RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

ASUA Pride Alliance
Creates community and space for queer students at UA. Committed to fostering a safe environment so LGBTQA+ students can thrive in a world increasingly fighting against us. We value active solidarity and stand against all forms of injustice towards marginalized groups, including racism, colonialism, nationalism, capitalism, Zionism, ableism, and queerphobia. Pride Alliance is in the LGBTQ Resource Center, Student Union, 404-O. Email asua-pridealliance@arizona.edu or website @pridealliance_uaz

Campus health resources for LGBTQIAA+ individuals at the UA. For more information and support visit: https://health.arizona.edu/lgbtq-health

BEST - A place for students and staff to report BIAS experiences. BEST tracks trends and informs campus leadership of trends, and ways to improve campus climate. Opportunities for dialogue, education, and ways to promote understanding and healing. BEST will reach out to all individuals impacted by or instigating bias events. Email questions to bias@arizona.edu and submit a Bias Report: https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/BEST

June is Pride Month, Events and Celebration in Tucson:

June 22 at 7 p.m. - Tucson Pride is hosting a fundraiser at Bumstead’s, 1003 N. Stone Ave. For only $10, you can support Tucson pride and have fun. Event full of fun, performances, and community spirit. Join the celebration of love and diversity and help raise funds. An all-ages show in the Dining Area. Get tickets at tucne.ws/1q6z.

June 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. - Queer AF will celebrate its 2nd anniversary at 330 S. Scott Ave, this is a ticketed event ($60) with 420 edibles featuring creole dishes and mocktails. The FREE 21-and older after-party at 8 p.m. at the Downtown Clifton, 485 S. Stone Ave. Learn more at tucne.ws/1q6x.

June 25 at 7 p.m. - Lady Haha’s comedy open mic for women, LGBTQ+ marginalized people & allies 21-and-up show is free at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress. All levels of experience are welcome to take a shot at five minutes of stage time. Signups start at 6 p.m. Info: tucne.ws/1q6y

June 28th at 7 p.m. - Queer AF will host an open mic reading to honor the Black people who started a riot at Stonewall in 1969. Attendees can bring a piece to read. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show at Downtown Clifton. Info: instagram.com/queer.af.az

BRUNCHES PLANNED INCLUDE:

June 23rd noon - 3 p.m. – Brunch for Queer AF’s at Playground Bar and Lounge, 278 E. Congress, Doors Open at 12noon, Show at 1pm! Free admission and all ages are welcome.

June 30th 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brunch at Maynards Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Ave.,
Scholarships and Grants for LGBTQ College Students

• **The Human Rights Campaign’s LGBTQ+ Scholarship Database**: Find LGBTQ+ college scholarships here.
• **Point Foundation**: scholarships, mentoring and training for LGBTQ+ college students.
• **Pride Foundation**: Both allies and LGBTQ+ college students can apply for their numerous scholarships.
• **Gamma Mu Foundation**: Offers funds and scholarships to the LGBTQ+ community, especially in rural areas, also offers other kinds of direct services.
• **Queer Foundation Effective Writing and Scholarships Program**: LGBTQA high school students can write an essay to win a $1,000 college scholarship.
• **LEAGUE Foundation LGBTQ Scholarships**: LEAGUE offers scholarships for LGBTQ+ students including the Matthew Shepard Memorial Scholarship.
• **Out for Education Scholarships**: Award recognizes outstanding LGBTQIA+ students.
• **The 49 Fund**: For LGBT people who are out, offers small scholarships.
• **Colin Higgins Foundation Youth Courage Awards**: For LGBTQ+ people who transform experiences with bigotry into positive action award $10,000 and paid trip to conference.
• **Stonewall Community Foundation Scholarships**: Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship for lesbians, and Levin-Goffe Scholarship for LGBTQI Immigrants. For New York City immigrant LGBTQ or intersex people. For those hoping to learn LGBTQ+ history.
• **Live Out Loud Young Trailblazers Scholarship**: Awarding as much as $10,000 in scholarships, this organization is for LGBTQ+ youth pursuing a college degree.
• **The Jonathan Lax Scholarship for Gay Men**: created to encourage gay men to further their education and act as role models to other gay college students.
• **TSER Scholarships**: Trans and gender-diverse scholars eligible for this small scholarship.
• **National Women’s Studies Association**: Offers funds for students who are LGBT, college grants for women of color, and much more within the field of women’s studies.
• **Reaching Out LGBTQ MBA Fellowship**: Offers $10,000 and $20,000 scholarships for MBA students.
• **The Association of LGBTQ Journalists Scholarships**: NLGJA offers both awards for excellent journalism and scholarships for communications students.
• **The Kenneth W. Payne Student Prize**: For students of queer anthropology who’ve written on the topic.
• **Markowski-Leach Scholarships**: Create role models for LGBTQ+ students in California.
• **Horizons Foundation**: Offering queer people in California numerous fellowship opportunities, a great opportunity for those looking at West Coast schools.
• **eQuality Scholarships**: For California student leaders who give service to LGBT community.
• **The Tang Scholarship**: For LGBT people who are also Asian/Pacific islanders.
LGBTQ+ Statistics: Representation and Inclusivity in Higher Education

Americans are increasingly more accepting of people who identify as LGBTQ+. According to Pew Research, in 2020, 72% of Americans believed that society should accept people who are LGBTQ+, up 21% from 2002. Despite increases in positive attitudes, not everyone wholeheartedly supports the LGBTQ+ community.

In 2018, the American College Health Association did a survey of more than 26,000 college students and found that 18% of students identify as asexual, bisexual, gay, lesbian, pansexual, queer, questioning, or same gender loving.

The true percentage of students who identify as LGBTQ+ may be even larger, as some students may not feel comfortable or safe disclosing their identity. This statistic includes students at a variety of schools, two-year colleges and research institutes. Although the number may not be completely accurate, a significant number of students identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community at all levels of education and deserve our continued commitment to increasing awareness, sensitivity, and most importantly dedicated services.

Who Makes Up the LGBTQ+ Community?

LGBTQ+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (or questioning), and others. While “gay” and “lesbian” were traditional terms for same-sex attraction. In the late 1980’s, LGBT became more popular since it is more inclusive. The Q includes individuals who are questioning their identity or find queer is a more fitting label.

LGBTQ is not a static term, nor is it used or spelled consistently. Different forms are used as people explore and define new identities, including “LGBT+” and “LGBTQIA” to be all-encompassing. Using one term over another is based on personal preference, not exclusion of certain groups. LGBTQ+ encompasses all the diverse identities and orientations in the LGBTQ+ community.

LGBTQ+ Glossary of Terms

Ally - a person who stands with or advocates for individuals and groups other than their own. Someone who is not part of the LGBTQ+ community but supports individuals who are LGBTQ+ and LGBTQ+ advocacy groups and organizations are considered allies. They fight discrimination against LGBTQ+ people and use their privilege to help individuals and the community at large.

Asexual - Someone who does not experience sexual or romantic attraction. Individuals who are asexual experiences relationships and sexual desire differently. Someone who is asexual may still choose to have and enjoy sex, while others may be sex repulsed. Often used as an umbrella term to describe a spectrum of people and identities, including demisexuality or gray sexuality, who experience no or little sexual attraction.

Bisexual – One who is emotionally, romantically, or physically attracted to the same and different genders. Experience does not define orientation; bisexuals do not need to have romantic experience with a gender they are attracted to. They do not have to feel equal levels of attraction to different genders. Umbrella term to describe people who experience attraction to two or more genders.
**Cisgender** - Opposite of transgender, cisgender refers to someone whose gender identity matches the gender they were assigned at birth. Cisgender often shortened to “cis’”.

**Gay** - An umbrella term to describe a person who is emotionally, romantically, or physically attracted to people of the same gender. A man who is emotionally, romantically, or physically attracted to men. Men who may have dated women, but not men, may still identify as gay. Attraction defines orientation, not experience.

**Gender Identity** - Someone's personal, internal sense of their gender. Everyone, including people who are cisgender, has a gender identity. They may be male, female, both, neither, other gender(s), or have no gender.

**Intersex** - Someone who is born with genetics, hormones, anatomy, or genitalia that are neither typically male nor female.

**Lesbian** - A woman who is emotionally, romantically, or physically attracted to other women. This refers to orientation, not experience. A woman who has never dated a woman, but is attracted to women, might still identify as a lesbian.

**Pansexual** - Someone who is emotionally, romantically, or physically attracted to all genders and biological sexes or who is attracted to others regardless of gender and biological sex. Sometimes called “omnisexual.” Experience does not define orientation; someone who is pansexual does not need any sexual experience to identify as pansexual. Considered part of the bisexual community.

**Polysexual** - Someone who is emotionally, romantically, or physically attracted to multiple, but not all, genders. To identify as polysexual, someone does not need to have any sexual experience; they simply must feel attraction to multiple genders. Considered to be part of the bisexual community.

**Queer** - Describes all sexual orientations and gender identities not heterosexual and/or cisgender. Sometimes a divisive term among the LGBTQ+ community because it was used as a slur against them. Some LGBTQ+ have reclaimed it as a positive self-identifier, it is ambiguous and not confined to traditional labels. Only refer to people as queer if they explicitly and publicly identify as queer.

**Questioning** - Someone who is exploring and discovering their sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression. Questioning is an ongoing process and people may change the way they identify or find that a different label or identity is more fitting for them than their current one.

**Sexual Orientation** - Emotional, romantic, or physical attraction toward others. Experience and sexual activity do not define one’s sexual orientation; attraction to others does, whatever it may be.

**Transgender** - Does not identify with their gender assigned at birth. Commonly referred to as a “trans,” may or may not decide to transition from their gender assigned at birth, medically, surgically, or otherwise. Their gender presentation may not align with their gender. A transgender person does not need to transition or present as their gender to be transgender.
Suggested Readings for Young Readers (middle to high school)

From TRIO’s Heather Frankfort during their Supporting LGBTQ Students in the Classroom workshop:

The Lesbiana’s Guide to Catholic School by Sonora Reyes
Aristotle and Dante Discover Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sanchez
Hurricane Child by Kacen Callender
Too Bright to See by by Kyle Lukoff
The Best at It by Maulik Pancholy
The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James by Ashley Herring Blake
T’was the Night Before Pride by Joanna McClintock
Pride The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag by Rob Sanders
Stonewall: A Building, An Uprising, A Revolution by Rob Sanders
Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love
Introducing Teddy by Jessica Walton
Sparkle Boy by Leslea Newman
Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens by Becky Albertalli
We are Totally Normal by Naomi Kanakia
Kings of B’More by R. Eric Thomas
The (Un)Popular Vote by Jasper Sanchez
Can’t Take That Away by Steven Salvatores
Freak Show by James St. James
I’ll Give you the Sun by Jandy Nelson
Like a Love Story by Abdi Nazemian
Where the Heart Is by Jo Knowles
An Eighth Grade Gay Straight Alliance by Daniel Micko

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