Come to the GSRC!

The Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC), located on the second floor of the Hunt Union, provides a safe space for people of all genders, sexualities, and creeds to relax in. Open five days a week, the center has a TV, fridge, a mini library, and periodicals section full of information on the LGBTQ community. The center offers information on LGBTQ issues, women’s issues, and information about sex. Come hang out, get some homework done, get some of those questions answered, or just come in to talk.

We’re here for you!

The GSRC also sponsors numerous activities on campus like Action Hero, Dialogue Sessions, and Safe Space. Check out upcoming events in the GSRC NEWS AND EVENTS section on page 2.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to SUNY Oneonta! Hopefully everyone’s summer was nice and relaxing. At the start of the new semester, the GSRC is ready to be back in action with events for the whole campus community to enjoy.

RECAP OF PRIDE WEEK

March 28th: Kate Bornstein spoke at the Waterfront  
March 30th: Safe Space Special Topic: Trans Issues  
March 31at: North East LGBT Conference  
April 5th: LZ Ganderson spoke at the Hunt Union  
April 11th: The Day of Silence  
April 18th: Passion Party with Shannon Hime  
April 21st: Oneonta’s annual Second Chance Prom was held in the Waterfront and Hunt Union Square

April 26th: SUNY Oneonta’s first Lavender Graduation Recognition Ceremony was held at the Hunt Union in Union Square. Lavender Graduation is a celebration that recognizes LGBT students as well as heterosexual allies. It acknowledges their achievements and contributions to the College as students who survived the college experience as a LGBTQA individual.
DID YOU KNOW...?

Historians note that in some cultures, homosexual behavior was not viewed as effeminate but as evidence of a man’s masculinity. Examples include the Celtic and Greek cultures.

Source: facts.randomhistory.com

How to be a Great ALLY

By: Rachael DelSignore

Being Safe Space trained, I have learned so much about the LGBT community and history. However, what was extremely meaningful to me was learning how to be a great ally. I wanted to learn these skills in order to utilize them to create positive change. I would love to spread knowledge and what I have learned to others to hopefully create a chain of events that could leave an impact on our College. I came up with a few tips on how to be an ally, and a friend, to the LGBT community:

- Be a listener: Everyone needs someone to talk to sometimes. Be that person for a LGBT friend. Learn to listen with your mind and heart as well as your ears. Know when it is appropriate to respond and when it is not (sometimes one just needs someone to LISTEN)

- Be open-minded: You cannot be a good ally without being open to diversity and differences. Allow your mind to explore the diversity around you and embrace that diversity in other people.

- Be willing to talk about the issue: Nothing will get fixed if there is complete silence. Be willing to talk about these issues and brainstorm how to solve them.

- Be open about your alliance: Invite your LGBT friends over to hang out with friends and family. Make it known that you are an ally so people will be willing to talk to you about these issues.

- Do not assume: Do not assume that, just because isn’t obviously gay, someone is straight. Get to know the person. If they are, support them through their coming-out process.

- Confront your own prejudices and judgments: Even though it is difficult, confronting your own mistakes is crucial to being a great ally. You must be able to see and fix that fault in yourself in order to help fix that problem in our society.

- Defend LGBT people against discrimination: Tread carefully. Use your own judgment to know when to get involved and when not to. Sometimes stepping in could really help somebody.

- Truly believe that EVERYONE regardless of their identity, gender, sexuality, race, religion, or if they are African American, Caucasian, Asian, green or blue...deserves RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE.

GSRC News and Events

CURRENT EVENTS:

October is LGBT History Month and includes National Coming Out Day on October 11. In celebration of these two momentous dates, we will be doing a series of events in October with the Gender & Sexuality Alliance.

October 11—National Coming Out Day and Tabling in the Quad
October 12—Drag Ball
October 23—Renowned Bisexual Activist, Robyn Ochs
October 24—Transgender Basketball Player, Kye Allums
October 26—Intersex Awareness Day

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 20—Transgender Day of Remembrance
December 1—World AIDS Day

quote of the month

Who would give a law to lovers? Love is unto itself a higher law.
-Boethius