March 2017 LGBTQA At-A-Glance

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Gender-Inclusive Restrooms at Gallaudet
During the first half of the spring 2017 semester, there were three reports of four missing or removed signs from gender-inclusive restrooms on campus. In response to these occurrences, statements were issued by Gallaudet University President Roberta "Bobbi" Cordano and Vice President for Administration and Finance, Paul Kelly, as well as LGBTQA Resource Center Coordinator, Dr. Cara Miller.

A community response meeting was hosted by the LGBTQA Resource Center on March 2nd. The subject was further addressed during the March 7th student forum with President Cordano, hosted by the Student Body Government and Graduate Student Association.

The March 10th and March 4th statements, respectively, from President Cordano and Vice President Paul Kelly, as well as the accompanying vlogs, may be accessed through Gallaudet University email. The March 1st statement by the LGBTQA Resource Center may be viewed here, with the ASL version above as signed by Dr. Miller and University Communications staff member Alex Leffers.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS)'s investigation into the person(s) responsible for the missing or removed signage is ongoing. Any individuals with further information that may aid in the investigation detailed above are asked to report directly to DPS.

Members of the campus community with questions, concerns, or responses may contact Dr. Cara Miller, LGBTQA Resource Center Coordinator. Support for students is available from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Additional support for students, as well as employees, is available in the Office of Diversity and Equity for Students (ODES) and the Office of the Ombuds. Title IX-related inquiries may be directed to Sharrell McCaskill, Title IX Coordinator.

The LGBTQA Resource Center and Office of Diversity and Equity for Students (ODES) extends its deepest gratitude to Alex Leffers, as well as to Kristin Mulrooney, Debi Duren, and Lisa Sentelle in the Center for Bilingual Teaching and Learning for their assistance with translation, filming, editing, and video production.

Presentation: LGBT Family Issues In The Trump Era

Join the LGBTQA Resource Center on Thursday, March 23rd from 12:30-1:50 pm in the JSAC MPR for a presentation on "LGBT Family Issues in the Trump Era."

We will explore how current law may be affected in the Trump
Presentation: Working with LGBTQ Youth

Join the LGBTQ Resource Center and students enrolled in SW495.02 - Intro to LGBTQ Studies - for a community education program by SMYAL on Friday, March 24th from 9:00am-12:00pm at the LLRH6 Terrace.

As facilitated by staff members of SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders), this program is for seasoned and emerging professionals whose work includes interacting with and supporting LGBTQ youth. Attendees will gain skills, tools, and knowledge necessary to make interactions more LGBTQ-affirming.

This program has been approved for 3 hours of Social Work CEUs; contact Dr. David Barclay for more information.

This program will be in spoken English with ASL interpretation. For other interpreting accommodations, please contact Vanessa Slade no later than March 16th.

Presentation: Latino GLBT History Project

Join the Office of Diversity and Equity for Students (ODES) and members of SW495.02 - Intro to LGBTQ Studies - for a presentation by José Gutierrez, founder of the Latino GLBT History Project, on Tuesday, March 28th from 12:30pm-2:00pm at the LLRH6 Terrace.

The mission of the Latino GLBT History Project (LHP) is to investigate, collect, preserve and educate about the history, culture, heritage, arts, social and rich contributions of the Latino/Hispanic GLBT communities in metropolitan...
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Organization (LLEGÓ), will have historic pictures, banners, buttons and memorabilia on display.

This program has been approved for 1.5 hours of Social Work CEUs; contact Dr. David Barclay for more information. Interpreting accommodations, please contact Vanessa Slade no later than March 16th.

Lavender Graduation 2017 Registration

Online registration is now open for LGBTQA students in the graduating class of 2017 who want to participate in the 6th annual Gallaudet University Lavender Graduation. Held this year on Wednesday, May 10th, Lavender Graduation is an annual cultural graduation celebration for undergraduate and graduate Gallaudet students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual, or active allies to the LGBTQA community.

Lavender Graduation acknowledges LGBTQIA+ students' achievements and honors their contributions to the campus community. During the ceremony, Lavender Graduates will be presented with purple stoles and tassels to wear with their graduation regalia during Commencement on Friday, May 13th.

Advocates named by the students will be thanked with certificates of recognition, and the LGBTQA Resource Center Annual Awards will be presented to recognize and honor students, staff, and faculty members who have made significant contributions in support of the LGBTQIA+ community on campus. Following the ceremony, there will be a light dessert reception by invitation only.

The LGBTQA Resource Center is delighted to announce that Dr. Barbara M. Kannapell, GU ‘61, will be the Keynote presenter for this year’s Lavender Graduation. Dr. Kannapell is a nationally and internationally known scholar and lecturer on bilingualism of American Sign Language and English and the culture of Deaf Americans. She previously worked at Gallaudet as a researcher, linguistics specialist, and staff fellow. We are delighted to be welcoming her as our featured presenter for the 2018 Lavender Graduation!

If you have questions, please contact the Lavender Graduation Committee.
LGBTQA students, staff, faculty, and friends gather each month to chat and catch up over lunch. Members of the campus community identifying as LGBTQA are invited to the March LGBTQA Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, March 20th from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Office of Diversity and Equity for Students (ODES) Hangout Lounge in HMB S 141! Want to meet new people and reconnect with friends? Got a question for the LGBTQA Resource Center Coordinator? Have an idea for a program or project? Bring your lunch & join us!

On Monday, March 27th, graduate students MJ Jones and Nayo Lim-Franck will lead an informal gathering for queer and transgender people of color at Gallaudet. This gathering will meet from 5:30-7:00 pm at JSAC 1010. The event leaders ask that white LGBTQA and cisgender, heterosexual allies of color please respect the intentions of the space. This event will use ASL; to request interpreters, please contact Vanessa Slade no later than March 16th. For questions or to RSVP, email lgbtqa@gallaudet.edu.

**ColorFEST 2017 Updates**

**March Queer & Trans People of Color Gathering**

Online registration is now open for the 10th annual ColorFEST conference, held at Gallaudet University from **April 14-16, 2017**!

View the [ColorFEST website](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=2ebd80b68d96f85c5eeb51f34&id=acbf0382c7) for the schedule of events and workshops, featuring topics from Deaf LGBTQA identity to intersectionality, disability, and more.

Mark your calendars for the LGBTQA+ and Signing Community Expo on Friday, April 14th and ColorFEST Fantasia the same evening!

After you've registered, follow the [Facebook page](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=2ebd80b68d96f85c5eeb51f34&id=acbf0382c7) and RSVP at the [event page](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=2ebd80b68d96f85c5eeb51f34&id=acbf0382c7) for more updates.

For more info, contact Committee Co-Chairs Marissa Rivera and Emma Balderas at ColorFEST@gallaudet.edu.

The Student Body Government (SBG) recently unveiled its [#TransIsBeautiful](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=2ebd80b68d96f85c5eeb51f34&id=acbf0382c7) campaign, led by SBG's Director of Social Justice, Asteria Summers, in the wake of the recent surge of hate crimes targeting the transgender community. This project was designed to highlight the beauty and diversity of Gallaudet's own transgender students. Models depicted below include - top center - Asteria Summers (pronouns: she/her/Miss); bottom left - Nicki Koniak (pronouns: he/his/him); and bottom right - Silas Beasley (pronouns they/them/their).
#TransIsBeautiful Campaign

Just days after D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser recognized a 100% increase in hate crimes against transgender people, an incident of vandalism and assault was reported at Casa Ruby LGBT Community Center. These actions against our friends and neighbors at Casa Ruby are deeply alarming; we send our support and solidarity. Members of the Gallaudet community who would like to offer their assistance may visit the Casa Ruby website.

Support for Casa Ruby

Planning Meeting: 2018 Creating Change Conference

The next Creating Change Conference will be in Washington, D.C. from January 24-28, 2018. During this national organizing and training
Conference, LGBTQA organizers and activists gather, teach each other, and build a stronger movement. The National LGBTQ Task Force is seeking volunteers to help plan, organize and lead the conference! A kick-off planning meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th has been rescheduled to April 4, 2017. For more information, contact creatingchange@thetaskforce.org.

In April 2017, we'll observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month campus-wide, and the Office of Diversity and Equity for Students will observe Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Additionally, the LGBTQ Resource Center commemorates Pride Month each year in April. Typically observed in June throughout the United States, many colleges and universities celebrate LGBTQ pride and visibility in April, the last full month of the semester before students begin leaving for the summer.

To commemorate Pride Month, we're collating and sharing a campus-wide calendar of LGBTQ events! Members of the Gallaudet community can contact the LGBTQ Resource Center or use our Facebook event page to announce and advertise campus activities, programs, or events that relate to the themes of LGBTQ identity, pride, self-care, healthy relationships, and/or community strength and growth.

Pride Month 2017

Scholarship & Internship Opportunities

Summer 2017 Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Internships: in Washington, DC, there are 30 unique program areas from which applicants can choose - a position for nearly every interest and career field. HRC also have internships available in our Project One America (POA) offices in Birmingham, AL, Little Rock, AR and Jackson, MS. For more information, visit the HRC Internship page or contact Olivia Angeli, Youth and Campus Engagement Intern.

Also, Campus Pride maintains a great database of LGBTQ student scholarships. Check it out!

Office of Diversity and Equity for Students

The mission of the Office of Diversity and Equity for Students is to empower students of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve academic, career, and personal success. Learn more about ODES units Keeping the Promise: Equitable Outcomes for Students, and Multicultural Student Programs.