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LGBTQ Center 2012 Brochure

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Student Organizations

Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) We seek to work with both the GLBTIQQ and straight communities in order to help change the campus climate at URI.

LBTQ Women's Group This group is designed to provide a space for LBTQ women to be themselves in a safe and welcoming environment, while receiving support from each other and having fun.

Gays, Lesbians, and Allies Advancing Medicine (GLAAM) Group currently forming through two colleges at URI and the LGBTQ Center.

Student Organizations Coming Fall 2012

 O-STEM (Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and LGBTQ Identities
Exploring Spirituality and Social Justice Issues
LGBTQ Support in Athletics

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Education

OUTspoken Speakers Bureau Coming in Fall 2012, the LGBTQ Center

will begin offering a program where students can be trained to share their experiences in a panel discussion based format. The OUTspoken Speakers Bureau will be an hour long panel discussion, focused on understanding LGBTQ issues and led by students. The bureau can be utilized in any classroom, meeting, or training.

Safe Zone Project

The purpose of Safe Zone Project is to: (1) Increase awareness, knowledge, and support of LGBTQ people and issues; (2) Build a visible support



network of LGBTQ Allies on URI's campus; and (3) Improve the campus climate for LGBTQ people at URI. We offer a 2 hour Workshop to train on basic issues affecting the LGBTQ community and how to be an ally. Contact our office to schedule a workshop for your office, department, or group.

Classroom and Meeting Presentations

For any class, department, or other event, our LGBTQ Center can tailor a presentation to meet your specific needs. Please contact our office for more details.

Engagement Large Scale Events

Throughout the year, the LGBTQ Center will offer a variety of opportunities for our community to come together. In the fall, we offer a Welcome Night where we will open the year and discuss all options for engagement throughout the year. October brings Coming Out Month activities. November will host our Transgender Day of Remembrance. March will highlight our annual LGBTIQQ Symposium. Finally, in April, we will offer the Lavender Graduation to celebrate our year together.

Mentoring Program

In Fall 2012, the LGBTQ Center will begin offering its mentoring program for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. First and second year students can apply to have junior and senior mentors. Juniors and seniors can be mentors for younger students and also have graduate student, faculty, staff, or alumni mentors.

Book Club and Family Dinners

In Fall 2012, we will offer a Book Club and Family Dinners for all interested students, faculty, and staff. The Book Club will be themed toward LGBT issues and/or identities and will meet several times during the semester. The Family Dinners will be social in nature and allow the community to come together in a relaxed atmosphere to prepare and enjoy meals together.

Support

President's Commission on LGBTQ

The President's Commission on LGBTQ issues focuses on providing support for all URI people, as well as assisting in creating a supportive and inclusive climate.

Coming Out Support Group

In Fall 2012, the Coming Out Support Group will meet weekly to offer students, faculty, and staff the ability to come together around issues related to the lifelong coming out process.

Gender Identity and Expression Discussion Group

In Fall 2012, the Gender Identity and Expression Discussion Group will be an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to engage in dialogue concerning the many facets of gender identity and expression.

Bi, Pan, and Fluid Sexualities Group

Coming in Fall 2012, the Bi, Pan, and Fluid Sexualities Group will offer discussion and activities surrounding the fluidity of sexuality and sexual expression.

Conversation Group

The LGBTQ Center offers Conversation Group once a week, where students come together to discuss a variety of LGBTQ related issues, from current events to identity concepts.