Weekly Update

WOMEN'S CENTER & LGBTQ+ PROGRAMS

WEEK OF JANUARY 24-29

GREETINGS FROM MELISSA!

Hello, Happy New Year, and welcome to our first newsletter of Spring 2022!

Thanks to our student staff and a new group of interns (there are 8 of them!), the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs has hit the ground running, and have started working on a great semester full of events and programs for the campus community. Here's what we have on our calendar so far (read below for more details):

- A virtual conversation for LGBTQ+ folks and allies with De Montfort University in Leicester, England
- "Amplified" An art exhibition - we're currently accepting submissions to spotlight student artists and creators
- S.T.A.R. Ally trainings - check out our 3 training dates and register!
- R.I.S.E. - applications for our Spring 22 cohort are open

Also, be on the lookout for more information soon about the annual Women's Leadership Conference, Lavender Graduation, and how you can get involved as a Project BRAVE Peer Facilitator!

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

CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING PROGRAMS!



WHY DON'T OUR FRIENDS COME OUT?

As part of an ongoing collaboration with the International Education Center, we are excited to invite LGBTQ+ students and allies to "Why don't our friends come out?", a virtual conversation with students at De Montfort University in England! Using out players within football/soccer as a jumping-off point, we'll talk about how cultural differences between the US and the UK influence folk's decision to come out, and why people choose to come out in some spaces and not others.

Get the Zoom link here: https://bit.ly/dsugc12722



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 three in-person S.T.A.R. Ally training for the Spring semester! (Fridays, January 28th or 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.



RISE COHORT APPLICATIONS

Want to learn a little "ordinary magic" (i.e., resilience) to help you bounce back from hard times? Interested in exploring who you are and what's essential? If yes, consider joining our RISE cohort this semester! RISE (Resilience in Identity and Self-Exploration) is a cohort-based, weekly community group hosted by LGBTQ+ Programs exploring skills to navigate sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. A maximum of 10 students will be invited to be a part of our spring cohort.

Over the 10-11 weeks, topics discussed will include (but are not limited to) identifying negative messages and knowing your self-worth, standing up for yourself, affirming and enjoying your body, and building relationships and community. This semester's cohort will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. and will be co-led by Melissa Gerrior and Dr. Joanna Schwartz.

Please apply by 5 p.m. on 1/31 at https://bit.ly/gc-rise-s22

OTHER DATES TO SAVE

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

GEORGIA COLLEGE CULTURAL CENTER AND OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE PRESENTS, KING COMMEMORATION 2022

The Georgia College Cultural Center and Office of Inclusive Excellence invite you to join us for events to commemorate the life, teachings, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr! The theme for this year will align with the King Center theme: It Starts With Me...Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community"

Thursday, January 27th, 2022- Movie Night-6:00 PM at the Cultural Center (more details to follow)

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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!

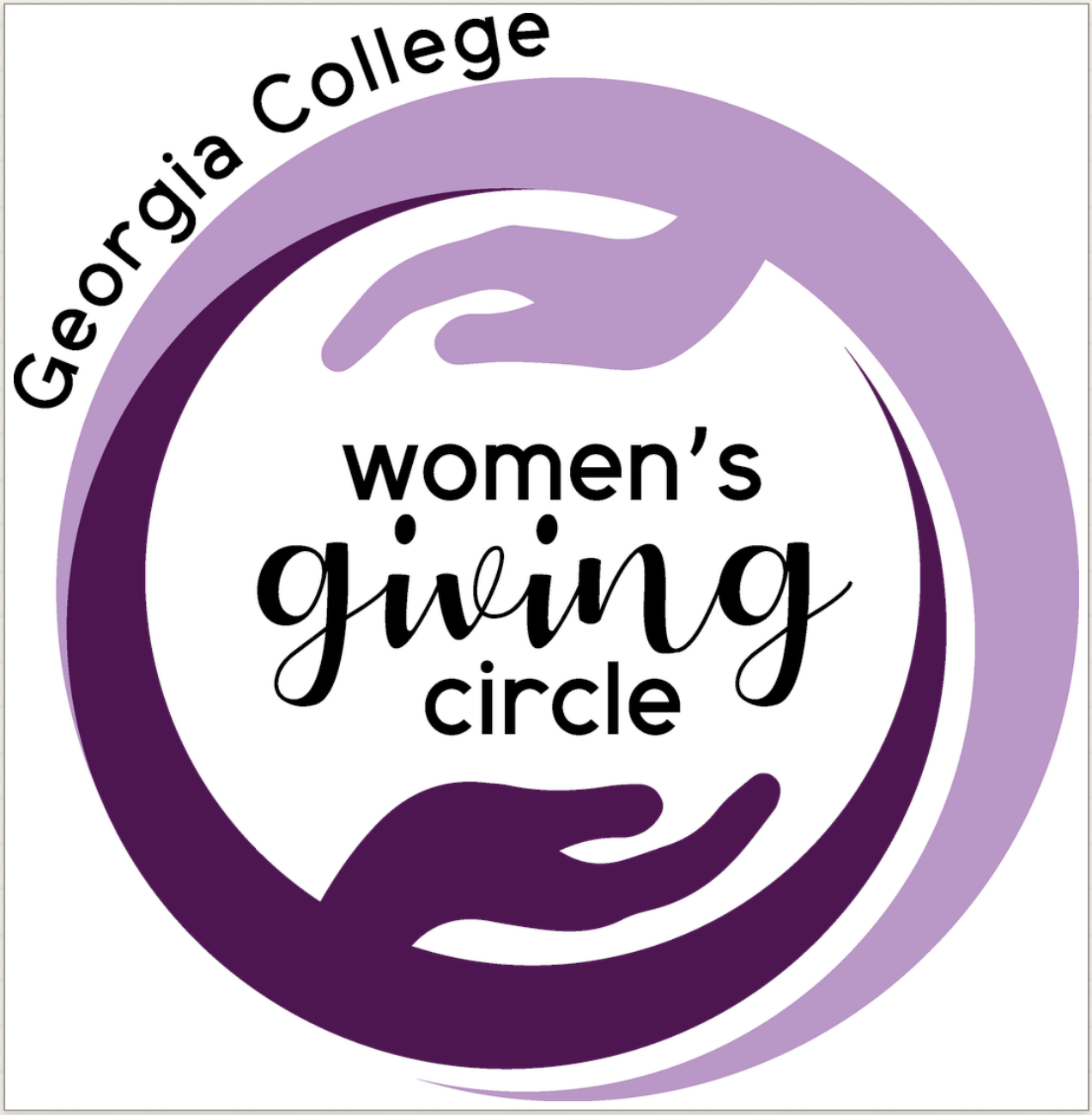
To give to the Women's Center or LGBTQ+ Programs, click here.

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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