Good afternoon from the UNI LGBT* Center!

Today marks the first day of Black History Month. Be sure to keep up with the events taking place all month by following Black Student Union on Facebook. We will also be posting events on our Facebook page throughout the month.

Today is also the final deadline for applications to our LGBTQIA Merit and Rainbow Fund Scholarships. Students can send their application materials (found here) to emily.harsch@uni.edu by midnight.

There are also several LGBTQ-related opportunities occurring throughout the month. Check out the information below for details.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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**Educational Opportunities**

Attend the One Iowa LGBTQ Health & Wellness Conference with us!  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 24, DES MOINES UNIVERSITY**
We plan to take a delegation to the One Iowa LGBTQ Health and Wellness conference in Des Moines on Saturday, February 24. Members of the delegation will have their registration and travel costs covered by the LGBT* Center. If you are interested in attending this conference with us, please fill out our sign-up here.

Those who register in advance will receive a Google calendar event invitation with the slides. Registration for our Spring Safe Zone Ally training dates can be found here. To host a Phase One training for your group or class, please request one here.

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**LGBT* Center Events**
LGBT(ea) Times

LGBT(ea) Times are our monthly discussion events hosted in the LGBT* Center. LGBT(ea) Times are low-risk opportunities to learn more and talk about issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community. All are welcome to attend. If you require an accommodation to participate or have a question about any of the events, please e-mail lgbt@uni.edu.

Follow us on Facebook to see the event pages as we get closer to each event!

Upcoming Self Care Friday Topics
February 2 - Frida Funday
February 9 - Financial Literacy & Budgeting
February 16 - Healthy Relationships
February 23 - Body Image & Beyond
March 2 - Substance Abuse
March 9 - Surviving Spring Break

Other Events & Opportunities

Friends of the Family is a local organization that provides safe shelter, confidential services, and housing assistance to individuals in crisis due to homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. LGBTQ+ individuals are disproportionately affected by all of these issues. Friends of the Family is currently seeking items that are often essential to those who identify as LGBTQ+, and particularly those who are transgender.

Please consider bringing gently used or new items in need to the LGBT* Center. We will have a donation box available throughout the month for collections.
Susan Faludi Lecture

Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Susan Faludi is coming to campus on February 6th to discuss her award-winning book *In the Darkroom*. The book details her relationship with one of her parents who narrowly escaped fascist Hungary in the 1920s, became an artist in New York, came out as a transgender woman at age 76, and moved back to Hungary—a country that isn't known for being LGBTQ+ friendly. For more information, visit the Facebook page [here](#).

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For more information or to seek their support services, call (319) 352-0037.