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Hello LGBTQ Alums! The NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach is proud to share with you our LGBTQ Alumni E-Newsletter. By creating this newsletter, NDSU hopes to create a sense of belonging amongst our LGBTQ Alumni as well as keep you connected and in touch with developments affecting the university and alumni communities. By staying updated and informed about the university's diversity initiatives, we can help the campus become a more diverse, unified and welcoming community for all.

For more information please contact Vice President Myers: Evie.Myers@ndsu.edu or Kara Gravley-Stack, Director of Diversity Initiatives: Kara.Gravley-Stack@ndsu.edu

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NDSU Alumnus Joshua Boschee



Joshua A. Boschee, B.S. '03/M.Ed '08, serves in the North Dakota House of Representatives, is a realtor with The Erik Hatch Team in Fargo and active with The Historic Fargo Theatre Board of Directors and the Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons.

It may be cliché to say, but it's the truth when I tell people that I wouldn't be the man I am today if it weren't for my experiences at NDSU. As an undergraduate, I was an active student leader in a variety of campus programs including the COAR Team, Alpha Tau Omega and Student Government. My first job and most of my professional career was at NDSU where I served on campus committees as president of the campus chapter of the ND Public Employee Association, now known as ND United. While all of these opportunities allowed me to practice being a leader, it was the NDSU Safe Zone Program that allowed me to be an authentic leader.

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Safe Zone Ally Program

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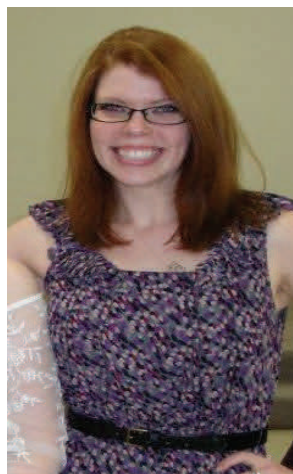
- Educates people about sexual orientation and gender identity/ expression diversity.
- Creates a visible network of Allies to provide support to the NDSU LGBTQ community.
- Provides accurate information about sexual orientation and gender identity/ expression issues and resources within the community.

Who can be a Safe Zone Ally?

- Any NDSU faculty, staff and students who want to visibly show their support for LGBTQ persons can be Safe Zone Allies.
- Interested individuals must complete Safe Zone Ally training. Details about our 3 levels of Safe Zone Ally training and other online training options are available at www.ndsu.edu/safezone.

How can I be an Ally?

- Voicing your support for LGBTQ people is powerful. Whether you are challenging a stereotype, correcting a misrepresentation or merely voicing your support for an LGBTQ friend, relative or colleague, you can make change happen.
- Join a local, state or national LGBTQ organization. The Safe Zone website includes listings of many local, regional and national organizations you can join to keep current on important topics in the LGBTQ community.
- Many LGBTQ people feel isolated and alone and would greatly benefit from having someone to talk with. Being vocally supportive shows others that you are open to having further dialog.



Lindsey Boes
Safe Zone Trainer



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Services and Resources

LGBTQ Resource Room:

LGBTQ Programs dedicated the LGBTQ Resource Center during Homecoming 2012. It is a space for students to use as they wish, as a meeting room or just a place to spend time in between classes. It has information for LGBTQ students such as creating a helpful resume, changing your Bison Card to a preferred name, tips for being an ally, and access to a gender neutral restroom.

On Campus Housing

In partnership with the NDSU Department of Residence Life, the LGBTQ Programs staff offers the LGBTQ and Ally Roommate Matching system for new students who will be residing in on-campus housing. Participation is voluntary and confidential. For more information, go to www.ndsu.edu/reslife/

Gender Neutral Restrooms:

In an effort to meet the specific needs of our transgender community members, several gender neutral restrooms have been identified throughout campus. Locations include: Equity and Diversity Center, Memorial Union, ACE Tutoring Center, and public lounges in each residence hall. For a complete listing of all on-campus gender neutral restrooms, go to www.ndsu.edu/lgbtq/lgbtqresources/

LGBTQ/Amanda Wietgenant Memorial Student Scholarship

This annual scholarship is awarded each spring at our Green and Golden Globe Diversity Awards program. Funded through donations from faculty, staff, alumni and community members, the scholarship honors an NDSU student who passed away in spring 2013. Contact the LGBTQ Programs staff for scholarship applications and additional information.

LGBTQ Perspectives

LGBTQ Programs and Women and Gender Studies will offer an undergraduate class in Spring 2014. WGS 199 will explore sexual orientation, gender identity and bodies from multiple contemporary feminist and queer perspectives. The course provides an opportunity to increase knowledge of the scholarship and writings in LGBTQ studies.



LGBTQ Resource Room



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LGBTQ Programs and Events

National Day of Silence:

- National Day of Silence is a student-led national event that aims to bring attention to anti-LGBTQ bullying and harassment.
- Students take a vow of silence to encourage schools and classmates to address the problem by illustrating how anti-LGBTQ bullying is often silenced.
- Last year, students at NDSU raised awareness about the silence by having a table set up in the Memorial Union where people could learn about NDOS and sign an Anti-Bullying Pledge. Over 80 students, faculty, and staff signed.



Transgender Day of Remembrance:

- Transgender Day of Remembrance is a day meant to honor those who have been killed as a result of anti-transgender violence. It is held on November 20 each year.
- Students at NDSU raised awareness of anti-transgender violence by distributing information about TDOR in the Memorial Union.

Green & Gold Globe Diversity Awards

- 3:00pm on April 20, 2014 at Great Plains Ballroom in Memorial Union

National Coming Out Day:

- October 11, 2013 marked the 25th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, which celebrates coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or as an ally.
- Students at NDSU created an interactive mural of a rainbow triangle where students could sign their name to show support for the LGBTQ community.





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I was a student when Safe Zone trainings were developed on campus and I didn't attend training until the end of my student days at NDSU. While I always knew I was gay, I didn't come out until after college, as a staff member of the Memorial Union. Until then, I wasn't comfortable with myself to say it out loud, to myself, or to those close to me until I was confident that NDSU was a safe place for me to be 100% me.

As a proud alumnus of NDSU, I look back at how far our campus community has come in terms of supporting and recognizing the value that LGBT students, employees and alumni bring to NDSU. The GayStraight+ Alliance (formerly The Ten Percent Society) meets regularly, LGBT content is included in a number of courses throughout campus and employees continue to find ways that NDSU can be more inclusive to LGBT staff, faculty, researchers and administrators through ongoing policy development.

The NDSU Safe Zone program is a model for many of the other colleges and universities throughout North Dakota and LGBT alumni are encouraged to participate in Homecoming and other annual events through intentional and inclusive outreach.

There's plenty of progress yet to be made, but I am proud of the evolving vision the Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach has for a more inclusive campus through ongoing LGBT student leadership, scholarship and career mentoring. However, the Division of EDGO needs the support of alumni and friends of the university in order to keep this momentum moving forward. I would encourage others to contribute to the LGBT Amanda Weitgenant Student Scholarship fund through the Development Foundation to support LGBT Bison in their academic pursuits.





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A special thank you to all who have donated to the Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach at NDSU!

Your donation has truly helped the NDSU campus and will continue to help create a community where students can learn and expand their education in a welcoming environment.

If you would like to donate to the NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach please use the following link with the designation Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

DONATE NOW

We give our sincerest thank you for all donations made. Your contributions help to transform this campus into a diverse and united community where all can benefit from the numerous opportunities in higher education.

If any alumni are interested in mentoring NDSU students, providing internships or employment opportunities, or are interested in providing scholarships for NDSU students please contact:

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These opportunities benefit and prepare students extensively while also providing them with tools to learn and grow as individuals.

NDSU Upcoming Events Calendars

Please use the following links to see NDSU's upcoming events and activities:

[Diversity Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Bison Athletics Schedule](#)

Attention Alumni!

Do you have announcements or happenings of your own that you would like included in our LGBTQ Alumni newsletter? We encourage you to submit any updates, announcements or articles to us and we will gladly share them in our next newsletter with fellow NDSU alumni!

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