A guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Life at Johns Hopkins University, including LGBTQ and LGBTQ-affirming student groups, campus organizations, policies, programming, resources, and more!

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Campus Climate

Johns Hopkins University strives to maintain a welcoming environment for all students. We hope to build a climate where everyone feels safe and accepted.

“Hopkins is what you make of it in most ways - nobody is here to hold your hand, but nobody is going to reject your ideas or tear down your identity either. Being a queer student here is the same way, in that you can choose to coast along, or opt to be vocal and involved. Choosing the second path will always challenge you and teach you more, something I know from experience. From the first DSAGA meeting of my freshman year, I started to find who I wanted to be and how to become that person. You can do the same - take a deep breath, and practice saying yes to the chances you are offered.”
~JHU Undergraduate Student
The LGBTQ Life Center

LGBTQ Life provides support, education, and advocacy around LGBTQ issues to members of the Hopkins community. The office provides a central networking place for LGBT people and their allies. In collaboration with our many campus partners, we are working towards making Hopkins a safer and more inclusive place for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Some of our Annual Events include:
- National Coming Out Day
- Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Inter-Hopkins Ball
- Lavender Graduation

“The center serves as a welcoming space for students to come in and study or relax. It is also a place where we hold events that are open to the JHU community. And my office is always open for anyone to stop by”

~Demere Woolway, Director of LGBTQ Life
## The LGBTQ Life Center Programs

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<td>This group consults with the Director of LGBTQ Life to plan programs, discuss campus issues, and communicate among different constituencies. The Committee meets once a week while classes are in session. It is a great opportunity for new leaders to develop their skills and for established leaders to take action on issues that affect the entire university.</td>
<td>This program provides support to students who are seeking guidance from a peer in the LGBT community. Our mission is to help students develop their own positive sexual orientation and gender identity through peer-to-peer mentoring. Mentors provide a safe and confidential environment for mentees to explore, question, learn, and grow. Mentees will be matched with mentors who will be most likely to understand the challenges the mentee is facing. All mentors are JHU students who identify as LGBT or as an ally.</td>
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<td>A Speakers Bureau event features LGBTQA students who share their stories and take questions. Audiences may be classes, sports teams, residence halls, fraternities, sororities, and any other group who requests a visit from the Speakers Bureau. It is a unique peer-to-peer educational opportunity.</td>
<td>This list consists of members of the Johns Hopkins community, including faculty, staff, alumni, students, postgraduate students, and fellows, who identify as LGBT. OUTList members are willing to serve as mentors and/or part of an informal network for the LGBT community. The list is also intended to serve as a tool for recruiting and retaining the most talented people, to foster a culture in which everyone feels that their contributions are valued, and as another example of the university’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.</td>
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Safe Zone

The Safe Zone mission is to promote an environment where the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community and their allies flourish intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Towards this end, we envision the program as a visible network of allies who support each other and support individual LGBTQ people. The Safe Zone program invites everyone to create a safer and more supportive campus climate for sexual and gender minorities and their allies. The Safe Zone program is housed with LGBTQ Life. It was established in 2012 as a collaborative training effort engaging students, staff, and faculty across all departments and offices at Hopkins. A Safe Zone training lasts 3 hours, and is suitable for students, staff, and faculty. It will help you become a better ally for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. At the end of the training, participants are given a colorful Safe Zone logo in order to visibly demonstrate their support for the LGBT community. We are committed to making the trainings available to any members of the Hopkins community who wish to participate.

Training Overview:

- Introductions
- Understanding Sex, Gender, and Gender Identity
- Understanding Sexual Orientation
- Being an Ally
- Group Discussion

“Everything was wonderful!” ~JHU Undergraduate

“Presenters were very knowledgeable and professional.” ~JHU Staff Member

“Concise and very informative presentation.” ~JHU Faculty Member

“JHU is moving towards a safer & more inclusive community.” ~JHU Staff Member
Undergraduate Student Organizations

Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance (DSAGA)
The Diverse Sexuality And Gender Alliance (DSAGA) is an organization committed to promoting visibility, equality, and a sense of community for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and straight allied students, faculty, staff, and University community at the Johns Hopkins University (JHU). DSAGA pursues these goals through political and social activities, support, and discussion of issues related to sexual diversity. All are welcome at DSAGA, and we strive to make a safe space for everyone!

Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (oSTEM)
Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (oSTEM) is a national society dedicated to educating and fostering leadership for LGBTQA communities in the STEM fields. Our most common goals are to educate, empower, and engage a diverse community, and to identify, address, and advocate for the needs of LGBTQA students in the STEM fields. We fulfill these needs through mentorship connections, networking opportunities, strategic collaborations, and professional/leadership development. oSTEM @ JHU strives to provide its members with numerous opportunities to forge bonds and network with the growing LGBTQ STEM community.

PRISM
Formerly known as the Peabody GSA, we are a group of diverse individuals at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University working together as an advocacy group. Our mission is educate the campus at large in order to make the Peabody Conservatory a supportive and welcoming environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning and allied students, faculty, and staff members.
Other JHU LGBTQ Groups

**Gertrude Stein Society (GSS)**

The Gertrude Stein Society (GSS) is an organization for lesbian, gay and bisexual members of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Gertrude Stein, the well known lesbian writer and intellectual, was a medical student at Johns Hopkins near the turn of the century, and GSS seeks to maintain her legacy of active gay, lesbian, and bisexual presence and involvement in the affairs of JHMI today. We are dedicated to maintaining and developing an even more accepting environment for diversity at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

**SAIS Pride**

SAIS Pride is a group for LGBTQ students and allies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies to come together, share ideas, and be part of a community.

**Carey Pride**

The Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School LGBTQ Student Organization (Carey Pride) is an alliance organization for LGBTQ students / staff and straight allies. Carey Pride promotes a stronger community for LGBTQ individuals in the school, in social events, and in professional development.

**Pride Alumni Group**

JHU Pride is an Alumni Affinity Group established in 2013 to bring about global connectedness, authentic engagement and a thriving sense of community for Hopkins’ LGBTQIA Alumni. Embracing the power of social media, JHU Pride started by establishing its presence on all major social media networks. As part of "Rising to the Challenge" Campaign, JHU Pride is an “early riser” for advocacy and celebrating what makes Hopkins different - our talent, our collaboration, and our giveback to the world.
Greek Life

Many students have questions about the intersection of the LGBTQ community and Greek Life on campus. Many LGBTQ students have been successful in joining different Greek organizations. Here are a few that have particularly been accepting of the LGBTQ community at JHU:

Delta Xi Phi, Incorporated is a Multicultural Sorority. The Lambda Chapter is the chapter on Homewood Campus.

[http://jhudeltaxiphi.weebly.com](http://jhudeltaxiphi.weebly.com)

Alpha Phi Omega, Incorporated is a Co-ed Service Fraternity. The Kappa Mu Chapter is the chapter on Homewood Campus.

[http://aphio.johnshopkins.edu](http://aphio.johnshopkins.edu)

Pi Beta Phi, Incorporated is a Fraternity for Women. The Maryland Gamma Chapter is the chapter on Homewood Campus.

[https://www.pibetaphi.org/pibetaphi/jhu/](https://www.pibetaphi.org/pibetaphi/jhu/)

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated is a historically African American Sorority. The Rho Omega Chapter is the chapter on Homewood Campus.

[https://johnshopkins.collegiatelink.net/organization/sgrho](https://johnshopkins.collegiatelink.net/organization/sgrho)

“Being in a sorority, I was a bit hesitant to how my sexuality would be viewed by an organization that seems to be very heteronormative but I was pleasantly surprised that this was not the case. I have even felt comfortable bringing my partner to social events and we have not only been accepted, but celebrated as a couple.” ~JHU Undergraduate Student
The Program for The Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

The Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (WGS) promotes interdisciplinary scholarship on women, gender, sexuality, and related issues. The Program coordinates a wide array of course offerings for both undergraduate and graduate students. It incorporates non-western intellectual traditions where gender and sexuality are discussed in relation to class, ethnicity, and race in everyday life, political organization, and situations of violent conflict. The Program also provides opportunities for intellectual exchange across disciplines by sponsoring lectures, symposia, seminars, and workshops for faculty and students alike. Through both interdisciplinary and specialized courses, students are encouraged to develop critical and comparative approaches to the study of gender and associated topics; race, class, and violence being among them.

The program's goal is to advance the following aims:

• To develop an appropriate pedagogy that is interdisciplinary in orientation and to train students who can deploy the conceptual frames of disciplines in a meaningful way, in order to enhance their understanding of women, gender and sexuality;
• To encourage students to gain practical experience issues pertaining to the lives of women and of sexual minorities in all their diversity by developing and participating in field projects;
• To create a new body of interdisciplinary research that specifically address issues of gender in relation to class, ethnicity and race in everyday life, in political organization and in situations of violent conflict;
• To build supportive environments for women and sexual minorities by incorporating and disseminating their contributions through training and research, and to provide opportunities for students in low-income countries to develop expertise in these fields within agendas set in their own intellectual and social environments.

For more info, visit http://anthropology.jhu.edu/wgs/

Many LGBTQ Students wonder how their sexual orientation and/or gender identity will affect their academic life. This is something that is highly individual. Some students are out to faculty and/or staff members, and some students are not out to faculty and/or staff members, depending on their personal choices of discretion.

“I am out to my faculty advisor as well as a couple professors and although we don’t talk about my sexual orientation, they have each been quietly accepting of it. I am also out to many staff members here at Hopkins- I talk about my partner openly and they have seen us together many times. They have all been incredibly supportive!”
~JHU Undergraduate Student

LGBTQ Life is proud to partner with the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGS) Department on various events throughout the year!
Johns Hopkins University is proud to offer gender inclusive housing in the Homewood residence halls. Housing and residential life allows students to choose to live in housing with student(s) that are not of the same sex. This policy was implemented to meet the needs of all students by nurturing an atmosphere where students can be the most comfortable with those with whom they live. It is important to us that the residential community values diversity, social justice, and promotes the dignity of all people. Students may choose to create a living group as single sex (male or female), or a mixed group, which will create a gender inclusive unit (GIH). In either case, you must fill your unit, or complete an already open unit. Traditionally, housing assignments and placements were with students of the same sex and in general, that does continue. However, we acknowledge that this does not work for everyone.

Campus dorms are safe spaces for all. The Residential Advisors (RAs) assigned to the dorms are all students who go through a shorter version of a safe zone training, along with their extensive RA trainings.
Religious & Spiritual Life

Johns Hopkins University Campus Ministries promotes and supports spiritual development, theological reflections, religious tolerance and social awareness among students, faculty and staff within the university community. At its heart, Campus Ministries is a prophetic and pastoral presence, which seeks to enhance the spiritual and ethical educational experience of the whole person mind, body and soul. The diversity of Johns Hopkins students contributes to a vibrant and active religious life, both on campus and in the city of Baltimore. Students are invited to attend meetings and events led by Hopkins student groups, as well as local faith communities.

List of Religiously Affiliated Student Groups of Campus Ministries

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For more information about groups, for a list of local places of worship, and to learn about the Interfaith & Community Service Center (IFC), visit http://chaplain.johnshopkins.edu

Phone: 410-516-1880, Web: jhu.edu/chaplain, Facebook: JHUCampusMinistries, Twitter: @JHU_Ministries

“JHU Campus Ministries for Religious & Spiritual Life is honored and delighted to support and collaborate with LGBTQ Life at Hopkins. We are dedicated to ensuring all students know they are welcome and affirmed at the Interfaith Center and hope you'll stop in for a visit. I am available to speak with students about issues of spirituality, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation and will help connect students to resources, congregations and places of worship that identify themselves as open and affirming. JHU Campus Ministries is proud to be partners in this amazing work.”
~Kathy Schnurr, Chaplain
Transgender Resources on Campus

Social

Johns Hopkins University offers gender inclusive housing (see page 10 for University Housing). Johns Hopkins University also has gender-neutral restrooms in select locations:

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<td>• Ames 5th Floor restroom (500s, 520/521)</td>
<td>• Jenkins 215</td>
<td>• Homewood: 2 in the basement of the Education Building</td>
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<td>• Maryland 311a</td>
<td>• Jenkins 315</td>
<td>• Columbia: 1st floor</td>
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<td>• Garland B76/T001A</td>
<td>• Jenkins 415</td>
<td>• Montgomery County Campus: 2 in the basement of Gilchrist Hall</td>
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<td>• Garland 302</td>
<td>• MSEL 131 (near administrative area)</td>
<td>• Shriver BT1</td>
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<td>• Shriver 100B</td>
<td>• MSEL 132 (near administrative area)</td>
<td>• Shriver BT2</td>
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<td>• Two restrooms on Shaffer First Floor (no room numbers, closest to 100 and 103)</td>
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<td>• Locker room (with shower) in basement of Recreation Center, near pool entrance</td>
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<td>• Athletic Center lobby</td>
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<td>• Homewood Apartments: inside Student Health and Wellness Center; lobby of Counseling Center</td>
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Legal

The Johns Hopkins University non-discrimination policy includes gender identity and expression, along with sexual orientation (see page 17 for University Policy).

We are working on a system to recognize your preferred name in informal communications with the university. Until then, please contact LGBTQ Life to discuss your situation. You may want to create an email alias (available on the myJHU portal), although this will still occasionally call up your legal name, depending on what email software others are using. You may also want to talk directly to faculty members before the semester begins. We are happy to serve as a resource for your faculty members. After a legal name change, you may also wish to change your JHED login. You can also submit a name change request form with your division. Please note that international students should ensure that their name on their visa certificate is changed first.

Health

The Johns Hopkins University student health insurance plan provides coverage for transition-related health care, including hormones and gender confirmation surgery, in the same way any other medical procedure is covered. We are still working on providing similar levels of coverage for Hopkins employees.

Johns Hopkins University Student Health Benefit Plan -
The Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) is administered by Consolidated Health Plans, Inc., and is contracted with Cigna. You are eligible for this plan if you are a student in School of Engineering, School of Arts & Sciences, SAIS, Carey Business School, or the School of Education. The Plan allows coverage for "gender reassignment surgery" after a series of criteria are met.

Johns Hopkins EHP Student Health Program -
This plan is for students enrolled at the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and School of Public Health. The Plan allows coverage for "gender reassignment surgery" after a series of criteria are met.
# Transgender Resources in Baltimore

## Social

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<th><strong>Baltimore Trans-Masculine Alliance</strong></th>
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<td>A support group by Black Transmen, Inc. for all transgender men that are conforming and non-conforming at any stage in their transition process. Akanni is a safe, respectful, and confidential environment where transmen can share their story and their journey. Akanni is from the Yoruba language meaning profitable encounter.</td>
<td>- A support group for FTM s.</td>
<td>- A support group for MTFs but anyone who varies from traditional gender expression are welcome.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:vmillhouse@blacktransmen.org">vmillhouse@blacktransmen.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Hearts and Ears</strong></td>
<td><strong>TransMaryland</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sugar</strong></td>
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<td>A peer support and advocacy program for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people with mental health issues or concerns. Hearts &amp; Ears provides a safe and confidential setting where members can network and offer one another support.</td>
<td>TransMaryland serves the Maryland transgender and ally communities by providing education, support and advocacy services, which promotes and improves the health, safety and life experience of the Maryland transgender individual and community.</td>
<td>A lesbian owned, women and trans operated sexual education center and store in Hampden, Baltimore.</td>
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<td>- If you are 18 or older, you may petition for a change of name in Maryland through the Petition for Change of Name form. Once the process is complete, you will then need to update Johns Hopkins and any other places where your legal name is in use.</td>
<td>- Maryland does not require residents to obtain sexual reassignment surgery (SRS) before changing their sex marker on their license or state issued ID. You can change your gender on your ID, learner's permit, or driver's license without getting an order from the court. Gender marker changes are only done at the Glen Burnie MVA, in person or via a mail-in request. If you also want to change your name at the same time, you need to go in person.</td>
<td>- If you were born in Maryland, the Maryland Division of Vital Statistics will only change your sex marker on your birth certificate if you have gotten a legal gender change (an order from a court that says your gender has been changed). The Division of Vital Statistics may issue an &quot;amended&quot; birth certificate for gender marker changes. This means that they may attach a sheet to your current birth certificate that shows your new gender identity.</td>
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<td>- Founded in 1978, Chase Brexton Health Services provides patient-centered interdisciplinary health care for diverse communities including those individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender; HIV positive and affected; and all others who face barriers accessing quality health care. Chase Brexton offers hormone treatments for transgender individuals looking to transition. They also offer a variety of other transgender-specific services.</td>
<td><strong>Therapists &amp; Mental Health Providers</strong> - Chase Brexton Mental Health Services 410-837-2050 ext. 2428 Barbara Cohen 410-464-9005 Chris Kraft, PhD 410-583-2688 Feinberin Psychological Associates 410-521-2150 Greg Lehne, PhD 410-366-0642 Pro Bono Counseling Project: offers sliding fee scale 410-323-5800 Kate Thomas, PhD 410-616-7152 Jill Gaumer 302-354-0074</td>
<td><strong>Chase Brexton Health</strong> 410-837-2050 Mary Blackburn 410-769-4920 Sam Westrick 410-243-3100</td>
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<td><strong>Chase Brexton Health Services</strong></td>
<td><strong>Speech/Voice Therapists</strong> - Sally Gallena, SLP Columbia Office of Loyola Speech Therapy 410-617-7676 Tish Moody, George Washington University Speech and Hearing Center, 202-994-7360</td>
<td><strong>Laser Assisted Voice Adjustment:</strong> Melissa Walker, GBMC, 443-849-2087 Lynda Wiiner, Speech/Language Specialist 410-356-5666</td>
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<td><strong>Electrolysis</strong> - Sollay Laser Center 410-644-7655 Village Electrolysis 410-578-0033</td>
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<td><strong>American Laser Skincare</strong> 410-377-6789</td>
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Visit [http://chasebrexton.org](http://chasebrexton.org) for more
LGBTQ Students of Color

The Office of LGBTQ Life is proud to be next door to the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)!

OMA is committed to enhancing the academic success of students from populations underrepresented* in higher education and collaborating with members of the campus and greater Baltimore communities to enhance cultural awareness and create an inclusive campus community.

Our programs are designed to support and challenge students. We provide opportunities for students to engage in multicultural initiatives, celebrations and educational programs, community service, mentoring, and academic support. OMA’s Multicultural Affairs Student Center (MASC) is a hub where students participate in events, engage in dialogue, study, or just relax. Our hope is that you visit the MASC and participate in the many offerings that OMA provides.

**Underrepresented Populations includes minorities, low-income, first generation, students with disabilities, populations underrepresented in various disciplines and/or GLBTQ students.

The MASC houses 16 multicultural organizations that utilize the center for events, organizational meetings, and educational resources. Each residential group has designated office space to conduct business or produce important programming collaborations. Many LGBTQ students have found a welcoming place in some of these multicultural organizations on campus.

List of MASC Student Organization Residents
African Student Association (ASA)
Black Student Union (BSU)
Caribbean Culture Society (CCS)
Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. (DXP)
Dunbar-Baldwin-Hughes Theatre Company (DBH)
Filipino Student Association (FSA)
Hopkins Organization for Pre-Health Education - Minority Association for Pre-Health Students (HOPE-MAPS)
Global Medical Brigades
Gospel Choir
Inter-Asian Council (IAC)
Iranian Cultural Society (ICS)
Japanese Students International (JSI)
Korean Students Association (KSA)
Lambda Epsilon Mu (LEM)
Organizacion Latina Estudiantil (OLÉ)
Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA)

For more info, visit http://oma.jhu.edu
The mission of the Counseling Center is to facilitate the personal growth and development of students. Our counseling services and outreach programs are designed to enhance the personal and interpersonal development of students and to maximize their potential to benefit from the academic environment and experience. We further strive to foster a healthy, caring University community that is beneficial to the intellectual, emotional and physical development of students.

The Counseling Center serves full-time undergraduate and graduate students from the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering at the Homewood Campus. We also serve the Peabody Conservatory. All of these students are encouraged to utilize the services offered by the Center. Counseling Center services are free.

Counseling Center staff includes Psychologists, Pre-Doctoral interns in Psychology, a Social Worker and administrative support staff. In addition, we have 5 consulting Psychiatrists who work together with the clinical staff if medication is prescribed. Most staff at the Center are Safe-Zone trained.

**List of the Counseling Center Groups:**
Undergraduate Student Therapy Group
Graduate Student Therapy Group
Dissertation Group
Anxiety & Stress Management Group
Substance Use Harm Reduction Group
International Student Support Group
LGBTQ Student Support Group
Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation
Students of Color Discussion Group
Eating Disorder Treatment Group
Weightless
Living with a Mood Disorder
Disability Support Group
Men’s Group
Gott Love?
Living With Loss Support Group
The Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills Group

*programs are subject to availability*

For more info about the Center, visit [http://web.jhu.edu/counselingcenter/](http://web.jhu.edu/counselingcenter/)

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**The LGBTQ Support Group:**
Are you a member of the LGBTQ community? Are you questioning whether you might be? This is a confidential, weekly support group to share with people like you - in a safe space. Topics will be at your discretion but might include: coming out to family and friends; exploring your sexual and gender identity with mindfulness about one’s intersectionality; negotiating challenging social interactions; sharing your emotions about your general state of mind; or exploring the world of dating and relationship building. We gain and give support, knowledge, and experience.

“The Counseling Center is a confidential and safe space. We are open to all conversations, won’t judge you, and can help with a myriad of concerns. Students speak to us about their struggles on a wide-range of topics, including school and academics, social and family life, identity development, and other mental health concerns.”

~Dr. Ro Nicolosi, Psychologist, Coordinator of Services for LGBTQ Students

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The Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC), is accredited through the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). The SHWC provides high quality, confidential health care to students of the Homewood campus community.

The health care staff consists of board certified/eligible physicians, nationally certified nurse practitioners, a licensed nurse, a licensed practical nurse, medical assistants/technologists, and a women's health nurse practitioner. We offer a broad range of primary care services including illness & injury, routine gynecologic care, travel consultation and immunizations. Most of the staff at SHWC is Safe-Zone trained.

**Some SHWC Programs Include:**
Men’s Health; Women’s Health; Center for Health, Education, and Wellness (CHEW); Massage Therapy; and Travel Medicine

For more info about the SHWC’s programs & services, visit [http://web1.johnshopkins.edu/shcenter/](http://web1.johnshopkins.edu/shcenter/)

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**Another great resource- A Place to Talk (APTT):**
APTT is a student-to-student peer listening group for the Hopkins community. We offer a cozy environment for anyone to discuss anything, from everyday frustrations to serious concerns. Peer listeners are undergraduate students who have been trained to listen and respond without giving advice. We’ll help you explore your thoughts and feelings, and come up with your own solutions. All phone calls, e-mails, and visits to APTT are kept private.

**Another great resource- Student Sexual Assault Resource Unit (SARU):**
SARU is an advocacy group that supports survivors of sexual assault and promotes an end to sexual violence. We offer peer education and operate a peer to peer, 24/7 crisis hotline (410-516-7887). We can help by listening, offering support and information, and providing outside referrals. Call us when you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault or harassment, when you have questions about an incident, past or present, when you want information about sexual assault or community resources and/or when you just want to talk.
University Policy

Johns Hopkins University affirms our commitment to a diverse and inclusive community in many ways, including having sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in our non-discrimination policy. The policy reads:

“Johns Hopkins University is committed to equal opportunity for its faculty, staff, and students. To that end, the University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status or other legally protected characteristic. The University is committed to providing qualified individuals access to all academic and employment programs, benefits and activities on the basis of demonstrated ability, performance and merit without regard to personal factors that are irrelevant to the program involved.”

**Baltimore Metropolitan Area Resources**

**Baltimore Pride**

The Baltimore Pride Celebration is a program of the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore, a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 1977, whose mission is to provide support, education, outreach and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) individuals and their allies, through programs, services and resources. Over the past four decades, Baltimore Pride has evolved from a small rally of a dozen activists to a full-fledged festival that welcomes 30,000 revelers annually. The origins of Baltimore Pride date back to 1975. In the decades since, Baltimore Pride has grown to become Maryland’s largest LGBTQ visibility event, providing an opportunity for the greater Maryland community to experience and learn more about the LGBTQ community through a weekend of wonderful events and exhibitions.

**Baltimore Black Pride**

Now known as The Center for Black Equity-Baltimore, we are an international Black LGBT organization that advocates and provides network services for Black Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people and their allies in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Our mission is being achieved through ongoing efforts throughout the year that lead up to our annual Black Pride Celebrations-Baltimore Black Pride (BBP).

**B'More Proud**

B'More Proud: The Collegiate Queer Coalition of Metropolitan Baltimore is the primary intercollegiate network and clearinghouse serving college & university students/faculty/staff in the Baltimore-Metro LGBTQIA community. We seek to promote personal and professional growth of this community through leadership development, academic scholarship, educational programming and social networking opportunities.

**GLCCB**

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center of Baltimore and Central Maryland (GLCCB) publishes Gay Life, produces Baltimore Pride, and provides numerous other services to Baltimore’s LGBT community. Our mission is to be a catalyst for uniting and empowering sexual and gender minorities in Baltimore and Maryland, and to advocate for a better quality of life for the entire community.

Johns Hopkins University hosted the 2014 B'More Proud LGBTQIA Student Leadership Summit, our second time hosting this annual event, with the conference planning committee made up of all JHU students.
Stay Connected

Learn more about LGBTQ Life at Johns Hopkins University and receive updates from our various groups! Our LGBTQ pages frequently post information, articles, or events. Our social media sites are a great way to get to know us and stay connected! Please do not hesitate to email a group if you have any questions. You may also always email lgbtq@jhu.edu for questions or more information.

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