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March Newsletter

We're nearly halfway through the semester (wow!)

Keep reading for more info on upcoming events and ways to connect with GSS. Visit us in Maucker Union to meet our staff, join an event, make some new friends, or just hang out. We'll continue to provide options for in-person and virtual support. Email us at lgbt@uni.edu to setup a meeting.



Lav Grad

Calling all graduates! We want to celebrate YOU at [Lavender Graduation](#). Head to the link for more info and to register as a graduate. While you're at it, drop a nomination (or two) for Lavender Awards to recognize our community members who are showing out in support of our LGBTQ+ communities.

Tues. 5/2
6:30-8 PM
Maucker Union Ballroom

Mail Exchange

Do you love to get mail? Do you like pretty stationery and positive messages? Sign up to be matched with a fellow student from Iowa State, U of Iowa, or UNI in our LGBTQIOWA monthly mail exchange! Sign up by March 6th to be matched with a partner for our March exchange and beyond!

All students who have signed up by the first Monday of the month will be added to the exchange -- just sign up once and you'll get monthly reminders to write to your mail partner. [Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/LGBTQIOWAMail](https://tinyurl.com/LGBTQIOWAMail)



MAIL EXCHANGE

Sign up to be matched with a fellow LGBTQ+ student in a mail exchange between UNI, Iowa State, and the University of Iowa.

Questions? Email lgbt@uni.edu

This program is a collaborative initiative run through UNI's Gender & Sexuality Services, U Iowa's Pride Alliance Center, and ISU's Center for LGBTQIA+ Student Success. The program is for current LGBTQ+ students attending the University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, and Iowa State University only.



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Pride Week

April 3-8, 2023

Pride Week

Spring is in the air and we're looking forward to one of our favorite springtime traditions: Pride Week! Mark your calendars for a week full of events to celebrate LGBTQ+ life at UNI (capped off with Dragaganza on April 8th!), and keep an eye out for more updates as we roll out the full lineup including a clothing closet, coffee hour, and more!

P.S. [Click here to sign up to perform in Dragaganza!](#)

Weekly Programs

QTBIPOC Affinity Group: Join [Daria](#) on Tuesdays from 12-1 PM in GSS to connect with other queer and trans Black, Indigenous, and students of color.

Queer Book Club: Join [Archer](#) on Thursdays from 5-6 PM in GSS to discuss books with queer storylines and highlight LGBTQ+ representation in literature. All genres welcome!

Pride Climb

Come hang with the Climbing Club and Out & Ally Network! We'll be at the WRC for rock climbing. All equipment is provided and no experience is needed!

Wed. 3/8

5-7 PM

Wellness & Recreation Center

No cost for students and WRC members; day passes can be purchased at the WRC front desk



HANG WITH US
at the WRC for rock climbing!

JOIN GSS AND THE OUT & ALLY NETWORK!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

WED: March 8th 5-7PM

STAY/GO AS YOU PLEASE!

All equipment/gear is provided!
No cost for students and WRC members; an individual day pass for the WRC (for any non-student who doesn't already have a membership) can be purchased for \$8

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OUT & ALLY NETWORK

Women's History Month Panel & Luncheon

Monday, March 20, 2023 | Maucker Union Ballrooms
11:15-11:45 AM: Community Luncheon
12-1 PM: Panel Discussion

Hosted by Diversity, Inclusion & Social Justice and Women's & Gender Studies



Trisha Etringer
she/her
Operations & MBMR Director
Great Plains Action Society



Nicole Sallis
she/her
Global leadership consultant,
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Practitioner of Transformation,
and personal power work.



Jennifer Leatherby
they/she
Multi-media artist, educator,
activist, and "whole life" doula



Lata D'Mello
she/her
Assistant Director
Monsoon Asians & Pacific
Islanders in Solidarity

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all UNI-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Maya Buchanan at maya.buchanan@uni.edu at least one week prior to the event.

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Register at
tinyurl.com/UNlwhm2023

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Women's History Month

Diversity, Inclusion & Social Justice and Women's & Gender Studies invite you to join us for a Women's History Month panel and luncheon featuring community leaders Trisha Etringer, Nicole Sallis, Jennifer Leatherby, and Lata D'Mello.

Monday, March 20

Lunch @ 11:15 AM, panel @ noon

Maucker Union Ballroom

Reserve your seat at

tinyurl.com/UNlwhm2023

Did you know?

Preferred names (what is listed in myUNiverse) can be used on student IDs! Current students who want a new card may do so by bringing their existing ID card to Housing and Dining and requesting a new card (make sure your preferred name is updated in myUNiverse first). This change is in effect for all current and incoming students (and employees). Current students changing their preferred name may receive their replacement ID at no cost.

Need to update your preferred name? Log into myUNiverse, navigate to "Update Personal Information," enter your preferred name and select the date for the change to take effect, and click "save changes."

Safe Zone Ally

Registration for [Safe Zone Ally](#) training is now open! Please register in advance.

Phase One

- Wednesday, March 1 - 3:00-4:30 PM (on campus)
- Tuesday, April 4 - 2:00-3:30 PM (virtual)
- Monday, April 24 - 11:30 AM-1 PM (on campus)

Phase Two

- Wednesday, March 8 - 3:00-5:00 PM (on campus)
- Thursday, April 6 - 2:00-4:00 PM (virtual)
- Monday, May 1 - 11:30 AM-1:30 PM (on campus)

**As much advance notice as possible will be given in the event that a session is shifted to a virtual format.*

Upcoming Events

March 1: Safe Zone Ally: Phase One | 3-4:30 PM | [register in advance](#)

[Proud](#) meeting | 5:30-6:30 PM | Rod Library Makerspace

March 2: Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS

March 7: QTBIPOC Affinity Group | 12-1 PM | GSS

March 8: Safe Zone Ally: Phase Two | 3-5 PM | [register in advance](#)

Pride Climb | 5-7 PM | WRC | hosted by [Climbing Club](#), [Out & Ally Network](#)

[Proud](#) meeting | 5:30-6:30 PM | Rod Library Makerspace

March 2: Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS

March 13-17: *Spring Break!*

March 20: [Women's History Month lunch & panel](#) | 11:15 AM | Maucker Union

March 21: QTBIPOC Affinity Group | 12-1 PM | GSS

March 22: [LGBTa Time](#) | 12-1 PM | CME classroom

[Proud](#) meeting | 5:30-6:30 PM | Rod Library Makerspace

March 23: Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS

March 28: QTBIPOC Affinity Group | 12-1 PM | GSS

March 29: [Proud](#) meeting | 5:30-6:30 PM | Rod Library Makerspace

March 30: Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS



Stay Connected with Gender & Sexuality Services



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