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Friends of the LGBT* Center,

We can't believe it's already November! Thank you for all of your support during LGBTQ+ History Month. We loved being able to collaborate with our neighbors in the CME and students from UNI Proud for a unique set of events.

This month, we'd like to share with you updates about LGBTQ+ inclusive housing options, information about our Trans Remembrance Week, and some surveys that we'd like our students to consider taking.

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**On-Campus Housing**

We worked with the Department of Residence to expand the options of All Gender Housing, where students can live with roommates regardless of gender to include traditional residence halls as well as upperclass apartments and suites. We encourage students and their advocates to use this LGBTQ+ Housing Guide to learn about housing options. For individual support, please contact Emily Harsch or Jean Wiesley.

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**Trans Remembrance Week**
The LGBT* Center is hosting events for Transgender Remembrance Week from November 13-17. A candlelight vigil will be at 8 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Campanile. LGBT(ea) Time: Intersections of Transphobic and Racist Violence is at noon Friday, Nov. 17, in the LGBT* Center. We will also have a table in the Maucker Union from 11 AM - 2 PM, Nov. 13, 14 and 16, to collect professional clothing to help students who are transitioning. Donations can also be delivered to the LGBT* Center.

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UNI Surveys and Research Requests

**UNI Student Research on Gender**

Hello! We have been contacted by a student researcher from the University of Northern Iowa who has asked us to share their study in an attempt to reach a larger group of people. The purpose of this study is to examine how people experience their gender. You must be 18 years or older to participate and the survey study will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

[https://uni.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8AOTDyKCn5UGwMF](https://uni.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8AOTDyKCn5UGwMF)

Thank you for considering to participate. If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please contact Anna Blaho at blahoaaa@uni.edu.

**UNI Student Research on LGBTQ+ Student Experiences**

Panthers, please consider taking this 10-15 minutes LGBTQ+ Campus Climate Snapshot Survey that is being conducted by a UNI graduate student. The survey is live until November 13, 2017.

The study is designed to determine UNI’s campus climate for students that identify within the LGBTQ+ community or students that are exploring and/or questioning their identity. Aspects of the students’ social and community experiences at UNI will be focused on, in addition to comfort levels of the students on campus.

The data will be used in an assessment study for a class project through the University of Northern Iowa. Findings and suggestions for action will be shared with the LGBT* Center staff to better inform their work for the future!

The link to the survey is [https://uni.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42ggcYazVh3dIHj](https://uni.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42ggcYazVh3dIHj) or a printed copy of the survey can be located at UNI’s LGBT* Center. The survey will then be put into the privacy box to ensure confidentiality!
Other Opportunities For Involvement

- Presentation proposals for MBLGTACC are open until November 15th. Stay tuned for more information about funding for student attendance at this conference.
- Threehouse is hosting a Safe Zone Ally Phase One Training on November 20th at 2:30 PM.
- Allen College is hosting a LGBTQ Mental Health Training for mental and physical health providers, counselors, and social workers on November 30th from 1-5 PM (see attached flyer for more information).
- UNI Proud is hosting Queer Sex Ed on November 28th at 7 PM in the Maucker Union Oak Room.
- LGBT(ea) Time: A PrEP Talk on LGBTQ Sexual Health will be December 1st at 1:30 PM in the LGBT* Center.

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