

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: OCT. 2 – OCT. 8, 2005

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Planet Orange Social: Bowling

On Monday, Oct. 3 Planet Orange goes bowling from 7-9 pm! If you are interested in attending, please contact Jay Tifone (jmtifone@syr.edu). We will meet at the LGBT Resource Center at 6:45 pm and carpool to Erie Lanes together.

2. Out / Straight Ally Lists

As part of National Coming Out Day, Syracuse University's LGBT Resource Center would like to publish an Out List and Straight Ally List in the *Daily Orange*.

OUT LIST

An Out List is a full-page advertisement of names of "out" lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff. The Out List celebrates the contributions our community makes while raising awareness of our presence on campus.

The Out List names will appear under the following statement:

"We are your friends, classmates, teammates, roommates, professors, colleagues, coworkers, alumni, and family and we are out and proud. We are just a few of the strong and creative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals who contribute to the diversity and success of the Syracuse University community. We invite you to join us in celebrating the 18th Annual National Coming Out Day on October 11, 2005."

STRAIGHT ALLY LIST

Additionally, we would like to publish an ad in the *Daily Orange* for our LGBT Straight Allies' names following the quote below:

"As a Straight Ally, I believe that being Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning is healthy and normal. I will work to end the inequalities and injustices faced by LGBT people. I affirm my commitment to confront all forms of homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia and to interrupt gender norm conformity and heteronormativity."

If you would like to participate, please reply to lgbt@syr.edu from your SYR.EDU (or ALUMNI.SYR.EDU) email account with the following information:

- Whether you'd like to be on the LGBT Out List or Straight Ally List (choose one - place in Subject line),
- Your name (as you'd like it to appear in print),
- Your phone number (for verification purposes - not to be printed).

Please note: We can only accept requests from SYR.EDU AND ALUMNI.SYR.EDU email accounts.

All submissions are due: Wednesday, Oct. 5 by 5 pm.

Questions? Contact:

Jay Tifone, 443-3983, jmtifone@syr.edu

3. Café Q (Later Start Time)

Café Q kicks off Coming Out Week festivities with an eclectic collection of raffles, coffees, teas, and a few baked goodies this Thursday, Oct. 6 from 8-10:30 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. (Please note the later time.)

4. Fusion Meeting

The second meeting of Fusion will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6-8 pm in the LGBT Resource Center. Fusion - a group for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community – will discuss “being a LGBT person in our cultural/ethnic communities” this week over a free family-style dinner of soul food.

In order to assist us in ordering the right amount of food, please RSVP to Amit Taneja (ataneja@syr.edu) by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Come as you are, and feel free to tell a friend!

Questions? Contact:

Tanya Bowen, 443-4715, tsbowen@syr.edu

Amit Taneja, 443-3092, ataneja@syr.edu

P.S. - Other Fusion dates this semester: Nov. 3, Dec. 1.

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

5. Open Doors Meeting

On Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors will hold its meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. Please note that meetings will alternate weekly between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

John David Molesky, jdmolesk@syr.edu

6. Pride Union Meeting

Pride Union holds its meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Spinner, spinout39@aol.com

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

7. Teach for America

Teach For America (TFA) (www.teachforamerica.org) will be on campus on Oct. 5 and 6 to recruit the next generation of education leaders. Attend a one-on-one session by scheduling an appointment with Brain Chu (01) and learn how you can:

- Use your leadership skills to make an immediate impact on children growing up in low-income communities,
- Gain the insight to effect meaningful long-term change, and
- Position yourself for success in any field.

TFA is seeking all majors; no previous education experience or coursework is necessary. Benefits include full first-year teacher salary and benefits, financial aid, plus a \$9,450 AmeriCorps education award (if eligible), as well as student loan forbearance and interest payments for two years.

Chu will also be at the Fall Career Fair at the Carrier Dome on Oct. 6 from 1:30 – 6 pm. There are also a few Teach For America events that students are encouraged to attend, including:

- October 10 at 7 pm -- Drop In Dinner (Location TBA)
- October 18 at 7 pm -- Information Session (Hendricks Chapel, Noble Room)
- October 24 at 7 pm -- Teach For America Alumni Panel (Hall of Languages 500)

Anyone interested in these events should contact Edna Novak at Edna.Novak@teachforamerica.org or call 800-832-1230 ext. 257.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Chu (01), bmchu1@hotmail.com

8. Inclusion Techniques: Making Academic Spaces Engaging for LGBTQA Students

The goal of this workshop, which is open to all faculty members on Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 10–11:30 am, is to help attendees make their classrooms inviting and comfortable for LGBTQA students.

The session begins with a self-assessment of attendees' own attitudes and behavior toward LGBTQA persons. After the self-assessment, important terminology will be defined, followed by examples of interactions, behaviors, and practices that make the classroom climate uncomfortable for LGBTQA students. Techniques for mitigating these effects will be discussed, and a student panel will offer insights from an LGBT perspective.

Participants will discuss techniques that allow them to teach "inclusively" and share ideas about how to foster an environment rich in learning potential for all students.

Questions? Contact:

Bron Adam, rsvp@syr.edu, 443-5413

9. Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Applications for the 2005-06 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are now available. Application forms can be picked-up at the following locations:

- 306 Steele Hall - Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
- All School and College Dean's Offices
- 105 Schine Student Center - Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Schine and Goldstein Student Center Information Desks
- Online at <http://students.syr.edu/osvp/whos.html>

Syracuse University juniors, seniors, and graduate students matriculated in an undergraduate or graduate program are eligible for the Who's Who nomination. Criteria used in determining qualifications for applicants include: scholarship, academic honors, student organization involvement, campus service, and community service. An official Syracuse University transcript is required for all applicants.

Applications must be received in 306 Steele Hall no later than Friday, Nov. 4, 2005 at 5 pm.

Questions? Contact:

Ryan J. Barker, 443-4357, rjbarker@syr.edu

REGIONAL NEWS

10. 2005 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference

Join the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project during its annual Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference in Binghamton on Nov. 11-13. This year's keynote of "community building" will be addressed by Cade and Ry Russo-Young, adult daughters of two lesbian mothers whose family has been featured in the *New York Times Magazine* and documentary, *Our House* by filmmaker Meema Spadola.

The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project was established in 2000 to help LGBT parents and prospective parents in Upstate New York build and strengthen their families. They provide educational programs, information and referral services, Pride and Joy Families support groups, and the Directory of Family Building Services for LGBT People.

Questions? Contact:

Claudia E. Stallman, 607-724-4308, LesGayFamBldg@aol.com

11. Job Opening: GLBTQ Youth Program Coordinator

AIDS Community Resources has a part-time opening (20 hours a week) for a dynamic individual to develop and coordinate GLBTQ youth programs. Duties include:

- Creating and maintaining safe spaces for GLBTQ youth;
- Promoting sexual health for GLBTQ youth;
- Performing outreach and recruitment;
- Arranging educational opportunities and training events;
- Providing crisis intervention;
- Supervising and supporting group facilitators;
- Creating and facilitating online chatroom;
- Updating GLBTQ website and creating calendar of events;
- Developing and maintaining partnerships with school-based acceptance coalitions.

Qualifications: Undergraduate degree in health and human services. Extensive training and experience in working with youth initiatives. Experience working with GLBTQ youth and/or knowledge and sensitivity with GLBTQ youth issues. Fund-raising experience preferred. Public speaking and group facilitation skills important. Computer skills (Web master and on-line calendar and chat). Salary DOQ. Competitive benefits.

Send cover letter and résumé to Human Resource Manager, AIDS Community Resources, 627 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York 13204 or email hr@aidscommunityresources.com.

12. ImageOut: Rochester's Lesbian & Gay Film and Video Festival

This year's Rochester's Lesbian & Gay Film and Video Festival will run from Oct. 7 – 16 and will again feature the "Youth Project Film Series," with certain films selected specifically for their appeal to LGBT youth and their friends and supporters. The Festival's organizers will offer free tickets to anyone under the age of 21. These films are usually screened in the early evening (5:30 pm) and there are often opportunities for discussion and interaction afterwards.

This year, Festival organizers are also hosting a pre-Festival youth event at the GAGV Youth Center located on 875 East Main Street. This event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Several film shorts will be shown, food and prizes will be offered, and tickets will be available for the Festival's youth films. Any requests for free tickets should be made by Oct. 5.

Questions? Contact:

ImageOut Office, Otickets@rochester.rr.com, 585-271-2640

NATIONAL NEWS

13. T.J. Jourian Scholarship

TransGender Michigan is in the process of creating a scholarship fund for college and university students in Michigan who are actively working to counter transgender oppression, and they need your help! Please give what you can to ensure a worthy student can receive a helping hand. All contributions are tax-deductible and will help make a difference for a college/university student in Michigan.

TransGender Michigan's T.J. Jourian Scholarship is named after its first recipient, an activist who truly inspires and embodies TransGender Michigan's goal of combating and educating about the impact and interactions of oppression in all of its forms. T.J. is a MA candidate in the Student Affairs Administration program with the College of Education at Michigan State University. He plans on using his degree to help make higher education institutions more accessible, safer, more welcoming, and developmentally more satisfying places for students of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and racial/ethnic/national backgrounds. T.J. Jourian was recently profiled in the new Sundance docu-series *TransGeneration*.

To donate online, follow the link at the bottom of TransGender Michigan's webpage, www.transgendermichigan.org.

Questions? Contact:

Staci Gunner, gunnerst@msu.edu

14. LGBT Primetime Television Season

After a promising network pilot season that saw many new shows developed with gay and lesbian characters, the actual number of LGBT representations on the six major broadcast networks will comprise less than 2 percent of all characters on the networks' 2005-06 schedule, according to an analysis conducted by GLAAD.

GLAAD counts only 16 "series regular" and recurring gay, lesbian, and bisexual roles (there continue to be no transgender characters) scheduled to appear on 14 different scripted programs (out of 110 total) on the broadcast networks.

"While this number is up from the 11 characters counted last season, the lack of representation is still cause for concern," says GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Damon Romine. "This is a shocking misrepresentation of reality and of the audience watching these programs."

Of these 16 characters, 13 are male and three are female; 13 are white, with one gay character each representing African Americans, Latinos and Asian Pacific Islanders.

GLAAD counts 25 LGBT characters that will appear on cable series in the 2005-06 season. "At this critical juncture in our struggle for equality, television's potential for driving public understanding of who we are and what we're fighting for is more important than ever," Romine says. "Since network television still captures a much larger audience than cable, GLAAD will continue to advocate for richer and more diverse representations from the broadcast networks."

Complete results of GLAAD's "Where We Are On TV" diversity survey can be accessed at <http://www.glaad.org/eye/ontv>.

15. California Transgender Bills Signed

On Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed bills into law that increased legal protections for the LGBT community.

One bill requires that health insurance providers do not discriminate against transgender people. The bill adds transgender protections to existing anti-discrimination provisions that regulate insurance companies and health care service plans.

The Civil Rights Act of 2005 was also signed. This bill strengthens protections against discriminatory practices toward LGBT people. "Businesses should be discrimination-free, and our community deserves nothing less than full equality," said Equality California Executive Director Geoffrey Kors.

Assembly member Paul Koretz said, "Transgender people are part of our human family and they deserve equal access to health coverage and treatments available to everyone else. [This bill] goes a long way toward ending the indignities that transgender men and women face when trying to access healthcare. This is a matter of human compassion and basic fairness."

"California activists and advocates are working hard to ensure the transgender community fair and equal access to health care. There is a great need for access to fair and equal health care for transgender people across the country. NCTE hopes that this push for justice for the LGBT community with regard to health care and business practices will spread to a national level," said Mara Keisling, Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality.

16. Q Television Network joining Time Warner

Q Television Network (QTN) announced it has struck carriage deals with two Time Warner Cable systems.

The ad-supported premium network, which targets gay and lesbian audiences, will be available beginning Oct. 1 in Time Warner's Syracuse and Rochester markets, both as a linear digital channel and a video-on-demand offering.

"We have been looking for just the right blend of news and entertainment to satisfy our growing contingency of gay and lesbian viewers, who have been actively requesting such a network, and QTN offers an exciting programming package that more than answers that call," said Time Warner vice-president for public affairs Jeff Unaitis.

17. Call for Papers

The Art of Gender in Everyday Life III, a multidisciplinary conference, announces a call for papers for its annual conference at Idaho State University on March 30-31, 2006. The conference will include a keynote by Barbara Ehrenreich on the evening of March 30 and a March 31 luncheon by Dr. Dalia Marcinkeviciene, Director of the Gender Studies Centre, Vilnius University, Lithuania.

Conference organizers invite abstracts from university faculty and staff, as well as from graduate and undergraduate students. All submissions related to the art of living gendered lives will be considered. This year, given the keynote speakers, organizers are especially interested in submissions that address gender at work in the community (for example: university-community partnerships; the work of non-profit organizations;

gender and economics; etc.) and international perspectives on gender. They also especially encourage sessions that will focus on men as gendered subjects (for example: men & nonviolence; construction of masculinity; etc.). Abstracts must be postmarked by Oct. 24, 2005.

This conference is an occasion to showcase current work being done across the disciplines in the area of gender studies. The Art of Gender in Everyday Life III will be a special opportunity to network with colleagues in the relaxed setting of Pocatello, Idaho, nestled in the picturesque mountains of the Bannock Range. Many participants in last year's conference commented on the friendly atmosphere and the excellent diversity of topics presented. It is the conference organizers' goal to continue in that tradition and to create a collegial, supportive, and nurturing environment for the discussion of gender issues across the disciplines.

A formal call for papers as well as an announcement of the student paper competition may be found at www.isu.edu/andersoncenter.

18. National Veterans Coming Out Day

One-million LGBT veterans will come out for 65,000 service members who cannot.

American Veterans for Equal Rights, Inc. (AVER) is organizing a Coming Out campaign for veterans, to be held in conjunction with National Coming Out Day, when there will already be the support of the entire LGBT community. An article about the importance of this campaign for college students may be found at: <http://www.campuspride.net/natvetcomingoutday.asp>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 3

Planet Orange Social: Bowling

6:45 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Join Adrea Jaehnig and Jay Tifone for a night of bowling. Meet at the Resource Center to carpool to Erie Lanes together.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Open Doors

7:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Meet with fellow graduate students to discuss issues affecting the LGBT community.

Pride Union

9:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Meet with fellow undergraduate students for this week's discussion.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Cafe Q: The Coming Out Week Kick-off Party

8:00-10:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

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