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# GENDER & SEXUALITY SERVICES

*April Newsletter*

## **To our community members and supporters,**

Thank you to all who made **Pride Week** a success! From the Art Gay-la and kick-off to Queer Monologues to *Boy Erased* and, finally, the Drag Ball, we had a blast and saw about 450 participants in the week's events. There was also a write-up in the [Northern lowan](#) about the Drag Ball.

There is still time to get involved before the end of the year! We hope to see you at some of the **events** remaining to wrap up this year, including [Safe Zone Ally training](#) this Sunday or [Lavender Graduation](#) on April 23. Remember to register as a [graduate](#) or nominate someone for a [Lavender Award](#) by April 18!

We are also still seeking students who are interested in volunteering time with our office for the upcoming academic year. If you know someone who would be a great **Queer Peer Mentor**, please encourage them to [apply](#). Applications will be rolling until all positions are filled.

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We wish you luck with the end of the school year! Please let us know how we can support you.

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
GSS Staff

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# Lavender Graduation

Commencement Ceremony for  
Graduating LGBTQ+ Students

Tuesday, April 23rd from  
7:00pm-8:30pm in the  
Maucker Union Ballroom

Sign up or nominate someone for a  
Lavender Award at [lgbt.uni.edu/lavgrad](http://lgbt.uni.edu/lavgrad)

For accomodation needs, please contact [lgbt@uni.edu](mailto:lgbt@uni.edu)

[Register as a Graduate](#) | [Award Nominations](#) | [Facebook Event](#)

# UPCOMING LGBTQ+ EVENTS

**LGBT Q&A: Making Friends Post-College:** [Today](#), April 10 at 3 PM in GSS office

**Daniel Franzese Comedy Show:** Tonight, April 10, 8 PM in the Maucker Union Ballroom

**LGBT(ea) Time: Queer Comics with Kat Leyh** (Collaboration with RodCon): [Friday](#), April 12, 3:30 PM in the Center for Multicultural Education. Food is provided.

**DiversiLead** student leadership conference: Saturday beginning at 9 AM in Schindler Education Center. Free [registration](#) for students.

**Chris Stedman, author of Faitheist,** Monday, April 15, 3:30 PM in the West Towers Lounge (above Rialto)

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**LGBT(ea) Time: LGBTQ+ in Sports:** [Wednesday](#), April 17, noon in the Center for Multicultural Education. Lunch is provided. Featuring AJ Richard, Alan Heisterkamp, Christina Roybal, and Jennifer Waldron.

**LGBT Q&A: Coming Out at Work:** [Friday](#), April 19, 3 PM in the GSS office

**Lavender Graduation:** [Tuesday](#), April 23, 7 PM in the Maucker Union Ballroom. [Registration](#) and nominations are due April 18.

**LGBT Q&A: Being a Bi/Pan Adult:** [Wednesday](#), April 24, 3 PM in the GSS office

**LGBT Q&A: Being a Trans Adult:** [Friday](#), April 26, 3 PM in the GSS office

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

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THE IOWA COMMISSION OF LATINO  
AFFAIRS HAS ESTABLISHED THE  
QUEER COMMUNITIES OF  
COLOR COALITION

The Coalition has created a survey as the first step with the goal of gathering ANONYMOUS information from individuals of all ages that identify as people of color and LGBTQ+ in Iowa.



The results from the survey will be utilized to create and implement statewide initiatives to improve the quality of life for Queer Communities of Color.

ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

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[Take the Queer Communities of Color Survey Here](#)

**Our former Graduate Assistant is conducting research:**

My name is Hailey Hatch and I am a PhD student at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.

In our lab, we are currently conducting a series of studies examining the perceptions of and attitudes toward the LGBTQ+ community. Before we can begin our studies, we need to generate a list of words to describe people with various identities within the LGBTQ+ community (i.e., gay men, gay women, bisexual men, bisexual women, transgender men, transgender women, and nonbinary folk) as well as the larger LGBTQ+ community as a whole. We are now seeking individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ to participate in our survey and provide their input to generate the list of words.

Participation will take approximately 20 minutes.



**What words  
do you use  
to describe  
identities  
within the  
LGBTQ+  
community?**

Thank you so much for your time!

Please feel free to share this study with others. [https://slu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eCE5YQulj6OdPYV](https://slu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eCE5YQulj6OdPYV)

**A UNI Graduate student is conducting research on LGBTQ+ university student support.**

The study is designed to explore the reasons why LGBTQ+ university students do or do not seek support, as well as the factors that influence that decision. UNI students are encouraged to participate. A survey of approximately 5-7 minutes in length can be found [here](#). Responses will be kept anonymous and no identifying information will be requested. After the study, the researcher will save all responses on a secure computer.

Link to survey: [https://uni.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3DEijYe4sFxsREN](https://uni.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3DEijYe4sFxsREN)



**Why or why  
not do  
LGBTQ+  
university  
students  
seek  
support?**



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