

STUDENT INFORMATION  
GUIDE  
2021-2022

# OUR HERSTORY

Here are a few highlights of the Women's Center herstory over the years.

[Check out our full herstory.](#)

- 1992** ▶ March 21, 1991 - The Women's Center opened its doors in Gardiner Hall with Judi Jennings serving as the Director.
- 1999** ▶ The Women's Center received a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Justice for Prevention, Education and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community (PEACC). They would leave to become their own department in 2004.
  - ▶ 1st Annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon (previously known as the Elizabeth Cady Stanton luncheon) held.
  - ▶ Mary Karen Powers becomes the Director for the Women's Center.
  - ▶ The Center moved from Gardiner Hall to the Administrative Annex.
- 2003** ▶ The Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau and Dr. M. Celeste Nichols awards were created.
- 2008** ▶ Women 4 Women Student Board founded.
- 2009** ▶ 1st Human Trafficking Awareness Conference held.
- 2010** ▶ Valerie Casey becomes interim Director for the Women's Center which becomes official in 2014.
  - ▶ Women 4 Women Student Board wins Outstanding New Student Organization of the Year Award.
- 2011** ▶ Student-Parent Association founded.
  - ▶ Women 4 Women Student Board wins Student Organization of the Year Award.
- 2012** ▶ 1st Kentucky College Women's Leadership Conference held.
- 2013** ▶ 1st Women's Center goal trip to Peru.
  - ▶ Women Student Veterans Support Group founded.
- 2015** ▶ The American Association of University Women at UofL founded.
- 2016** ▶ The Tampon Task Force is founded. In 2018, their initiative will lead to 26 dispensers of free menstrual products on all campuses. There are now 46.
- 2018** ▶ The United Nations Association - Women at UofL is founded.
- 2019** ▶ The Women's Center in collaboration with the Commission on the Status of Women gets a lactation policy on campus passed.
  - ▶ The United Nations Association - Women at UofL wins Outstanding New Student Organization of the Year Award.
  - ▶ The American Association of University Women (AAUW) at UofL's President Finn DePriest won the Social Justice and Inclusion Award for their work on the Tampon Task Force
  - ▶ United Nations Association (UNA) - Women at UofL & the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at UofL won the United Nations Association - Kentucky Division Genny Scheldorf Outstanding Community Service Award
  - ▶ Rep. Attica Scott sponsored the American Association of University Women at UofL bill,, KY House Bill 85, where KY Colleges would be required to provide free menstrual hygiene products on campus that receive governmental funding. Members lobbied for their bill during a press conference held at the State Capitol.

# WELCOME

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**GET INVOLVED.  
BUILD YOUR SKILLS.  
BE A LEADER.**

We welcome you to the Women's Center family! Whether you attend a Women's Center program, join our student organizations or just hang out in our space, we want you to feel at home and consider us family during your academic career here at the University of Louisville.

We are here as a resource to you and a support system.



# [ LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR ]

Greetings from the University of Louisville Women's Center,

Thank you for your interest in learning about our programs and offerings at the Women's Center. We have a long history of empowering women through our work on policy, our networks, mentoring programs, and our student organizations.

We embrace diversity and are proud to be a member of the Diversity and Equity Offices under the Office of the President. Our student lounge is a safe and inclusive place on campus for all students. This brochure provides a snapshot of the wonderful programs and activities of the Women's Center. Visit our website and feel free to contact our office with questions.

Warm regards,



*Valerie M. Casey*

Valerie M. Casey, Director

University of Louisville

# WOMEN'S CENTER

Established in 1991, the Women's Center serves as a resource on women's issues and works to promote an atmosphere of diversity for students, faculty, staff and the community.

The Women's Center assists the University in achieving its goals by implementing programs that enhance, support, and empower women on campus.

The Center and its programs and services are open to all students without regard to gender. While participating in Women's Center programs might not feel right for everyone, all are certainly welcome.

## Mission

The mission of the Women's Center is to offer support and resources to empower women with the goal of promoting an inclusive and equitable campus community and to develop engaged and compassionate leaders.

## Motto

Leading Change

## Vision

Our vision is that the Women's Center will be a safe and inclusive place of connectedness, empowerment and support for our growing multidimensional society.

## Goals

The Women's Center carries out our mission through these goals:

- Support the vision of the Office of Diversity and Equity particularly as it relates to the multidimensional realities of women's lives.
- Educate university policy makers, students, faculty, staff and community members regarding issues that affect women.
- Assist the University in achieving its retention and graduation goals by implementing programs that enhance, support and empower women on campus.
- Facilitate student development that affirms students' identities through leadership, mentoring and personal and professional development opportunities.
- Provide a global perspective to students.



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[YouTube: University of Louisville Women's Center](https://www.youtube.com/UniversityofLouisvilleWomen'sCenter)

# LOCATION & HOURS

## Belknap Campus

Come in. Relax. Study. Meet new people. Attend an event. Say "hi" to the staff. We want our space to be your space, so please make yourself at home!

Address: **\*NEW\*** Cultural & Equity Center (in the residence hall adjacent to Miller Hall, next to the Red Barn)

- ▶ The Women's Center is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.\* Monday through Friday. We are open all year, and visitors are always welcome! \*Hours can vary. Appointments are recommended.
- ▶ We share our space with Diversity Education and Inclusive Excellence, Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, the LGBT Center and the Cultural Center.
- ▶ The Women's Center is committed to being accessible to all who frequent our space, participate in our programs, and attend our events. Our physical location is accessible via ramp to Strickler Hall and elevator inside the building for anyone who utilizes assisted mobility. If you require specific accommodations to fully access any of our programs or events, please contact us.
- ▶ We are child friendly! Supervised children and babies are welcome in our space. We can provide a private space for changing and breastfeeding. We also have toys and coloring pages for visiting children.



**WE MOVED!!** The Women's Center along with other Diversity units including: Diversity Education and Inclusive Excellence, Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice the LGBT Center., and the Cultural Center will call home in the new Diversity & Equity Center.

## Amenities

- ▶ Student Lounge
- ▶ Conference Rooms
- ▶ Multipurpose Rooms
- ▶ Training Room
- ▶ Resource Library
- ▶ Student Work Area
- ▶ Student Activity Space
- ▶ Kitchen Space
- ▶ Barrier Free Restrooms
- ▶ Lactation & Wellness Room

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## Student Staff

The Women's Center strives to find meaningful experiences for students to be involved with us. Each semester, we have a variety of Work Study, internship and volunteer opportunities. There are four broad ways for students to get involved: Volunteer, Work at the Women's Center, Internships, and join a student group. All are welcome to become a part of our community and learn more!

### Join our Staff!

We have several work study positions available at the Women's Center. We offer positions assisting in coordinating programming and positions assisting with administrative management.

- ▶ Federal Work-Study
- ▶ Student-Events Coordinator (Graduate Student)

### Volunteer

We offer many ways for volunteers to get involved at the Women's Center. We encourage creative participation and ideas. Volunteers at the Women's Center in the past have been involved with event planning committees, planning and implementing special projects about women's issues, creating brochures and posters for various events, tabling and posting flyers around campus, and other administrative tasks.

### Internships

We have internships available at the Women's Center and in the community! Internships for undergraduate and graduate students in other departments have been developed in the past in collaboration with a variety of University departments to meet the needs of individual students. Contact your academic department to find out about its internship requirements and then contact us. We'll do whatever we can to put something together! If you're interested in interning, send us an email at [womenctr@louisville.edu](mailto:womenctr@louisville.edu). Several Women Center partners in the community also are offering internships for students.

# Staff Highlights

- ▶ Ex-Officio, Commission on the Status of Women & Recruitment
- ▶ Ex-Officio, Commission on Diversity & Racial Equality & Staff Concerns Committee
- ▶ Founder, University of Louisville Women's Network
- ▶ Founder, University of Louisville Women's Alumni Council
- ▶ Staff Senate Representative
- ▶ Institutional Effectiveness Advisory Committee
- ▶ ACE Women's Network, Board Member
- ▶ American Association of University Women (AAUW), University Representatives
- ▶ American Association of University Women - Louisville Branch, Board Member
- ▶ Women 4 Women, Associate Board Member
- ▶ Women Influencing Louisville, Member
- ▶ Louisville Metro Human Trafficking Task Force, Member
- ▶ Take Back the Night, Committee Member

**"All in all, my experience was a positive one. I look forward to my work and involvement next semester, and I encourage others to seek and learn about programs offered by the Women's Center."**

**"I'm very honored and excited to be a part of the Women's Center Team! I'm looking forward to a year full of fun learning, helping each other, growing and fighting for peace and justice."**



# OUR PROGRAMS

The Women's Center hosts several programs and events throughout the year for faculty/staff, students, and the community.

While women are the primary focus of the Center's work, programs also exist for male and gender non-conforming students. Everyone is welcome at the Center and encouraged to check out the upcoming events.

## Empowerment

Know who you are. Know what you stand for. Lead. We are here to support YOU in finding that fire within to establish the next generation of empowered leaders and changemakers who will transform our world.

## Education & Outreach

We offer dialogues, discussions, and conferences to address relevant women issues including sexism, intersectionalities of feminism, gender identity, and oppression. Not only will students be enhancing and learning new concepts, but they will be able to learn skills that are needed in order to truly be successful in the real world.

## Building Community

We build our community by providing a space for students to connect and build relationships across all identities and experiences, providing opportunities to build knowledge and skills, and supporting students in creating counter-narratives.

## Activism

Women have always risen. Women are rising today. Women will always rise. Step forward as a change agent and use your voices to make a difference. We support students with resources, training and other opportunities to explore activism, build skills and lead social change on campus and beyond.

## Civic Engagement

We encourage our students to connect the classroom experiences to real world problems. Thinking about the community around them, students will find ways to begin using their skills to help the community, consider alternative frameworks for judgment and action, and to draw meaning from experiences that push them to connecting with women of all cultures and learn about their history and role in society.

# Highlights

- ▶ We have had over 100 Kentucky Women authors at our Kentucky Women's Book Festival, now in its 15th year.
- ▶ The 2nd Annual Lead Kentucky: University of Louisville featured current KY Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman as its keynote speaker. Fun fact - Lead Kentucky is a statewide program created by her!
- ▶ The Human Trafficking Awareness Conference inspired the creation of the Kentucky Opera's production of *A Woman in Morocco*.
- ▶ Coline Jenkins, the great great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was the keynote speaker for the 2003 Women's Empowerment Luncheon (previously know as the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Luncheon).
- ▶ The Kentucky College Women's Leadership Conference has featured high-profile speakers including Tori Murden McClure, Valeisha Butterfield-Jones and Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend.
- ▶ Cards Against Street Harassment (previously Cards Against Catcalling) was featured in several local and national publications.
- ▶ Global trips to Peru, Spain and Morocco featured presentations from local Universities on the impact of human trafficking in their country. In Peru, students went to a facility where young girls were rescued from being trafficked.
- ▶ The Kentucky College Women's Leadership Conference was awarded a \$10,000 grant in 2014.
- ▶ The Human Trafficking Awareness Conference has had thousands of attendees over the years.
- ▶ Every year, more than 20 children of our student-parents receive gifts through our Angel Tree Initiative.
- ▶ The United Nations Assocation-Women's Anual Symposium has featured high-profile speakers including Donna Pollard and Jeanne Smoot, Senior Council for Public Policy and Strategy with Tahirih Justice Center.

# EMPOWERMENT



**Know who you are. Know what you stand for. Lead. We are here to support YOU in finding that fire within to establish the next generation of empowered leaders and changemakers who will transform our world.**

**“I feel a lot more empowered and motivated since I’ve been surrounded by these women while attending the College Women’s Leadership Conference.”**

**“The Kentucky Women’s Book Festival should not be missed this is a great conference for readers and writers and women!”**

**"Seeing award winners + cheering on their stories + accomplishments. Wonderful speakers!"**

## Women's Empowerment Luncheon

The Women's Center hosts an annual [Women's Empowerment Luncheon](#), now in its 18th year, features a guest speaker on various topics to empower our attendees. Previous topics have included: "The Strength of One Woman Can Impact Generations," "From Shells to Pearls: Identifying and Encouraging the Invisible Woman", and "Against All Odds".

Additionally, we recognized the winners of the Women's Empowerment Award, the Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Gender Equity Award, the Dr. M. Celeste Nichols Professional Development Award, and our several scholarship award recipients.

## Kentucky Women's Book Festival

The Women's Center hosts an annual [Kentucky Women's Book Festival](#), now in its 15th year, features authors from a wide variety of genres. Over 100 Kentucky Women authors have presented at this annual event.

## Kentucky College Women's Leadership Conference

The learning gained through the bi-annual [Kentucky College Women's Leadership Conference](#) is unlike learning from a classroom. This is not reading and answering questions in a class, this is taking elements that you may not have learned and enhancing them. Attendees learn from local and national leaders through keynote and workshop sessions, including networking, confidence building and overall learning skills that are needed in order to truly be successful in the workplace after graduation. This program is in collaboration with Women 4 Women Student Board.

## Lead KY: University of Louisville

Interested in leadership? Want to become the next President? Students attending [Lead KY: University of Louisville](#) will learn from Kentucky politicians and leaders, participate in breakout sessions including topics on careers in politics, running for office, activism, and being a leader overall. Speakers will provide concepts that students will think critically about and help to prepare our future leaders. Not only will students be enhancing and learning new concepts, but they will be able to learn skills that are needed to truly be successful in and out of the political world. This program is in collaboration with the American Association of University Women at UofL.

## Empowerment: Women in Space Science

Join us on a journey to explore the significant contributions women have made and are making to space exploration. Over the decades, women have made significant contributions to space science. Their work is acknowledged and celebrated in a series of events for [Empowerment: Women in Space Science](#) during Women's History Month. This program is in collaboration with the American Association of University Women at UofL and Gheens Science Hall & Rauch Planetarium,

## Grace Hopper Celebration of Women

Join the party and be empowered by the Keynote speakers of the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference at our annual [Grace Hopper Celebration of Women Watch Party](#). Program also include local STEM professional women and networking. This program is in collaboration with Humana and UofL's College of Business.

# EDUCATION & OUTREACH



We offer dialogues, discussions, and conferences to address relevant women issues including sexism, intersectionalities of feminism, gender identity, and oppression. Not only will students be enhancing and learning new concepts, but they will be able to learn skills that are needed in order to truly be successful in the real world.

**“The environment [Campus Talk] allowed me to share my story, and I am thankful for that.”**

**“We as women are a part of a global community - Together we stand.”**

**“I learned a lot about how women are portrayed and had great discussions.”**

## Human Trafficking Awareness Conference

We are raising awareness of human trafficking to educate students and the community about this complex issue and to encourage taking action to prevent it with expert speakers and workshops. This program is in collaboration with Women 4 Women Student Board.

Now in its 11th year, the annual [Human Trafficking Awareness Conference](#) topics have included: sexual exploitation & trafficking of youth, human trafficking of LGBTQ+ populations, labor trafficking and international trafficking.

## United Nations Association - Women Symposium

We are raising awareness of local, national and global issues related to women and gender to educate students and the community. This program is in collaboration with the United Nations Association - Women at UofL.

The annual [UNA-Women Symposium](#) topics have included: ending child marriage in KY, and global maternal health.

## Women's History Month

Every March, the University of Louisville Women's Center publishes a [Women's History Month](#) calendar of events, including events hosted by us and our student organizations.

## Women Refugee & Immigrant Monologues

Come hear the stories of women from our international community, sharing their journey to the United States and their experiences as a female refugee/immigrant. This program is in collaboration with the United Nations Association - Women at UofL.

## Women's Equality Day

[Women's Equality Day](#), celebrated on August 26th, is the anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. We celebrate annually with a virtual scavenger hunt, resource fair and fun festivities.

## Unpacking Feminism

[Unpacking Feminism](#) discusses topics addressing relevant women issues to all UofL students while providing a safe space to talk. Previous topics have included: rape culture in popular music, barrier to voting, menstrual stigma and the historical representation of women.

## Menstrual Hygiene Day

We are raising awareness to change negative social norms surrounding menstrual hygiene with interactive activities. Learn the truth. Period. We annual celebrate menstration with [Menstrual Hygiene Day](#). Activies include: Pin the part on the uterus, Period Trivia, Color Your Cramps, How Much Do You Period?, How much is your period costing you?, and Period Facts. This program is in collaboration with the American Association of University Women at UofL.

# BUILDING COMMUNITY



We build our community by providing a space for students to connect and build relationships across all identities and experiences, providing opportunities to build knowledge and skills, and supporting students in creating counter-narratives.

**"Love meeting other women in science."**

**" I am so grateful to have been a participant of the Angel Tree Initiative. It was a great help to my family in a time when I did not know how I could have provided a Christmas otherwise. I was stressed with school and work and it took a toll on me during the holidays, but I knew the Women's Center was a place I could go. "**

## Student Organizations

The Women's Center has 5 student organizations under the umbrella of the Women's Center: AAUW at UofL, Student-Parent Association, Women 4 Women Student Board, Women Student Veterans & UNA-Women at UofL. You can learn more about them in the Student Organizations section of this guide.

## Feminist Social Justice Leadership Living Learning Community

The [Feminist Social Justice Leadership LLC](#) is comprised of students who participate in structured learning experiences. Members of this residential community take one Cardinal Core class together in the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies and attend different workshops, lectures and activities hosted by WGST faculty and Women's Center staff throughout the year. Programming focuses on issues related to gender equity, social justice, feminism, and improving the status of women and LGBTQI+ individuals of all races, ethnicities, abilities and class backgrounds. The Feminist Social Justice Leadership community provides support in areas including academic engagement, mentor support, peer connection, and student involvement. In addition, the LLC assists students in developing relationships with faculty, staff, students and members of the local community who are involved in research, work and activism concerned with gender and sexual equity.

## International Women's Day

[International Women's Day](#) is an annual event that focuses on cultural diversity of the campus and the community, with the goal of helping students overcome social stigmas against women and marginalized cultures. Each year around the world, thousands of events are held worldwide to commemorate International Women's Day and mark the economic, political, and social achievements of women. We celebrate each year with cultural food and performances. This program is in collaboration with Women 4 Women Student Board.

## HSC Women's Lunch & Trivia

To empower postdoctoral students and to stop the leaky pipeline of potential faculty members, the monthly [Health Sciences Campus Women's Lunch & Trivia](#) gives women the opportunity to enjoy lunch & trivia through networking with fellow post-doc and graduate students, contributing to recruitment & retention.

## Feminist LGBTQ+ Trivia Night

Join us for a little healthy competition during our feminist LGBTQ+ Trivia Night focusing on Feminist and LGBTQ+ icons during the LGBT Center's PRIDE Month! This program is in collaboration with Women 4 Women Student Board.

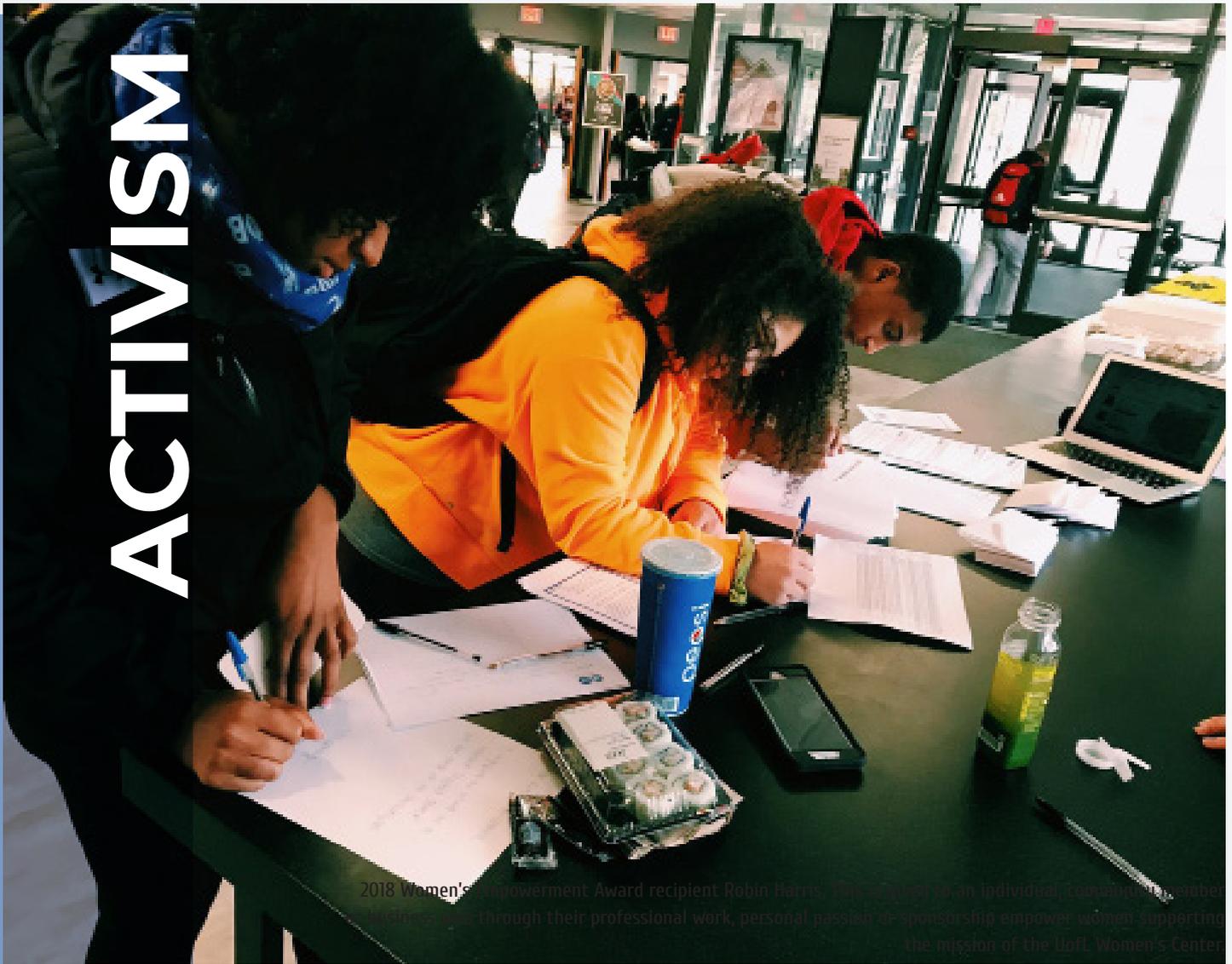
## Student-Parent Visibility Day

[Student-Parent Visibility Day](#), in conjunction with our Clothing Exchange Drive, is an event to help publicize the group on campus as well as provide networking among student-parents and establish community building and friendships. Clothing, diapers, toys and other items from the clothing exchange project of donations from the campus and community will be given to student-parents on the day of the event.

## Angel Tree Initiative

To help bring joy to some child during the Holiday season, the UofL Women's Center & Student Parent Association facilitates an [Angel Tree Initiative](#) to provide gifts to our student-parent's children.

# ACTIVISM



2018 Women's Empowerment Award recipient Robin Harris. This award is an individual, community member honor given to students who through their professional work, personal passion or sponsorship empower women supporting the mission of the UofL Women's Center.

**Women have always risen. Women are rising today. Women will always rise. Step forward as a change agent and use your voices to make a difference. We support students with resources, training and other opportunities to explore activism, build skills and lead social change on campus and beyond.**

**"I'm voting because the women before me fought for me to have that right."**

**"I'm against catcalling because I don't have to smile, I'm a stressed out college student."**

**"Thanks to the Tampon Task Force for saving the day!"**

## Tampon Task Force

The [Tampon Task Force](#) is here to the rescue! This initiative, spearheaded by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at UofL and the UofL Women's Center, started in 2016 when students approached the Women's Center with concerns about the lack of access to personal hygiene products on campus. Beginning in Spring 2018, the Student Government Association worked diligently to see the creation and implementation of free access to personal hygiene products. In order to best accommodate all students, each Student Council was able to provide input into the selection of bathrooms within their respective colleges and schools. 46 dispensers are placed throughout the 3 campuses! The Tampon Task Force continues bringing education, awareness and advocacy on campus by hosting events on campus including Stain the Stigma and Menstrual Hygiene Day.

## Call Out Congress

[Call out Congress](#) is an interactive workshop where students learn the importance of legislation and voting. Learn how to contact your legislators, discuss and learn the importance of voting, learn how to lobby for bills and issues that are important to them, learn how to find, understand and track bills, and participate in role playing activities. This program is in collaboration with the American Association of University Women at UofL.

## Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings finally catch up to men's earnings from the previous year. Thanks to the gender pay gap, it takes women an extra three months of wages to make up that 22-percent difference. We bring awareness that women, including Black, Asian, Latina, and Native American, also have their own Equal Pay Days.

## Cards Against Harassment

Ever had a question about what street harassment is? Has anyone said something to you about your appearance that made you uncomfortable? We host events during National Anti-Street Harassment Week, with educational, engaging, and interactive presentations and discussions on what street harassment is, the prevalence of it, and ways to combat street harassment in our community. This program is in collaboration with the American Association of University Women at UofL.

## Get Out the Vote

The Women's Center and its student groups participate in campuswide voter initiatives, encouraging students to get out the vote.

# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



We encourage our students to connect the classroom experiences to real world problems. Thinking about the community around them, students will find ways to begin using their skills to help the community, consider alternative frameworks for judgment and action, and to draw meaning from experiences that push them to connecting with women of all cultures and learn about their history and role in society.

**“Even the smallest of actions can make a difference.”**

**“Community is about building a foundation of support with other supporters.”**

**“Everyone has a story. We should take time to listen to it.”**

**“Seeing it first hand and hearing the stories helps recognize the issues.”**

## Global Leadership Trips

The Women's Center goes on [global trips](#) with a Woman's Perspective by connecting with women of all cultures, learning about their history and role in society, and exploring issues such as fair trade issues and human trafficking. Past trips: Peru, Spain, Morocco, India & Cuba.

## Community Service Projects

The Women's Center gives back to the community by having Community Outreach Projects throughout the year which gives students the opportunity to get involved in community service including local nonprofit agencies that service women.

## Professional Development Opportunities

We host professional development workshops to enhance student experiences and build skills. This also includes sponsoring students to attend local and national programs, trainings and conferences.



# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Women's Center has 6 student groups under the umbrella of the Women's Center: AAUW at UofL, Empowering Ladies Together, Student-Parent Association, Women 4 Women Student Board, Women Student Veterans & UNA-Women at UofL.

As a member of our student group, you will have the opportunity to practice the skills that are required in the professional workforce but are not addressed in the classroom. You will learn how to build synergy, lead programs, guide meetings and develop collaborative partners. You will also learn how to network, work one-on-one with others, and build life-long friendships along the way. Your programs will educate the university and community about important women's issues.

## American Association of University Women (AAUW) at UofL

American Association of University Women (AAUW) - UofL, the first and only AAUW student organization in Kentucky, prepares women to become leaders on campus and in the community and take action. The focus of this organization's programs are education & training, economic security, leadership, and governance & sustainability.

## Student-Parents Association (SPA)

A campus support group for student-parents helping to meet the challenges they face while they further their education. Our Purpose is to simply be a "village" to our members as it takes so much support to keep that motivation to get the job done and excel as a student parents.

## United Nations Association (UNA)-Women at UofL

The United Nations Association(UNA)-Women at UofL, the first and only UNA-Women Student Chapter in the Country, works to advance important and timely issues related to women and girls. They also advocate for UN programs that further women's rights and empowerment nationally and internationally.

## Women 4 Women Student Board (W4W)

This is a professional board that prepares its members to become leaders on campus and in the community. The focus of this board's programs are on health & safety, education & leadership, jobs & earnings and social change.

## Women Student Veterans

We provide a safe space for learning and friendship for military women on campus and in the community. This group, comprised of women student veteran from all branches of the military as well as Active Duty, Reserves or the National Guard, is designed to provide each other with a supportive community, network of friends and empowering each other to succeed in academics and beyond.

# Highlights

- ▶ Hundreds of students have been members of our student organizations
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- ▶ The United Nations Association (UNA) - Women is currently the first and only UNA-Women student chapter in the country.

**"I owe pretty much everything I have to the Women's Center. I made most, if not all, of my friends and my roommates through these groups. They have given me so much. I don't even know what kind of student I would be if I didn't have these groups."**

**"Being a member in these groups have given me so many friendships outside of my major!!"**

**"Being a part of these groups has led to me making new friends, finding new opportunities, and has allowed me to connect with other WGST students!"**



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## **Programs & Initiatives**

- ▶ Lead Kentucky: University of Louisville
- ▶ Empowerment: Making & Shaping History - Women in Space Science
- ▶ Call Out Congress
- ▶ Menstrual Hygiene Day
- ▶ The Struggle is Real, focusing on mental health
- ▶ Cards Against Harassment



# STUDENT-PARENT ASSOCIATION

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## Programs & Initiatives

- ▶ Student-Parent Visibiliy Day & Clothing Exchange Drive
- ▶ Angel Tree Initiative
- ▶ Cards Adulting Workshops
- ▶ Family Fun Days
- ▶ Social Outings for Student-Parents



Engage UofL

# UNA-WOMEN AT UOFL



The United Nations Association(UNA)-Women at UofL, the first and only UNA-Women Student Chapter in the Country, works to advance important and timely issues related to women and girls. They also advocate for UN programs that further women's rights and empowerment nationally and internationally.

## Programs & Initiatives

- ▶ Symposium
- ▶ Women Refugee & Immigrant Monologues
- ▶ Women in Leadership
- ▶ Volunteer Projects





# WOMEN 4 WOMEN STUDENT BOARD

This is a professional board that prepares its members to become leaders on campus and in the community. The focus of this board's programs are on health & safety, education & leadership, jobs & earnings and social change.

## Programs & Initiatives

- ▶ Kentucky College Women's Leadership Conference
- ▶ Human Trafficking Awareness Conference
- ▶ International Women's Day
- ▶ Working While Female
- ▶ Leadership Workshop Series

# WOMEN STUDENT VETERANS



We provide a safe space for learning and friendship for military women on campus and in the community. This group, comprised of women student veteran from all branches of the military as well as Active Duty, Reserves or the National Guard, is designed to provide each other with a supportive community, network of friends and empowering each other to succeed in academics and beyond.

## Programs & Initiatives

- ▶ Forums
- ▶ Conferences
- ▶ Support Group Meetings

# STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

To enhance our student organization members experiences, we offer opportunities on and off campus including, but not limited to, mentoring, professional development, and opportunities with "parent" chapters. We want to help our students to be well-rounded leaders and ready to take on the world, wherever their passions lead them.

## Mentorship

Students that are a member of Women's Center Student Groups have the opportunity to have a mentor or shadow a professional.

\*Only open to members of Women's Center student groups

## Attend Local & National Conferences

The Women's Center sponsored several students this year to attend conferences for professional development. We provide sponsorships for students to attend the following conferences and other professional development opportunities.

- ▶ American Association of University Women's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland, College Park
- ▶ United Nations Association Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.
- ▶ United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City

## Professional Development Opportunities

We sponsor our students to attend on campus and community trainings and workshops to enhance their skills.

## Build Lifelong Friendships

Many students have said that they "found my friends" or "I found my best friend" while in our organizations. Even after graduating, these friendships continue.

## Opportunities with "Parent" Chapters

Several of our student organizations have "parent" chapters at the local and national levels. Members have opportunities to attend their events and even sit as a member of their Boards.

# SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS



The Women's Center has several awards and scholarships to financially support UofL student during their academic career towards graduation. Learn more on the criteria and how to apply.

## **Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Essay Contest**

The purpose of this contest is to raise awareness of the historical sociological attitudes toward women of the 20th Century and their impact on individuals and society as a whole. One undergraduate and one graduate essay winners are selected for a \$500 award.

## **Dr. M. Celeste Nichols Award**

This award, up to \$500, is given to UofL graduate students for travel or other professional development needs apart from tuition or books.

## **Global Leader Travel Award**

This award is given to students who participate in our global trips and need financial assistance.

## **Ann T. Allen Endowed Scholarship**

The Ann T. Allen Endowed Scholarship is for current University of Louisville undergraduate students and the annual amount to be awarded is approximately \$500 to students who meet the following criteria.

## **Women's Club of the University of Louisville - Lelia Sublett Scholarship**

This is a one-time undergraduate scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

## **Women's Club of the University of Louisville Scholarship**

This is a one-time undergraduate scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

## **Women's Club of the University of Louisville - Minority Single-Parent Scholarship**

This scholarship fund is in the amount of \$22,000 This fund will be used to establish two (2) undergraduate scholarships in the amount of \$11,000 for in state tuition, fees and books



# CAMPUS RESOURCES

**We offer dialogues, discussions, and conferences to address relevant women issues including sexism, intersectionalities of feminism, gender identity, and oppression. Not only will students be enhancing and learning new concepts, but they will be able to learn skills that are needed in order to truly be successful in the real world.**

## **Office of Diversity & Equity**

The Women's Center comes under the purview of the Office of the President in the Office of Diversity and Equity. See the [Office of Diversity & Equity website](#) for more information on Diversity at the University of Louisville.

[Cultural Center](#)

[Diversity Education and Inclusive Excellence](#)

[HSC Office for Diversity & Inclusion](#)

[LGBT Centers \(Belknap & HSC\)](#)

[Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace & Justice](#)

## Bias Incident Response Team (BIRT)

The [Bias Incident Response Team \(BIRT\)](#) is a group of faculty and staff who are committed to creating a proactive response for students, faculty and staff to instances of hate and bias

## Campus Health

[Campus Health](#) offers support and enhance students' educational experience by providing clinically excellent, affordable and confidential integrated medical, mental, health promotion and violence prevention services as well as specialized healthcare services to the general University community.

## Cardinal Cupboard Food Pantry

The [Cardinal Cupboard](#)'s goal is to reduce food waste on campus by allowing students, faculty, and staff to donate unwanted food items and offer it to those in need.

## Career Development Center

The [University Career Center](#) engages the campus community in comprehensive career and professional development connecting passion to purpose through innovative and inclusive career services.

## Counseling Center

The mission of the [Counseling Center](#) is to provide services and programs that support the psychological well-being, holistic development, and retention of University of Louisville students. The University of Louisville Counseling Center provides short-term individual, group, and couples counseling, crisis intervention, and psychological testing (including LD/ADHD assessments).

## Disability Resource Center

The [Disability Resource Center](#) fosters an inclusive campus climate through education, service, collaboration, and outreach to the University of Louisville community.

## Gender Inclusive Restrooms

We believe every person is born with dignity and humanity, and we practice that in one way by creating welcoming and inclusive spaces. Having building space with [bathroom facilities](#) that are open to people of any gender, or "gender neutral," is an important way university offices can show their full welcome and inclusion.

## Health Promotion

[Health Promotion](#) offers educational programming and services to promote overall health, well-being and resilience. This is achieved via services, programs and resources throughout campus, including: Flash Nap workshops, cooking workshops, Nutrition Navigators, safer sex supplies, HIV testing, sexual health & relationship workshops, resilience yoga, mindfulness & meditation workshops, chair massage, fitness assessments and wellbeing coaching.

## International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)

[International Student & Scholar Services \(ISSS\)](#) provides and promotes student success through support, advising, and advocacy regarding immigration, cross-cultural, and personal matters. ISSS supports a welcoming environment through educational, social, and cross-cultural programming.

## Lactation Sites & Policies

[Lactation spaces](#) are located throughout all three of UofL's campuses. Spaces are conveniently reservable through the UofL 25Live reservation system unless otherwise noted. Click on the maps on our website to find a location near you. Once a space is selected, click on the link in the description to view the location and reserve. You can also find more information on lactation and policies.

## Military and Veteran Student Services

[Office of Military and Veteran Student Services \(OMVSS\)](#) is here to support current military and veteran students as well as dependents receiving military educational benefits.

## PEACC

[Prevention, Education, and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community \(PEACC\)](#) Program works to end power-based personal violence by utilizing a prevention model that decreases victimization and builds capacity for positive relationships and social interactions.

## REACH (Resources for Academic Achievement)

[Resources for Academic Achievement \(REACH\)](#) is the university's centralized academic support unit for undergraduate students. Services include tutoring and a math resource center.

## Sexual Harassment Policy

The University of Louisville strives to maintain the campus free of all forms of illegal discrimination as a place of work and study for faculty, staff, and students. Sexual harassment is unacceptable and unlawful conduct and will not be tolerated in the workplace and the educational environment. [Learn more about the policy & resources.](#)

## Student-Parents

UofL [student-parents](#) may view college from different perspectives, face many challenges and take on different roles as a moms, dads, single-parents, married and also at the same time being a student. Therefore, there are several services to help meet the challenges they face.

## Student Pregnancy Accommodation Policy

This [policy](#) covers student pregnancy in all aspects of UofL's programs and activities. UofL employees and students are responsible for complying with this policy.

## Tampon Task Force Sites

We believe that products should be accessible and free for our students and employees. Through the collaboration of the Women's Center, the American Association of University Women at UofL, the Office of the Chief Operating Officer and the Student Government Association, specific dispensers are located on all three campuses with free menstrual products. We're here to help. To further assist you in finding the closest location choose a campus. We've [pinned the location](#) of each resource offering free products.

## Title IX & ADA

[Title IX](#) prohibits schools, colleges and universities that receive federal funds from discriminating based on sex—whether in the form of different treatment, or hostile educational environment created by sexual harassment or assault. The [ADA](#) and its companion statute, prohibit public schools, colleges and universities from engaging in discrimination based on disability.

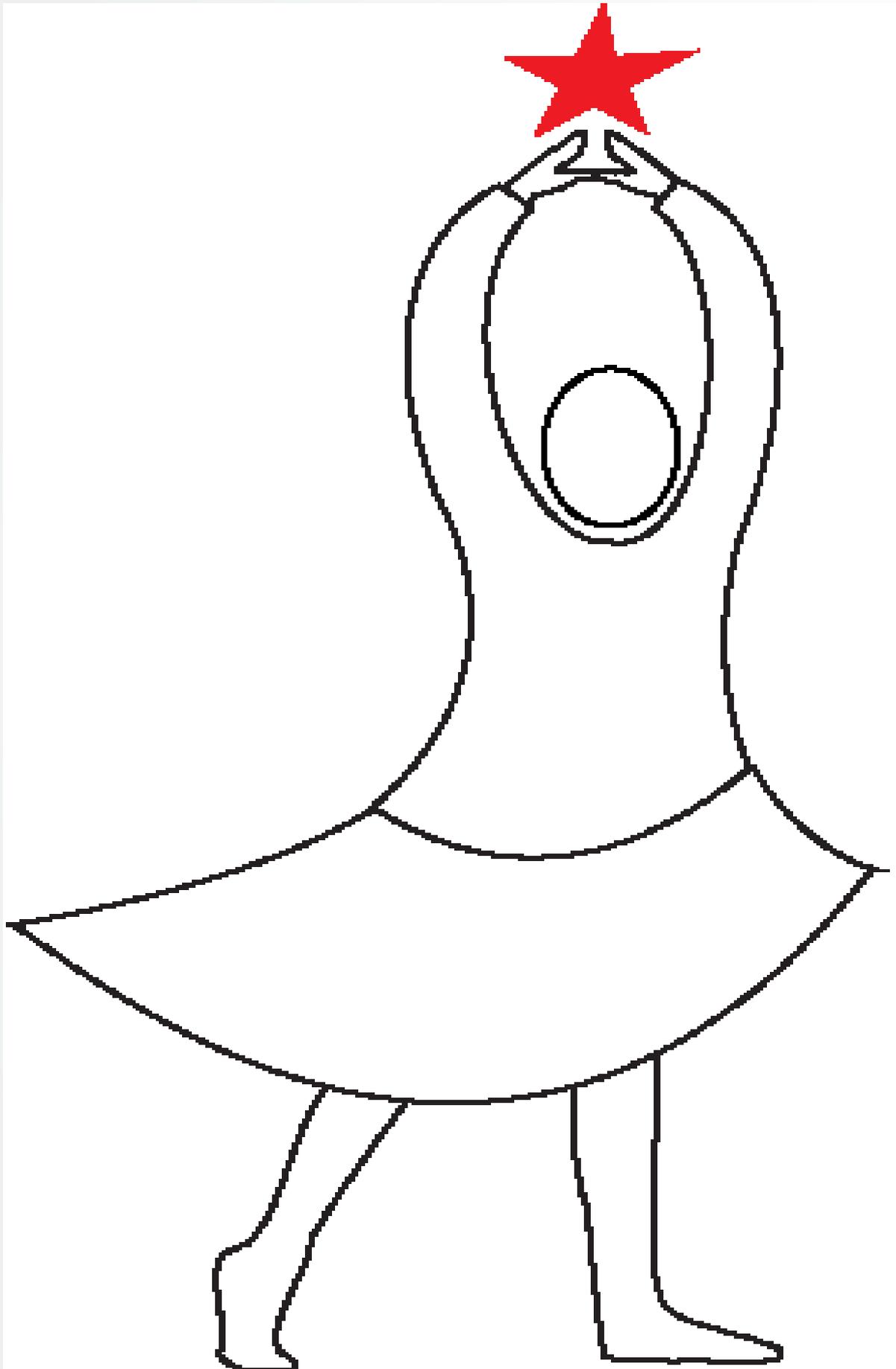
## Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department

[Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies](#) is fundamentally concerned with social justice and social change. It provides the critical thinking skills needed to analyze how race, gender, class, and sexualities intersect to structure our political, social, and cultural institutions and shape our real-world experiences. As a department, we serve students by offering them courses that bridge theory and practice, inviting them to engage in personal and social transformation, and equipping them to address important issues currently facing our communities.

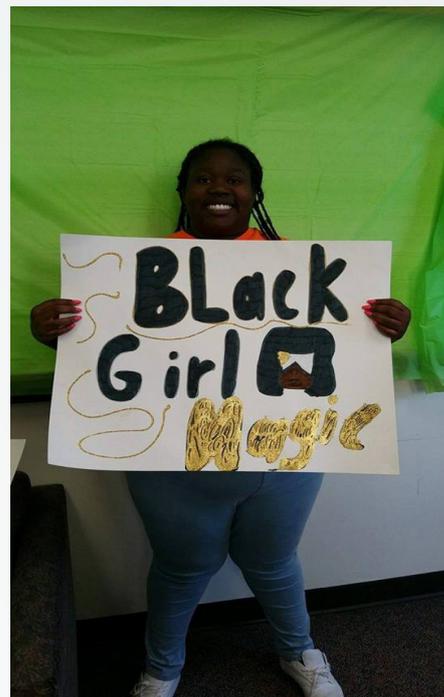
## Writing Center

The [University Writing Center](#) serves everyone in the UofL community, including undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff. We can help you at any point in your writing process, from getting started with an idea, to working on a first draft, to revision and copyediting. We are not an editing service, but we can help you become a better writer. If it involves writing, we are happy to work with you on it. So bring it by!

**Design your own dancing lady as she reaches for the stars!**



# 30 Years of Memories at the Women's Center



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