Welcome Back!

You are cordially invited to join fellow alumni, students, staff, faculty, and community members in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Ithaca College LGBT Center!

There are many opportunities to learn about where we've been, and be a part of our future! We are excited for current students to meet and network with LGBT and Allied alumni, and for alumni to learn more about the Center for LGBT Education, Outreach, & Services and its work. Did you know that IC now holds the honor of being an award-winning campus as one of the most welcoming colleges for LGBT students in the nation? We are also proud of our four current LGBTA-themed student organizations and so much more! We look forward to sharing with you what's been going on over the last 10 years and we want to hear from you about the rich history of LGBTA groups and gatherings when you were here!

Thursday October 13, 7 pm Our Tenth Annual National Coming Out Day Speaker, Janet Green '78

"Intersex: What Is It, and Why Should You Care?"

It has become an IC tradition - each year we host a featured speaker with ties to the campus or local community in commemoration of National Coming Out Day. In past years, highlighted speakers have included notable people in the fields of research, media, writing, the arts, advocacy and activism, and law and public policy. This year, the event will take place downtown at the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca, 306 North Aurora Street, Ithaca, NY (the corner of Aurora and Buffalo Streets in downtown Ithaca). Thanks to our event co-sponsors and community partners, the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca, the Ithaca LGBT Task Force, and Out for Health.

Friday October 14, 8:30 pm LGBT and Allied Class Reunion

A toast to LGBT and Allied IC alumni, and to the 10th anniversary of the LGBT Center. Catch up with classmates and toast your reunion. A signature cocktail and mocktail have been specially created to celebrate our 10th anniversary! Cash bar. ZaZa's Cucina Restaurant, 622 Cascadilla St. Ithaca. Special thanks to your alumni event host Marc Wigler '87.

Saturday October 15, 9:30 am (race starts at 10 am) 5K run on campus with Lis and Habitat for Humanity! Butterfield Stadium

We're Out for Good - The LGBT Center program director will run the Habidash 5K on campus, and invites all LGBT and Allied students, alumni, and members of the campus community to join in - come be a part of a fun run for a great cause! Registration and fee for the run is required through IC's Habitat for Humanity, alumni may register while signing up to attend Fall Splash, or onsite. Please join us, run along with us, walk, or cheer us on from the sidelines of the race, as we LGBTA folks do something good to give back to the community. Special thanks to LGBTA Alumni from the Classes of 2007 and 2008 for challenging Lis to this run, and to IC Habitat for Humanity for their enthusiastic response to our participation.

Saturday October 15, 2 pm in Clark Lounge, Campus Center LGBTA@IC Throughout the Years - a featured panel discussion with LGBTA alumni spanning five decades at IC, and leaders of current LGBTA themed student organizations. Our panelists: Ralph Siciliano '72, Janet Green '78, Marc Wigler '87, Shelley Facente '02, Genevieve Labe '09.

Saturday October 15, 3:30 pm, LGBT Center Open House Center for LGBT Education, Outreach & Services lower level, Hammond Health Center, Room B-14

Sunday, October 16, 9 am - 11 am

Informal farewell gathering for LGBT and Allied alumni. Coffee/breakfast is on your own, but the company will be fabulous! One more chance to say goodbye for another year. Collegetown Bagels downtown location, 203 N. Aurora Street, Ithaca.

I hope to see you at some or all of these events!
Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Lis Maurer (Imaurer@ithaca.edu, 607-274-7394).
We ask that requests be made as soon as possible.



LGBTA@ Hhaca College

Things may have changed a bit since you were here. We've heard from alumni spanning decades and the experiences and campus environment for LGBTA students has varied over the years. We're so fortunate that our campus is home to a diverse, vibrant, and engaged community of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT), and allied students, staff, and faculty many of whom have found the campus and surrounding community an ideal place to learn, work, and live.

Founded in October 2001, The Center for LGBT Education, Outreach, and Services provides access to information, education, support, and services that value each person's unique diversity. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. The Center actively fosters the academic success and personal growth of LGBT students, and it offers college-wide services to enhance the campus community's understanding and appreciation of LGBT people and themes. Our Center is located on the lower level of the Hammond Health Center. The Center's services include:

- an office staffed by a full time program director
- a student-volunteer staffed resource room offering a welcoming and supportive environment for LGBT people and their allies
- access to resources, information, and referrals on LGBT issues in person and online
- a variety of campus-wide LGBT-themed educational programs and events

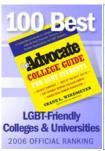
Highlights and accomplishments from the first 10 years of the LGBT Center!

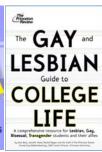


In 2001, the Center created an LGBT Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Initiative, the first campus-based initiative of its kind in the nation, supported in part by a grant from the Tompkins County Health Department Tobacco Control Coalition. The initiative received a National Health Information Merit Award in 2003 and was

honored by the Task Force for Tobacco-Free Women and Girls of the Roswell Cancer Center in 2005.

In 2002 Ithaca College was voted one of the best Northeast colleges in the nation for LGBT students by the readership of the popular LGBT website PlanetOut.com.





In 2006 Ithaca College was named one of the Best 100 Campuses in the nation for LGBT Students by the book *The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students*. And in 2007 IC was featured in *The Princeton Review Gay and Lesbian Guide to College Life* book for students, their parents, and allies with quotes from IC students as well as information and articles by the LGBT Center program director.



In 2010 Ithaca College was one of only 19 colleges nationwide to achieve the highest rating, - 5 stars—on the Campus Climate Index LGBT National Assessment Tool. In 2011 we maintained our 5-star rating as one of 33 institutions receiving that

designation. The index takes into account answers to a comprehensive questionnaire assessing LGBT-friendly policies, programs and practices.



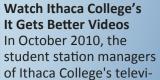
Here are some fun and easy things to do online while you're here

between joining us for a cocktail party, a panel, the open house...

Send an e-postcard with an LGBT-themed Ithaca College photo to friends who couldn't join us! ithaca.edu/sacl/lgbt/gallery/1277

Visit iTunes and download IC's own Ithacappella and Premium Blends' amazing recording of Katy Perry's Firework! Proceeds from the sale of the single benefit The Trevor Project.

Just hop on to iTunes and search for "Ithacappella + Firework" and enjoy!





sion and radio stations organized a video shoot in honor of the Trevor Project and the "It Gets Better" project. The response to their call for participants was so overwhelming that they created four different It Gets Better videos: ithaca.edu/sacl/lgbt/itgetsbetter

Out for Good

In 2009 Lis took to the blogosphere to tell the sometimes missing pieces of good news about LGBT issues, events, and life in general. Check it out!



ithaca.edu/sacl/lgbt/blogs/out_for_good

Have a smart phone? And a QR reader?

Scan the code and you'll be magically taken to the page with all of the links listed above ready for you to



click and enjoy! You can also simply go to:

ithaca.edu/sacl/lgbt/resources/fun

The college was also ranked at number 8 in a 2011 listing by Newsweek magazine and The Daily Beast website of the most gay -friendly colleges and universities in the nation and was included in autostraddle.com's "Lesbian Insider's Guide to 40 LGBT-Friendly College Campuses" in August 2011.

The Center is incredibly proud of the LGBTA students and alumni that have brought their expertise to internships and professional positions at regional and national LGBT organizations over the past 10 years, including:

- The Bilerico Project
- National Center for Sexual Freedom
- The Mautner Project National Lesbian Health Organization
- Human Rights Campaign (HRC)
- Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
- The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)
- Callen-Lourde LGBT Community Health Center
- Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals
- The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund
- Whitman-Walker Health for the LGBT community
- National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC)
- The National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay Bisexual & Transgender Organization (LLEGO)

LGBTA at IC: Frequently Asked Questions

What's it like for LGBT and Allied students at Ithaca College today? While there's no easy way to describe the campus climate at any college in singular terms, here are answers to common questions.

Are sexual orientation and gender identity included in the non-discrimination policy?

Yes. Sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression are included in the college's non-discrimination policy.



Is there an active LGBT student organization?

There are FOUR! PRISM is the social and educational "queer-straight alliance dealing with sexuality, gender identity and gender expression." It's had several different names but has been in existence on campus since at least 1979. Created Equal is the activist student organization that "implements projects which will address issues and provide

solutions to problems facing LGBTQA people on the Ithaca College campus, the larger community, and the United States as a whole." Spectrum is "for anyone who is looking for a community of people who have feelings and are attracted to the person and not the gender—bisexual, pansexual, sexually fluid, etc." The Association of Gay and Straight Student Athletes "provides a safe space for all student athletes to discuss issues of sexuality in sport and encourages dialogue between athletes, coaches, and teams in order to promote open and welcoming environments." The groups welcome all who are interested, and are very active on campus.

Is there a campus office for LGBT student services?

Yes! The Center for LGBT Education, Outreach, and Services actively fosters the academic success and personal growth of LGBT students and offers college wide services to enhance the campus community's awareness, understanding and appreciation of LGBT students, staff and faculty.

STAY connected!

Want to stay in touch and get updates about what's going on at the LGBT Center? Consider joining our Ithaca College LGBT and Allied Alumni Facebook page!



facebook.com/Ithaca.College.LGBTandAllied.Alumni

Are other campus offices supportive and inclusive of LGBT students and issues?

Other campus offices strive to be inclusive of the needs and issues of LGBT students. A few examples, the Career Services office has developed resources addressing career search issues for LGBT students, the Chapel hosts an annual open house for LGBT and allied students, the Office of Admission attends LGBT student college fairs, the Library provides resource guides on a variety of LGBT topics and the Handwerker Gallery hosts LGBT themed events and salons. The Center also collaborates with departments, organizations, and groups across campus on events and to provide resources.

What activities are sponsored on campus for LGBT students? Learning opportunities about LGBT and allied themes take place throughout the year. The Center coordinates speakers, films, and other events, and provides a multipurpose LGBT Resource Room. The Center also recognizes LGBT and allied graduates each year at a unique Rainbow Reception ceremony.

Is there a procedure for reporting LGBT-related bias incidents and hate crimes? How does the school respond to such incidents?

The campus takes incidents of LGBT bias or harassment seriously. Concerns or complaints may be brought to the Office of Public Safety.

Are supportive faculty and staff easily identifiable?

There is an active Safe Space project on campus that involves the public display of signs designating LGBT-friendly spaces along with resources available to support LGBT students. A directory of some of the out and proud LGBT and allied faculty and staff is also available on the LGBT Center website.

Does Ithaca College offer domestic partner benefits?

Yes. Domestic partner benefits, such as health insurance, are available for partners of faculty and staff.

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