



SEPTEMBER 2025

welcome back!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter to keep LGBT FSA members updated on our events, opportunities to get involved, and issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community at GVSU.

In addition to sending the newsletter out via email, we'll also post the newsletters on our website each month.

In this issue:

- Meet the LGBT FSA Steering Committee
- Fall 2025 Events
- Fall Town Hall Preview
- Advocacy Spotlight - Fall Resource Fair
- Co-sponsored & Campus Events
- Community Events of Interest
- Get Connected

CHECK OUT THE LGBT FSA WEBSITE!
OR EMAIL US AT LGBTFSA@GVSU.EDU

Meet the LGBT FSA Steering Committee!

Sarah Chase (they/them)

GVSU role: Affiliate faculty - Education

LGBT FSA Role: Advocacy Chair

- leads advocacy sub-committee
- engages other groups and communities in advocacy work around LGBTQ+ issues



Kel Nemetz (she/her)

GVSU role: Office Assistant in CLAS Dean's Office

LGBT FSA Role: Co-Chair - Community

- events & programming logistics
- Queer Connections mentor manager
- budget & financials



AJ Young (any pronouns with respect)

GVSU role: Coordinator of Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction

LGBT FSA Role: Co-Chair - Engagement

- Communications - including the monthly newsletter, email list management
- events and programming support
- liaison to Division of People, Equity, and Culture



Have questions for the Steering Committee or want to be more involved in the LGBT FSA, please email us at lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu.



GVSU LGBT FSA



FALL 2025 EVENTS

SEPT 4

Thursday

HAPPY HOUR

5:00 PM - 07:00 PM New Holland GR

SEPT 30

Tuesday

LGBT FSA TOWN HALL

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM - Zoom (link will be in an email)

OCT 15

Wednesday

ADVOCACY RESOURCE FAIR

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Kirkhof 2263

NOV 3

Monday

LUNCH/CRAFT/GAME TIME

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Kirhof 2270

**HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN EVENT OR WANT
TO MEET UP FOR A COMMUNITY
EVENT? LET US KNOW!**

 GVSU.EDU/LGBTFACSTAFF



LGBTFSA@GVSU.EDU



TOWN HALL PREVIEW

You're invited to the LGBT FSA's Annual Town Hall Meeting!

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

3:00 - 4:30pm

Zoom - link will be shared on the LGBT FSA email list the week before the event

The Town Hall serves as the LGBT FSA's annual membership meeting. Here's what we'll be discussing this year:

- Updating LGBT FSA's name to better reflect our community (& voting on name change)
- Updating LGBT FSA Constitution and Bylaws to better reflect the current organizational structure and priorities, update outdated language, etc. (& voting on proposed changes)
- Space for open conversation about what's happening on campus and how to get more involved with the LGBT FSA

A full list of the proposed changes to the organization's name, constitution, and bylaws will be shared in a separate email to the listserv on Tuesday, Sept. 16. This will give everyone time to review the changes and be ready to ask questions at the Town Hall before voting.



LGBT FSA PRESENTS

Faculty and Staff Advocacy Resource Fair

15 October 2025

12:30 - 2:30pm

Drop in any time!

Kirkhof 2263

What to expect:

- ▲ **Enjoy free pizza and beverages**
- ▲ **Learn about on- and off-campus resources that support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community**
- ▲ **Connect with members of GVSU FSAs**

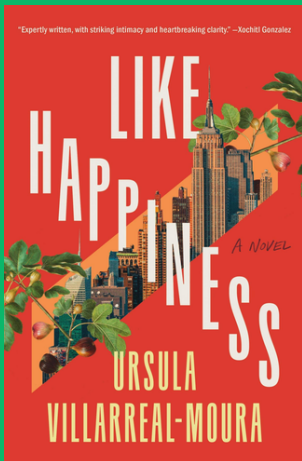
See you there!

Queer Connections Mentor Application due Sept. 26, 2025

Faculty and staff members are matched with 2SLGBTQIA+ students at GVSU to provide mentorship, opportunities for connection, support with GV resources, and help create a sense of belonging.

[More info about Queer Connections here!](#)
[Apply here to become a mentor!](#)

Community Read with other GVSU FSAs!



This year's selection is Like Happiness by Ursula Villarreal-Moura

For a full schedule of dates and how to find the book, check out the [Community Read webpage](#).

Inclusion & Equity Institute Fall Programs

LGBTQ Foundations Series with the LGBT Resource Center
Creative Wellness: Mindful Making sessions with AJ
and so much more!

Lots of great learning options available this fall!
[Check this page for the full listing.](#)



WHERE TALENT MEETS IDENTITY

OUTShine honors National Coming Out Day 2025 with a vibrant fusion of talent, fashion, and storytelling. Experience live performances, visual art, bold fashion, and powerful coming out journeys—brought to life by Beauty Beyond Drag Productions and community creators. An unforgettable evening of authenticity, artistry, and pride—is our signature fundraiser of the year!

When: October 9, 6-9PM

Where: New Vintage Place

Tickets: \$25



GRAND RAPIDS LGBTQ+
HEALTHCARE CONSORTIUM

Support Grand Rapids LGBTQ
Healthcare Consortium

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR
code below



Or visit:

<https://givebutter.com/OTI8jg>

We are thrilled to invite you to be part of

OUTshine

A TALENT & FASHION SHOW

A bold and joyful celebration of LGBTQ+ creativity happening during National Coming OUT GR- Ages 21+

This is a call for

Performers

Musicians, poets, dancers, painters & more!



Fashion Designers

Novice to expert; make it or buy it



Creative Collaborators

Stylists, stagehands, tech. volunteers, etc.



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Where: New Vintage Place

Hosted by Beauty Beyond Drag



GRAND RAPIDS LGBTQ+
HEALTHCARE CONSORTIUM



Interested? Let us know by
September 19th by filling out this
short interest form

You do not need to be a pro- just passionate! We are building a lineup that reflects the diverse, vibrant, and unapologetic spirit of our LGBTQ+ community in Grand Rapids.

Join the Out List!

The LGBT FSA and LGBT Resource Center maintain an Out List of LGBTQ+ faculty & staff at GVSU.

You can use this list to find and connect with queer colleagues across campus.

Participation is completely optional. **Click here to add your name to the list!**

In next month's newsletter...

- More queer media recs
- Member spotlight
- and more!!

Did a friend send you this?

Email lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu to sign up for the LGBT Faculty & Staff Association email list!

Have an idea for our newsletter?

Please share it with us!

Check out our [idea submission guidelines](#) & [submission form](#)!