
"Your silence will not protect you." - Audre Lorde

In the News...

LGBT people must stand up not only for their rights but those of immigrants and other marginalized people, says San Diego Pride executive director Fernando Z. Lopez.

Read more at: <https://www.advocate.com/commentary/2018/7/13/pe-sisting-against-all-prejudices-san-di-ego-and-beyond>

The Bronx's LGBTQ Community Gets Its Own Center in the Unlikeliest of Places: Where it All Began.

Read more at: <https://www.welcome2thebronx.com/2018/08/16/the-bronxs-lgbtq-community-gets-its-own-center-in-the-unlikeliest-of-places-where-it-all-began/>

For many in the Trans community, basic financial goals are out of reach. A 2015 survey by the National Center for Transgender Equality found that 29 percent of transgender people live in poverty.

Read more at: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/transgender-community-financial-goals-out-reach_us_5b491262e4b022fdcc5971ba

Rejected by parents, gay valedictorian is going to college, with \$50K from donors. With no financial support from his parents, Seth Owen thought he'd have to give up his college dream. Then his mentor helped "make the impossible possible."

Read more at: https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/rejected-parents-gay-valedictorian-going-college-50k-donors-n896296?cid=public-rss_20180801

FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS

By Edwin Roman, Rainbow Alliance Advisor

I wear many hats on campus. My favorite, which I have been wearing since 2011, has been as advisor to the Rainbow Alliance Club. A favorite moment as advisor was when Joy, the club president of the 2012-2013 academic year, met with me before the school year started to discuss her vision and direction for the club. She wanted to emphasize the word alliance and engage students who may not identify as LGBTQ. Joy deeply felt that the best way to foster understanding was through interaction without diminishing activities that serve BCC's LGBTQ students. During Joy's tenure as president, and afterward, the club held a wide-range of events that included workshops, movie nights, and even a session on "Understanding Obamacare" which was the most attended event the club has ever had. At the end of the school year, the Rainbow Alliance was awarded the IOC Club of the Year as well as a Multicultural Spirit Award.

The following year the club held a discussion on "Relationships: In and Out of the Closet" that explored the complexities LGBTQ relationships face when one partner is in the closet and the other is out. This discussion was memorable for several reasons. First of all, the energy this conversation generated could have powered the campus for a month! Encompassed in this conversation on relationships were topics such as partner violence, bigotry, transphobia and stereotyping within the LGBTQ community. Second, students who identified as LGBTQ, and had never previously participated in any of the club's activities, attended this discussion. There was clearly a need. Third, a student who misunderstood the flyer, and did not identify as LGBTQ, attended and stayed. The following week I saw this student on the 4 train and he conveyed that he had no idea how complex being gay or lesbian can be, noting that the most interesting thing he learned was that gays and lesbians don't just come out once, but often throughout their lives. I think this was Joy's vision realized.

Humans tend to herd in their own groups and can sometimes have a limited understanding of people who are different. Images have great power that transcend language and too often prejudices have roots in negative portrayals. Even worse is when individuals accept negative portrayals of themselves as truth. This is why it is so seminal to see and learn about successful people that are like you, but may have remained "hidden figures." I didn't learn about Bayard Rustin (the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, who was openly gay years before the Gay Liberation Front was active) until my last year in college---and it was only because I had a deeply progressive professor from the 1960s who taught things not found in text books at that time (or even now). Our students need to see accomplished and productive leaders, healers, scientists, and artists who look like them. I have shown *Brother Outsider*, the documentary about Bayard Rustin, twice for Black History Month in my time as advisor.

That Gay literary genius, James Baldwin, once said, "The place in which I'll fit will not exist until I make it." The BCC LGBTQI + Resource Room is **that place** for BCC's LGBTQI + students, faculty, and staff. It is congruent with BCC's goals of a community of excellence, empowering students to succeed and developing world citizens. Most importantly, it stands in firm defiance against the rising tide of bigotry sweeping the nation. Ignorance is a disease that fosters fear, but it is curable with conversation, education, and meaningful discussion.



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MISSION

The LGBTQI + Resource Room at Bronx Community College works to foster an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment for students, faculty, and staff of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. The Resource Room aims to sustain visibility and a sense of community by providing LGBTQI + education, programming, and support services on campus.

Campus Events!

RAINBOW ALLIANCE CLUB

The **FIRST MEETING** for the Fall 2018 semester will be held on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018, 1-3 PM** in the BCC LGBTQI+ Resource Room located in the Roscoe Brown Student Center Room 301.

THE CLUB MEETS EVERY FRIDAY, 1-3 PM, IN RBSC 301.

LGBTQI+ SUPPORT GROUP

SHARE. EXPRESS. SUPPORT.

Let's come together to express thoughts, hopes and feelings, with other like minded people.

MEETS WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS FROM 1:00-2:00 PM.

If you are interested please visit RBSC 301 15 minutes prior (12:45 pm) to Pre-Register.

FALL 2018 SAFE SPACE TRAINING

Come to a day of training to become an ally to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual or Questioning Students.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 | 12-2PM
ROSCOE BROWN STUDENT CENTER 211

PLEASE SIGN UP ON LINE AT:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfG_FTb8UTppOy3d2qxK3Bg7Dc3Y__hNuDkfKZqbJnR29KEA/viewform

Stay tuned for the BCC Broadcast or connect with Edwin Roman at edwin.roman@bcc.cuny.edu for the direct link to sign-up.

Off-Campus Events!

THE CENTER

LGBTQ CAREER FAIR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018 | 10AM TO 3PM |

CITI EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER | 153 E. 53RD STREET, 14TH FLOOR

The LGBTQ Career Fair features dozens of companies from the Tri-State area eager to meet with diverse and qualified candidates. This free event offers the unique opportunity to not only meet employers that value LGBTQ diversity in the workplace, but also to participate in workshops and panels throughout the day. All attendees must register in advance. Register at <https://gaycenter.org/lgbtqcareerfair/>

LESLIE-LOHMAN MUSEUM OF GAY AND LESBIAN ART

BRAVE, BEAUTIFUL OUTLAWS: THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF DONNA GOTTSCHALK

AUGUST 29, 2018 - MARCH 17, 2019

OPENING SEPTEMBER 29, 4-6PM

This exhibition features the work of Donna Gottschalk, a photographer active in the early period of radical lesbian organizing in New York and California during the 1970s. Gottschalk came out as a lesbian right at the formation of the radical lesbians and Furies collectives on the east coast, where she met lesbian artists JEB (Joan E. Birren), Flavia Rando, and others, and later moved to California to join lesbian-separatist communities. In both locations, Gottschalk photographed herself, friends, lovers, and activists in radical lesbian communities. Gottschalk also documented the life of her sibling, formerly a gay man named Alfie who transitioned to become a woman named Myla.