

PRIDE Center

Student Success Council



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LGBTQIA+ in the News

- 315 anti-LGBTQ+ Bills introduced (Human Rights Campaign)
- 14 states have outlawed Drag
- Roseville High School Drag Show for LGBTQ+ Youth Canceled (Sac Bee–March 23)
- 20 states have introduced “Don’t Say Gay” laws
- 12 states have restricted transgender healthcare
- Curtis Park Drag Story Hour interrupted by armed Proud Boys (April 23)
- Graffiti on campus

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History

- Fall 2016: PRIDE Center Announced
 - Fall 2017: PRIDE Center Coordinator hired: Emilie Mitchell
 - April 2018: PRIDE Center opens
 - June 2018: PRIDE Center SPA hired: Alejandra Fernandez-Garcia
 - COVID Years: PRIDE Center instability: PRIDE Center physical location closed, boxed up, & moved; Emilie and Alejandra exited; & Sara Smith-Silverman served as interim coordinator
 - October 2022: PRIDE Learning Community Coordinator hired: David Shrope-Austin
 - February 2023: PRIDE Center soft re-opening
 - April 2023: PRIDE Center SPA hired: Liz Geisser
 - April 2023: PRIDE Center re-opened full time
 - Fall 2023: PRIDE Learning Community Classes offered
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Current Events

- **Host Pride Campus Events in April and early May- Trivia, Bingo, Movie, Cap Decor**
- **May 5th 5:30pm: Lavender Virtual Graduation**
- **Currently in planning for 2023-2024 events**
 - **Name Change Clinic**
 - **HIV/PrEP Clinic**
 - **PRIDE Prom**
 - **Coming Out Day event**
 - **LGBTQ+ History events**
 - **...and more**

PRIDE Learning Community Fall 2023

Classes Offered

As members of the Pride Learning Community, students can select from the four classes offered. They may take **all** of the classes offered or **any combination** of them.

- COMM 301 - Public Speaking - Professor David Shrope-Austin - MW 10:30am - Davies Hall 214 (Lecture 11670)
 - SOC 300 – Intro to Sociology - Professor Jeffrey Sacha - MW 12:00pm - Davies Hall 214 (Lecture 11587)
 - ENGWR 300 – College Composition – Professor Cathy Arellano – Online Course (Lecture 12909)
 - SJS 310 – Introduction to LGBTQ Studies – Professor TBA – Online Course (Lecture 12688)
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Planning the Future

- Plan Fall 2023 weekly online Pride Chat” group for LGBTQ Community
 - Rebrand Learning Community-Pride Classes 2Gether
 - Create Online Asynchronous “Safe Space” Course
 - Promote Spring 2024 Pride Learning Community Courses
 - Begin planning for May 2024 Lavender Graduation at ARC Live
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Challenges and Support

- **Current Campus Climate**
 - Purdue University: 22% of LGBTQ+ students face frequent verbal harassment
 - Suggestion: new campus climate survey
 - Suggestion: Safe Space training for all faculty & staff
 - **LGBTQIA+ Student Retention**
 - Association of American Universities states that 28% of LGBTQIA+ students drop out before completion
 - **Identifying students who are part of LGBTQIA+ Community**
 - Gallup Poll: 24% of Gen Z (19-26 yo) identify as LGBTQIA+ or questioning
 - Suggestion: work with college to determine better ways to identify
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