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Dear campus colleagues,

Thank you for choosing to present the **CME “Bulletin Board in a Bag”**: LGBT History Month in your area this **October!**

In this packet, and any attached documents, you will find everything you need to **begin** a great bulletin board. Past and future BBBs are posted on our Publications website:

www.du.edu/cme/resources/publications.html

How to use

We’ve provided several flyer-sized pages of information, intended to get your board started.

For the most part, the Board is just print and post ready. Color is obviously most eye-catching, but most of the graphics should be fine in black and white/grayscale if necessary. We strongly suggest researching and adding additional information that would be of most interest to your particular audience (relevant communities in home states/nations, campus/community activities that appeal to majors and hobbies); this can help expand the board and improve its impact.

If available at the time of publication, we’ve also included information about relevant campus/ community events that you can post as well. You can always check our online calendar (lower right corner of www.du.edu/cme), the relevant Joint Council student organizations (www.du.edu/cme/programs-services/joint-council.html) and/or other sources to see what events and resources you can add to your Board. And, consider attending one/some of these events too!

Feedback

If you use the board, to help us know where our boards have been, and how audiences have responded to them, please email us (igr@du.edu) any/all of the following:

- Your name, hall and floor where the board is posted
- A photo or two of the board up on your floor
- A brief description of any reaction/feedback the board generated on your floor community,
- And any feedback you have about this board or ideas for other Inclusive Excellence-related identities/issues/observances we could provide for the future.

(And in the unfortunate event there’s any defacement or other negative reaction to the board, please follow your hall’s reporting procedures, and let us know.)

THANKS for sharing this important, and interesting, info with your audiences!

Sincerely,

Center for Multicultural Excellence

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LGBTQ



HISTORY



MONTH



LGBT



OCTOBER



2015



What Is LGBTQ History Month?

- A month that celebrates the achievements of 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender Icons
- Each day in October, a new LGBT Icon is featured
- The LGBT community is the only community worldwide that is not taught its history at home, in public schools or in religious institutions
- LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community and makes the civil rights statement about our extraordinary national and international contributions

• <http://lgbthistorymonth.com/>



When did LGBTQ History Month Start?

- In 1994, Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher, believed a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history, and gathered other teachers and community leaders
- They selected October because public schools are in session and existing traditions, such as Coming Out Day (October 11), occur that month
- In 2006, Equality Forum assumed responsibility for providing content, promotion and resources for LGBTQ History Month

• <http://lgbthistorymonth.com/>



When did the fight for LGBTQ rights begin?

- The Stonewall riots were a series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations by members of the gay (LGBT) community against a police raid that took place in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn, located in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, New York City
- They are widely considered to constitute the single most important event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBT rights in the United States
- The last years of the 1960s, however, were very contentious, as many social movements were active, including the African American Civil Rights Movement, the Counterculture of the 1960s, and antiwar demonstrations. These influences, along with the liberal environment of Greenwich Village, served as catalysts for the Stonewall riots





Where do LGBTQ Rights Stand Today?

- In four landmark rulings between the years 1996 and 2015, the Supreme Court invalidated a state law banning protected class recognition based upon homosexuality, struck down sodomy laws nationwide, struck down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, and made same-sex marriage legal nationwide.
- In 2015, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission concluded that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not allow sexual orientation discrimination in employment because it is a form of sex discrimination
- Adoption of children by same-sex married couples is legal nationwide since June 2015
- <http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/11316>

Laverne Cox:



- Laverne Cox is an American actress, producer and LGBT advocate best known for her role as a transgender prison inmate in the Netflix series “Orange Is the New Black”
- She is the first openly transgender person to be nominated for an Emmy Award for acting and the first to appear on the cover of Time magazine
- Cox has earned numerous awards and honors for her work as well as her activism, including the 2013 Courage Award from the Anti-Violence Project
- *“It is revolutionary for any trans person to choose to be seen and visible in a world that tells us we should not exist.”*

Elton John:

- Elton John has sold more than 250 million records in a career that spans more than three decades
- He has been honored with a knighthood for his work on behalf of AIDS research and education
- John's friendship with Ryan White and Freddy Mercury inspired him to establish the Elton John AIDS Foundation in 1992. He announced his intention to donate all future royalties from sales of his singles in the U.S. and U.K. to AIDS research

• <http://lgbthistorymonth.com/elton-john?tab=biography>



Lady Gaga:

- Openly bisexual, Lady Gaga is an outspoken LGBT equality advocate
- She was a leading activist for the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”
- Lady Gaga has won five Grammy Awards and holds two Guinness World Records
- Through her music, concerts and demonstrations, she continues to fight for LGBT rights

- <http://lgbthistorymonth.com/lady-gaga?tab=biography>



Want a Safe Space to Express Yourself on Campus?

- DU Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) is the place for you!
- QSA works to Support DU's Queer (LGBTIQ & Ally) communities and to create a more welcoming climate on campus, while promoting diversity and equality.
- Meetings Wednesdays at 7:30 in the Driscoll Center Suite 1880
- facebook.com/groups/qsadu/





Want More Information?

Visit DU LGBTIQ & Ally Services:

www.du.edu/pride & www.facebook.com/QatDU for:

- campus organizations
- campus programs & services
- online resources