Weekly Update

WOMEN'S CENTER & LGBTQ+ PROGRAMS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21ST

GREETINGS FROM MELISSA!

Hello!

It's the last full week of February, and we've got a lot happening this week!

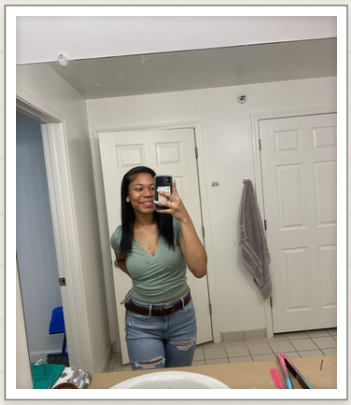
Check out:

- Sister Sip & Paint in celebration of Black History Month on Tuesday!
- The 2nd meeting of “The Good Body” Book Club
- "Amplified" An art exhibition - last call to submit your pieces!
- The RFP for this year's Women's Leadership Conference
- 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!



TALIYAH REID

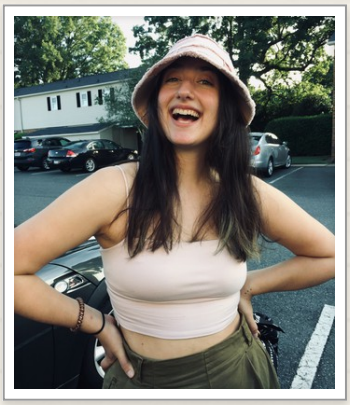
Major: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Year: Freshmen
Pronouns: She/ Her

What is your favorite time of day and why?
- Nighttime (11- 2 p.m.) This time is usually when I do my best work such as planning for the week or studying for my next big test. The peace at this time of night brings out the true me.

What's your favorite book or movie?
- Go Wild: Free Your Body and Mind from the Afflictions of Civilization

What is your dream job?
- Pediatric Nurse

What do you like about working with the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs? My favorite thing about working with the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs is getting to meet new people whose creativity and mindsets have a major impact on things that truly believe in! Everyone here is amazing and it has been a pleasure meeting them.



SARAH GREENE

Major: Public Health
Minor: Art Therapy
Year: Senior (5th year) Super Senior?
Pronouns: She/Her

What is your favorite time of day and why? Even though I am not a morning person usually, my favorite time of the day is dawn. It is so relaxing hearing the world wake up, feeling the sunrise warm the air, and smelling the morning dew. This time of the day fills me with peace and contentment.

What would you sing at Karaoke night? If I was performing solo, I would sing Vienna by Billy Joel. But, if I was with my gals, we would definitely sing Before He Cheats by Carrie Underwood.

What do you like about working with the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs? I love working at the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs. The work environment here provides a space to ask questions without judgment and opportunities to collaborate with others, which in turn allows the whole staff to grow and be successful! I am already learning so much through this experience, and I can't wait to see the work we do come to fruition.

CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING PROGRAMS!



SISTER SIP & PAINT

An evening of food, mocktails, painting, and Black excellence! Join our Sister Sip & Paint event on February 22 from 6:30-7:30!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

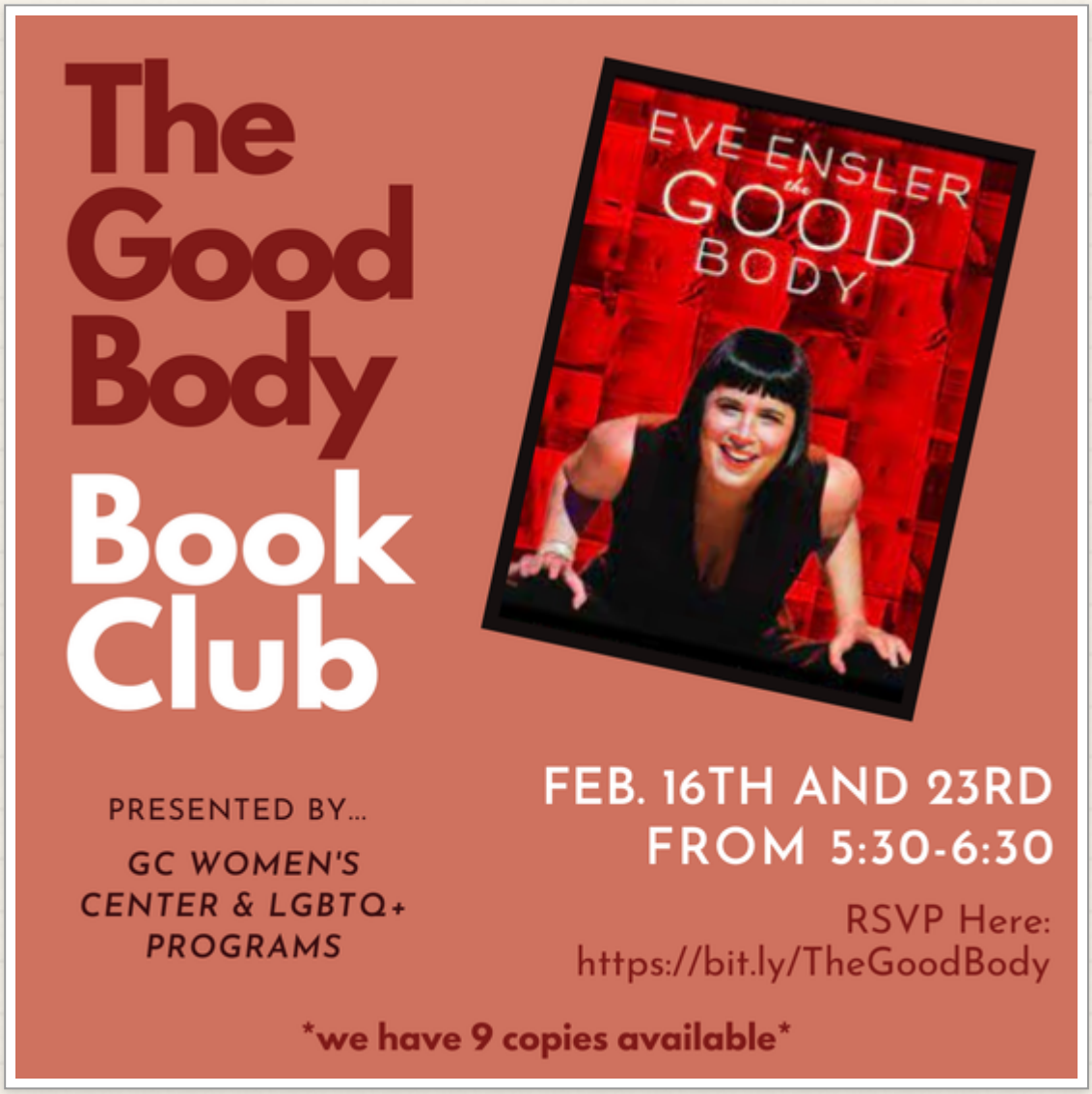
The Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs, Leadership Programs, Alumni Association, and J. Whitney Bunting College of Business will be jointly hosting our 4th annual Women's Leadership Conference March 25, 2022. The theme for this year's conference is *Leading Change: Navigating the Road to Resiliency* and 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 by FEBRUARY 21, 11 PM.
Feel free to email gcwomenscenter@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



GOOD BODY BOOK CLUB - 2ND MEETING

Join the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs for a discussion of the book *The Good Body* by Eve Ensler, on Wednesday, February 23 from 5:30-6:30. This event is centered around discussing and developing an understanding of how our self-perceptions are influenced by things like generational body trauma, fatphobia, diet culture, and more.

This will be the second meeting of *The Good Body* Book club. We ask that everyone attending already has read the book...don't worry it's a short read! (But also it's okay if you haven't read it!) There are a few copies available at the Women's Center for pick up and there is one copy at the GC library. If you're interested, please fill out this form https://bit.ly/TheGoodBody



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!

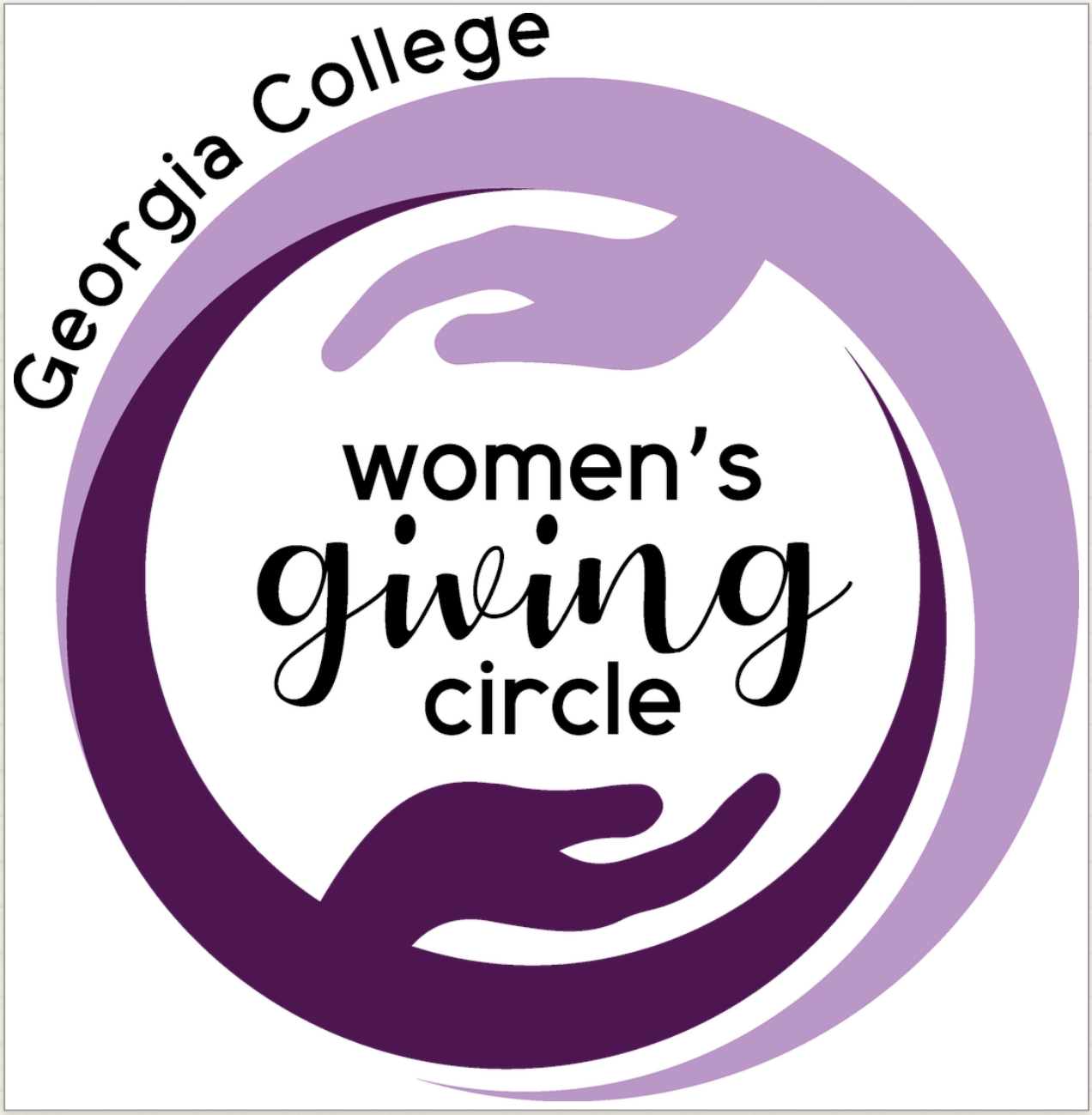
To give to the Women's Center or LGBTQ+ Programs, click here.

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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