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GENDER & SEXUALITY SERVICES

December Newsletter

It's officially Winter Break!

This semester was one for the books, and we are so thankful to all those who have been a part of our community throughout the ongoing pandemic.

Gender & Sexuality Services continues to be available virtually from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday. LGBTQ* Student Services Coordinator Kalyani is on campus Thursdays and Fridays. Students can also email lgbt@uni.edu to join our Discord server, which is exclusively for LGBTQ+ UNI students.

Please note that the University of Northern Iowa will be moving to Winter Operations from 4:30pm on Friday 12/11 through the morning of Tuesday 1/19, during which time many services will fully virtual. Additional information about our virtual services can be found at <https://lgbt.uni.edu/virtual>.

Winter Card Exchange

Do you love to get mail? Do you like pretty stationery and positive messages? Sign up to be matched with a UNI faculty, staff, or alum in our winter card exchange. Names will be matched on a rolling basis through December 11th. Students can sign up at <https://forms.gle/C9ozkrwTKUEfjJTV7>.





Faculty, staff, and alumni partners:

Would you like to encourage a student? Do you enjoy sending snail mail? Sign up to be matched with a UNI student in our winter card exchange. Names will be matched on a rolling basis through December 11th. Cards can be hand-crafted, purchased, or doodled on an index card -- anything that shows that you care! Sign up at

<https://forms.gle/EioM6i14WzmrCw2j6>

Safe Zone Ally Training

Registration is now open for our January Safe Zone Ally training sessions. All January trainings will be held virtually via Zoom. Additional spring semester training dates will be added soon.

Phase 1

- Monday 1/4/2021, 12:00 - 1:30 PM
- Tuesday 1/12/2021, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Phase 2

- Friday 1/8/2021, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
- Tuesday 1/12/2021, 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Register in advance at <https://lgbt.uni.edu/safe-zone-ally-registration> to receive the Zoom link. If you are interested in hosting a Phase 1 training for a group or class, please email lgbt@uni.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

RAINBOW FUND

- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher
- Must be active in or identify with the LGBTQ+ community
- Essay required

Apply by January 15, 2021

Details and application at
lgbt.uni.edu/financial-aid-and-scholarships

Rainbow Fund Scholarship

Scholarship funds are available through GSS for the 2021-22 academic year. Applications due January 15, 2021. For more information or to apply, visit <https://lgbt.uni.edu/financial-aid-and-scholarships>

Where do you go to be you in the Cedar Valley?

We're working to expand our list of local LGBTQ-inclusive resources including doctors and counselors, beauticians, vocal therapists, faith & religious leaders, family resources, restaurants, shops and boutiques, and more. Email positive recommendations and stories to lgbt@uni.edu.

Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Dates

December 1: World AIDS Day

December 8: Pansexual & Panromantic Pride Day

December 10: LGBT* Center Opening Anniversary

GSS will be closed December 22-27 and January 1.

Welcome

If you haven't had a chance to meet Kalyani yet, stop by Virtual GSS or send her an [email!](#)



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