



University of Louisville
LGBT Center
2022-2023



our mission.

The University of Louisville LGBT Center is committed to dismantling cisheteropatriarchy and other systems of oppression. We strive to affirm LGBTQ+ students, staff and faculty through an anti-racist lens, rooted in social justice and intersectionality.

Advocate & Support | Education

Outreach | Consultation

The **2022-2023** academic year saw an evolution in our student engagement and campus involvement.

Major Department Highlights

1. Announced top 40 in 2022 Best of the Best Colleges & Universities for LGBTQ+ students by Campus Pride Index.
2. Hosted 26 LGBT specific trainings for students, staff, and faculty.
3. More than 1800 students, staff, and faculty participated in LGBT Center programming this year
4. SAGA hosted U of L's first Queer Prom with 50 attendees
5. 108 students got tested for HIV through a collaboration with the University of Kentucky and Health promotion
6. This year the LGBT Center partnered with 22 different campus partners

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Major Highlights

1. Pride Kick Off Celebration

Every year the LGBT Center host a kick-off celebration at the beginning of Pride Month. This year the over 300 staff, students, and faculty members participated and over 30 departments, student groups, and resource centers tabled to celebrate Pride!

2. Have Pride Training Series

This year during Pride Month the LGBT Center hosted it's inaugural Have Pride training series. Staff, students and Faculty were able to receive trainings that focused on Pronouns, Safezone Ally Training, and Coming Out.

3. Louisville Youth Group Service Project

The Bayard Rustin LLC and The Muhammad Ali Scholars partnered to collect clothing during the month of October to donate to Louisville Youth Group. In addition to visiting Louisville Youth Group and performing community service.

4. In efforts to increase our visibility the LGBT Center partnered with: Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous Initiatives, Health Promotion, Black Male Initiative, Women's Center, PEACC, Muhammad Ali institute.

PINK is U of L's student-produced drag show! In addition to providing great entertainment, PINK is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community to celebrate the rich culture and diversity of U of L's LGBTQ+ and allied community.

This year Pink had over 200 attendees and 20 students perform and volunteer. With the ability to perform drag freely at risk this year's PINK was more important than ever to our students and community. PINK was also hosted on Trans Day of Visibility. During the event the LGBT Center held space for to recognize the trans community.



Education is a key competent of LGBT Center. Over the past year we have partnered with Employee Success to train staff and faculty, Athletics to train student athletes, Fraternity and Sorority Life to train Greek Life, and more.

Safezone

This is our introductory training. This training is designed to support allyship and build community across the campus of U of L.

Coming Out

This training provides a deeper understanding of the "Coming Out" experience and how to be supportive.

Not All Boys Bleed Blue

Through this interactive training participants will explore the meaning of "manhood" and work to create their own definition.

Pronouns

Through this training participants will get a better understanding of the importance of pronouns and begin to explore their personal relationship with pronouns

You've Got The Wrong Man: Exposing The Real Culprit of HIV in the Black Community

This training looks at the intersection of race, sexual orientation, media, and health disparities

LGBT Suicide Prevention Training
This training works with Pride & Joy Foundation to provide a suicide specific training

The LGBT Center strives to provide programming that helps create a sense of belonging, highlight intersectionality, and celebrate the LGBT community.



Pronoun Day

The LGBT Center collaborated with the Women's Center to host the inaugural Pronoun Day. The campus was able to engage in a Pronoun Training, games, and the release of the U of L Pronoun Video.

Not All Boys Bleed Blue

In collaboration with Black Male Initiative the LGBT Center hosted a workshop with Black males on campus to explore masculinity and gender identity.

Hidden Figures

Radical celebration was the purpose of this event. The LGBT Center and NPHC collaborated to celebrate NPHC members from history that were a part of the LGBTQ+ community but their sexual orientation was erased from their identities.

U of L Trans Visibility Month

In solidarity with our trans community the LGBT Center hosted it's 1st ever U of L Trans Visibility Month. This month was filled with events that highlighted the trans experience.

No TERFs on our Turf!

A panel discussion that discussed the detrimental impacts of Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminist (TERF) rhetoric on the trans community, how to spot TERF ideology, and how to better support trans people in your community.



"The Safe Zone training really challenges one to think about how to have effective, supportive conversations with students who may be needing assistance."

- Training Participant

26
Trainings

703
Attendees



The LGBT Center is dedicated to creating events that highlight and support positive healthy lifestyles in the LGBT Community.



Events
Get PrEP'd, Black HIV Awareness Day, Anal Health, Dating App, LGBT Suicide Prevention

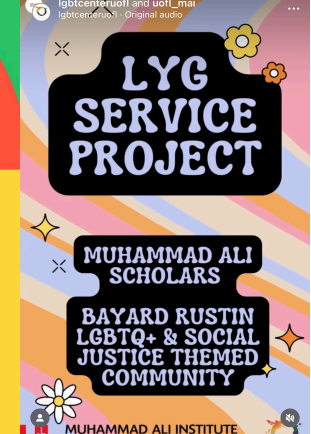
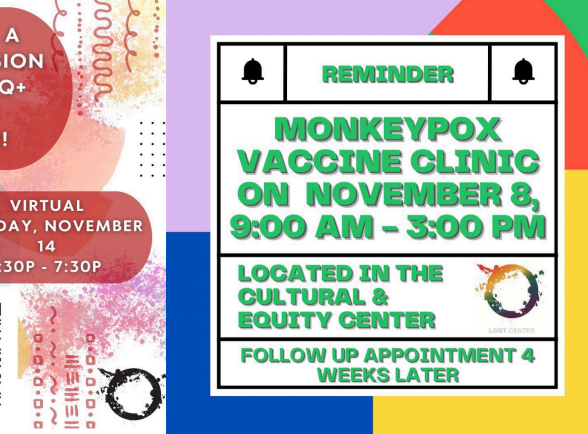


1 ON 1 COACHING RETENTION PROGRAM

The LGBT Center Retention Program provides supplemental support for under-represented students at the University of Louisville. This service is a component of our retention initiatives for our Rustin LLC students. However, all students can sign- up to participate.

You Don't Have To Come Out To Come In

This year over 200 students participated in You Don't Have To Come Out To Come In. During this event the LGBT Center and LGBTQ+ student groups welcome ALL students to join us for our Welcome Week Event! Learn about all the ways that you can get involved, meet the staff and student leaders, and get to know other LGBTQ+ students and campus allies.



Lavender Graduation

This year we presented rainbow cords to 54 students. Lavender Graduation is an annual graduation ceremony conducted at universities to honor LGBTQ+ students. The event honors the unique challenges that LGBTQ+ students overcome while working towards their degrees, and well as their contributions and achievements. At UofL, Lavender Graduation is hosted by the LGBT Center and in the Spring. During the event, each graduate is presented with rainbow cords that can be worn at commencement.

Bayard Rustin LGBT and Social Justice Themed Living Community

There was a total of 30 students who resided in the Bayard Rustin LGBT and Social Justice Themed Living Community. The Rustin LLC also offered students the opportunity to live and study with other LGBTQ+ student, learn about social justice and activism, 1 on 1 coaching, and monthly community nights.



SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance)

SAGA works to empower and support people all across the spectrum.

We are a student-run organization that focuses on LGBT+ rights, advocacy, and equity. We are UofL's general LGBTQ+ student group. We welcome all - LGBTQ+ and allies - to join.

Meetings are a safe space to discuss, socialize, and form connections. SAGA is also involved in hosting larger campus events to spread awareness of LGBTQ+ topics to the UofL community and beyond.

Cardinal Drag Haus

The Cardinal Drag Haus is a student organization dedicated to allowing students to explore the art of drag in a safe space for creativity and unique perspectives.

Our goal is to introduce students into the world of drag, allow local drag artists to express themselves in and out of the organization, get students involved in the community to support all forms of drag across the Louisville area, and celebrate the freedom of art.

Shades

Dedicated to empowering LGBTQ+ students of color, Shades includes both support for those who want to connect with helping others and public advocacy for our members who want to work on all forms of racism and homophobia on campus.

Speed Spectrum

Speed Spectrum works to promote awareness of LGBTQ+ identities and challenges, as well as provide a safe space in Speed School for students, staff, and faculty. We aim to build a strong community, founded on understanding and acceptance. Though the group does focus on the needs of engineering students, it is open to students with all majors and degree programs.

Fellowship of Christian Queers

The Fellowship of Christian Queers strives to meet the needs of queer Christians at the University of Louisville by creating a safe, affirming, welcoming space for worship, fellowship, and service. Our goals include...

- Worshipping God in a way that honors our experiences as queer people.
- Combating homophobia and Christian Nationalism in our wider faith community.
- Challenging the narrative surrounding Christianity within the queer community.
- Providing safe places for queer students to worship in the Interfaith Center.
- Discussing queer theology and biblical scholarship.
- Putting our faith into action in service of Louisville's queer community.

