

# **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

#### **GVSU LGBT SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is given to an LGBT or ally student, based in part on the student's support of LGBT students, issues, and concerns.

#### WEST SHORE AWARE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created by West Shore Aware, a philanthropic organization of gay men and women striving to create a positive image by working for the communities in which they live. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students who demonstrate a positive sensitivity to and involvement in issues relative to the LGBT community and who promote visibility by service to the larger community.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Location: 1161 Kirkhof Center

Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Additional Wed. hours: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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The LGBT Resource Center is the focal point of GVSU's proactive approach in making the institution an inclusive and supportive environment for all university community members, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and intersex students and their allies.

#### The center offers:

- A welcoming environment with gathering space
- A wide variety of helpful resources and referrals
- An LGBT Library
- A commitment to trusting relationships
- A place of contact for concerns related to LGBT issues

## **MENTOR PROGRAM**

Each semester the center offers an opportunity for new LGBT students at Grand Valley to be matched with a student who has been here for a while to help the new student become familiar with what Grand Valley offers.

# **ONGOING LGBT CONFERENCE**

The center offers a conference session on a topic of current interest such as LGBT and race, gender and sexuality, LGBT leadership, political issues, and spirituality. The center's Holiday Open House serves as the December conference activity.

## LGBT LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

This monthly event offers information and discussion related to leadership in general and leadership in the LGBT community in particular.

# LGBT AND SPIRITUALITY ROUNDTABLE

Spirituality and religion have powerful significance in many ways with regard to LGBT people. A central feature of this roundtable is to promote dialog among those for whom this is an important topic from a wide range of perspective and experience.

# LGBT WRITERS WORKSHOP

This workshop offers several opportunities each year to discuss LGBT writing with those who are writing and publishing on this topic.

# LAVENDER GRADUATION

Each April the center and other organizations at the university sponsor a ceremony to recognize LGBT students and their allies who are receiving Grand Valley degrees.

# OTHER LGBT ORGANIZATIONS AT GVSU:

# OUT 'N' ABOUT

Grand Valley's Student Gay/Straight Alliance meets weekly on Wednesday nights at the Kirkhof Center.

## Sponsor of:

- National Coming Out Day in October
- National Transgender Day of Remembrance in November
- National Day of Silence in April

And many other special events.

# **ALLIES & ADVOCATES**

Allies & Advocates' goal is to develop and maintain a network of informed faculty and staff who are willing to be visibly supportive of students who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, and who will work to foster a campus climate in which all students, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, may feel safe, supported, respected, and affirmed.

#### GVSU LGBT FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

This association represents the diverse community of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender faculty and staff of GVSU and supports the Grand Valley mission to establish a community where diversity is welcomed, encouraged, and supported.

