Weekly Update

WOMEN'S CENTER & LGBTQ+ PROGRAMS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH

GREETINGS FROM MELISSA!

Hello!

We're excited to let you know that the Request for Proposals is open for our annual Women's Leadership Conference! Interested in presenting a session? You can learn more and get the link to submit yours below!

Here are some additional things we're highlighting this week:

- Black in White: Black Experiences at PWIs Virtual Panel - our event with the Cultural Center on Tuesday, February 8!
- Pride Night at the Wall on Friday, February 11
- "Amplified" An art exhibition - we're currently accepting submissions to spotlight student artists and creators
- S.T.A.R. Ally trainings - check out our 2 remaining training dates and register!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, and have a wonderful week!

Take care,
Melissa
Program Coordinator
Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs

MEET OUR STAFF!



MELVIN PRITCHETT

Major: Biology and Public Health Major
Year: Sophomore
Pronouns: She/Her

What is your favorite time of day and why? My favorite time of day is definitely nighttime, between 11 pm and 2 am. I love how peaceful it is and I am always the most productive at night. My all-time favorite book is Into the Wild. I could read it over and over and never get tired of it.
What is your dream job? My dream job would be to be a doctor and specialize as an OBGYN.

What song would you sing for karaoke night: I would sing anything by One Direction.

Why Do You Like Working at the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs? What I like about working at the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs is the opportunity to help plan events on campus and be able to speak openly. The community here makes you feel heard and valued, and it is amazing to be a part of something like that.



ANNA LIPPY

Major: Environmental Science
Year: 2023
Pronouns: she/her

What is your favorite time of day and why? -Early mornings between 8-10 am when things are still quiet and everyone is waking up. I love hearing the birds sing during this time of day.
What's your favorite book or movie? To Kill A Mockingbird
What do you like about working with the Women's Center &

Why do you like working at the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs? I love the supportive atmosphere created by the staff, I feel so welcomed and seen here. It's very uplifting to know I am helping to make a difference in my community.



KAYLA PILAND

Major: Public Health
Year: Senior
Pronouns: She/Her

Favorite Time of Day? Why?: Late night (2-3 A.M.). I'm a night owl, so that's when I have the most energy. It's also when I feel the most at peace. The world (or rather the world as we know it) is asleep, but if you're awake you get to take in the beauty of it all by yourself, being an introvert it's really nice for me.

Favorite Book or Movie? 10 Things I Hate About You
Dream Job: Flight Attending
What Would Sing at Karaoke?: Love Lost by Mac Miller

Why Do You Like Working at the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs? I like working here because I've been introduced to so many amazing people. I wake up and look forward to coming here every day and learning something new. I've been broadening my horizons and knowledge being here and it's helping shape me into the person I want to be. All of the people here are giving me new pieces of myself and pushing me to be better and do more for our communities.

CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING PROGRAMS!



BLACK IN WHITE: BLACK EXPERIENCES AT PWIS

The Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs and the Cultural Center invite you to attend Black In White: Black Experiences at PWIs, a virtual conversational panel at 4 p.m. on February 8th, where black students/faculty/staff will come together to bring attention to and address the disparities, experiences and challenges that are faced by black people attending and working at predominantly white institutions. In addition to this panel and discussion, we hope to also create a safe space for others to speak up and share with people who understand their similar struggles. Please RSVP for this event here: https://bit.ly/blackinwhite22



PRIDE NIGHT AT THE WALL

Do you want to challenge yourself by climbing the wall? Looking to connect with other LGBTQ+ students on campus? Join LGBTQ+ Programs Friday, February 11, from 6-8 pm at the Wellness and Recreation Center (WRC) climbing wall for a night to remember! Please RSVP at this link:
https://bit.ly/pridewalls22

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs, Leadership Programs, Alumni Association, and J. Whitney Bunting College of Business will be jointly hosting our 4th annual Women's Leadership Conference March 25, 2022. The theme for this year's conference is *Leading Change: Navigating the Road to Resiliency* and will be held in person with a virtual session track being offered for those who wish to join us from a distance. Below, please find our request for proposals and an online proposal submission form. The deadline to submit a proposal is February 22 and registration for the conference will open on March 1.
For more information about the conference, please visit our Women's Leadership Conference Webpage.

Proposal Submission Link: Session Proposal Form



CALL FOR ARTISTS & CREATORS FOR "AMPLIFIED" ART EXHIBITION

The Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs are calling all artists, creators, and crafters to submit their work to be featured in an Art Exhibit this March. We are looking to feature works that spotlight and uplift the experiences of marginalized members of our campus community. Previous works may be submitted, or a student may create new works for the exhibit. All mediums are welcome. Please apply at https://bit.ly/gcwcArtSubmissionForm

Feel free to email gcwomenscenter@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



S.T.A.R. ALLY TRAINING FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER!

LGBTQ+ Programs has two more in-person S.T.A.R. Ally training for the Spring semester! (Friday, February 25, 2-5:30 p.m., and Monday, March 28th, 5-8:30).
Please register here: https://bit.ly/gcstarspr22

The S.T.A.R. Ally (Support, Teach, Affirm, Respect; previously known as Safe Space) program advances one of Georgia College's guiding principles of "instilling respect for human diversity

and individuality" by affirming people of all sexual and gender identities and lessening the prejudice that limits the university experience, and well-being of LGBTQ+ identified students, faculty, staff, facility members, and administrators.

The overarching goals of S.T.A.R. Ally training are to increase participants' awareness and knowledge of LGBTQ+ people's identities and experiences and provide the skills to be an ally for the LGBTQ+ community at Georgia College and beyond.

Please note: these training will be held in person and masks are strongly encouraged. S.T.A.R. Ally training cannot be made mandatory training for any individual or group. If you are interested in having your organization or group trained, don't hesitate to contact the LGBTQ+ Programs Coordinator to discuss your needs.

Additionally, individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ are welcome and invited to attend S.T.A.R. Ally, however, some of the activities and content covered may be challenging for members of the LGBTQ+ community, especially those who have had negative experiences related to their identity previously. Please reach out to melissa.gerrior@gcsu.edu if you have further questions or concerns.

OTHER DATES TO SAVE

March 25, 2022 - Women's Leadership Conference
April 29, 2022 - Lavender Graduation

CHECK OUT THE MENSTRUATION STATIONS ACROSS CAMPUS!

Through a partnership with the Student Government Association, Menstruation Station baskets have been installed in bathrooms across campus offering free menstrual products to students. These baskets are perfect for days when you are caught off-guard. Each station is numbered and if you see an empty station just text the station number to phone number on the sign. For more info visit our website. Want to request a menstruation station at another location on campus? Fill out this form.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

We love interns - fill out this form if you're interested in interning with us!



DONATE!

Want to help us accomplish our goals? By donating to the Georgia College Foundation and directing your gift to either the Women's Center or LGBTQ+ Programs you can help us make a difference in the lives of the students we work with!

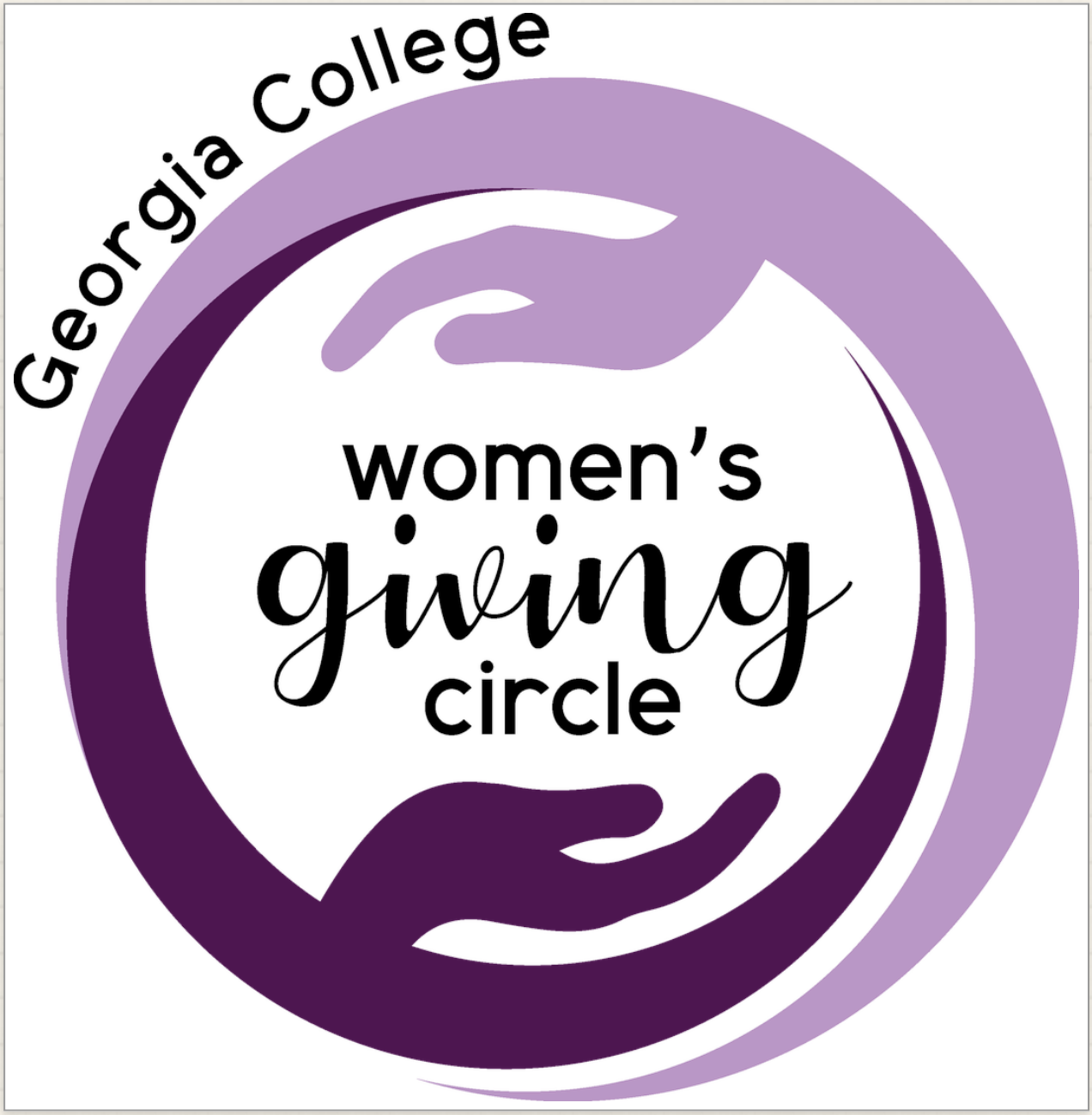
To give to the Women's Center or LGBTQ+ Programs, click here.

For either fund, select "Other" on the Designation box and search for either "Women's Resource Center" or "LGBTQ+ Program Fund." You can then select either a one-time or recurring gift!

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

The Georgia College Women's Center and the Georgia College Foundation are excited to establish a Women's Giving Circle (WGC)! The GC Women's Giving Circle will amplify the power of collaborative philanthropic efforts to help support areas of need across campus while simultaneously building community and transforming the lives of students. Members contribute an annual gift to the fund and gather to determine where the collective dollars are

granted. By motivating and inspiring women as leaders, donors, and advocates, we can transform women's giving to create greater impact!



CONNECT WITH US!

RAINBOW THUNDERCHAT

Fill out the form at the QR Code to get access!

What is Rainbow Thunderchat?

We're using Discord to create a supportive and affirming online space for the GC LGBTQ+ community!

What's on Rainbow Thunderchat?

Community conversations, announcements, listening and reading suggestions, etc.
Also cute pet pics. Lots of those.

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