliably a test detects impairment when it is present. Specificity measures how reliably it confirms there is no impairment when there is none. AUC summarizes overall accuracy on a scale where 1.0 is perfect.

Because OPTIC is designed to support health and safety decisions, Aegis is developing it as Software as a Medical Device and plans to seek U.S. FDA marketing authorization through the De Novo pathway. OPTIC is in development; it is not yet FDA authorized or available in the app.



For PASS Worldwide, OPTIC reflects a principle at the heart of our work: evidence before programs, and technology held to a measurable standard.

Learn more at aegisconsentapp.com

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Ambassador Program *Keeps Growing*

In our July issue, we introduced the Aegis Ambassador Program, which puts student leaders at the center of consent education on campus. Since then, the program has continued to grow, with student representatives now active on **six college and university campuses**.

Ambassadors create organic video for their own social channels: street interviews, quick Q&As, and honest conversations about what consent looks like on a real campus. Wearing Aegis-branded hoodies and backed by talking points and Q&A support, they introduce Aegis to their own networks, in the places students already spend their time.

The program is taking root at UCLA and UC Davis. Read more in **Around Campus** on the next page.



+ **Know a student leader who wants to make a difference?** We are welcoming new ambassadors. Reply to this email to make an introduction.

AROUND CAMPUS

Around Campus: *Outreach & Partnerships*

Aegis is showing up where students already are. Our ambassadors are now active on six campuses: UCLA, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly, UC Berkeley and Clemson University.

Ambassador campuses
UCLA, UC Davis, UCSB, Cal Poly, UC Berkeley, Clemson

Athletics outreach
Women's sports at Pepperdine

UCLA

Aegis connected with UCLA Family Planning during September's Health Awareness Month. Our Aegis Club is now working with SOLE (Student Organizations, Leadership & Engagement) and our ambassadors on a Bagel Day event with Pop Bagels, which will offer students 50% off. On October 26, the team presents to a UCLA fraternity.

UC DAVIS

Alex Ott presented Aegis to the 35 members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity, and several asked where they could download the app. Our ambassadors' street interviews with students and parents captured candid conversations about consent, and both were filmed to share soon. We're also arranging meetings with the Interfraternity Councils at UCLA and UC Davis.

PEPPERDINE

Outreach is underway with women's sports coaches through the water polo program, and PASS Worldwide research, including The Climate of Consent, is being shared with the Dean of Students office.

CORNELL

After a productive meeting in which Cornell encouraged Aegis to expand to the East Coast, the team has proposed a live app demo and an ambassador meeting.

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Work is underway on an educational program curriculum, with an outline in development toward RiskWorld 2027.



GET INVOLVED

Do you know a Cornell graduate?

We are looking for Cornell alumni willing to lend their support as this work grows. Reply to this email and we will be in touch.



Save the Date

Advisory Board Call
Thursday, October 29 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EDT

Join us for an update on the e-book rollout, Aegis growth, and the Ambassador program.

3:00 to 4:30 PM Eastern

Be on the lookout for the calendar invite.

We look forward to speaking with you once again.

MISSION

Whether you are an educator, parent, healthcare professional, researcher, student advocate, donor, or community supporter, you can help this work grow. Share this issue, introduce us to a campus or partner, or simply reply to let us know how you would like to be involved.

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Beyond Awareness
Toward Action

SAFETY, CONSENT, RESPECT

Not just ideals. The foundation of a better future.

If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at

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