

# LGBTQ & Allies Initiative

The LGBTQ & Allies group is composed of faculty and staff who are working toward improving the campus culture around LGBTQ issues. The goal is to increase support and awareness for the LGBTQ community in hopes of creating a more inclusive environment.

## Updates Spring 2015

### Meetings

The LGBTQ & Allies group has continued to host working meetings to discuss ways to continue to improve the campus culture. The group also held a Meet and Greet earlier this Spring with the Pride Alliance— many faculty and staff attended! The membership continues to grow—we currently have 87 members and still growing!

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### LGBT Affinity Group

The Affinity group is celebrating its 'Fourth Annual Reunion Weekend Gathering at the Seneca Room on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00PM. All are invited to attend, connect and learn about how to get involved with the growing affinity group! We are looking forward to seeing all alums, faculty, staff and community members at this event! We have grown to well over 150 people in the Raiser's Edge Alumni Database who are affiliated as "LGBTQ/Allied". We hope to keep those numbers growing as we move into the 2015-2016 academic year! Remember, you can always give; whether it is Time, Talent, or Treasure to the LGBTQ, Allies and Friends Affinity group!!



### Pride Theme House

The Pride House saw some severe growth this year, hosting more programs this spring and becoming a more centered location for LGBTQ Life on campus. The theme house is relocating this fall to 402 Pulteney Street after a focus group with the current students who live within the house. Residential Education is able to provide a space with a full kitchen, as well as laundry facilities for the residents of the house. Furthermore, conversations are underway for a portion of the house to host a number of diverse LGBTQ resources for the campus community to utilize throughout this next academic year.

### LGBTQ Supportive Discussion Groups

This spring saw the first ever LGBTQ Supportive Discussion Groups that began on campus. Four distinct groups were created in the hopes of affirming positive dialogue on the experience of being "out" on campus or otherwise. The Gay/Bi Men's Group, The Queer Women's Group, The Queer/Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Group were all hosted on campus at the Pride House with one or more faculty/staff facilitators that met three times each this spring semester. Finally, in conjunction with The LGBTQ Center of the Finger Lakes, the Trans Coalition Meetings took place twice a month at the center, downtown Geneva and were open to any and all students/community members. It is the hope that the Pride House will continue to grow this program into

the Fall Semester of 2015! Still Looking for faculty/staff facilitators—please email [lgbtq&a@hws.edu](mailto:lgbtq&a@hws.edu)!

### Goodbye

This year we say goodbye to Chad Freeman, Area Coordinator in the Office of Residential Education, as he gets ready for his new role as Assistant Director of LGBT Life at Hofstra University in Long Island. He will be expanding upon his work and will continue working toward increasing support avenues for LGBTQ students.



### Meet and Greet

There will be annual Meet and Greets with Pride Alliance, staff and faculty as a way to build community starting Fall 2015. Look out for announcements with dates!

### Admissions

The LGBTQ & Allies group hopes to start a conversation with the Office of Admissions on recruitment methods of LGBT students here at HWS.

If you are interested in joining the LGBTQ & Allies Group, email [lgbtq&a@hws.edu](mailto:lgbtq&a@hws.edu).

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# Membership List

**Lesley Adams**, *Religious Life*  
**Christopher Annear**, *Anthropology Department*  
**Nan Arens**, *Geoscience Department*  
**Geoffrey Babbitt**, *English and Comparative Literature*  
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**Stefan Baer**, *Library*  
**Eric Barnes**, *Philosophy Department*  
**Michelle Baron**, *Women's Studies Department*  
**Tallie Ben Daniel**, *LGBT Studies*  
**Sandra Bissell**, *Human Resources*  
**Juliet Boisselle**, *Digital Learning Center*  
**James Burruto**, *Higher Education Opportunities*  
**Sam Cappiello**, *Writing and Rhetoric*  
**Chip Capraro**, *Hobart Deans*  
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**Elizabeth Carroll**, *Center for Counseling and Student Wellness*  
**Rob Carson**, *English and Comparative Literature*  
**Martin Corbett**, *Campus Safety*  
**Kathryn Cowles**, *English Department*  
**Chiyo Crawford**, *Environmental Studies*  
**Anna Creadick**, *English and Comparative Literature*  
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**Justin Miller**, *Chemistry Department*  
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**Margueritte Murphy**, *Writing and Rhetoric*  
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