MEETINGS

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in A-173D. The second and fourth meetings of the month are official or planning meetings! The first, third, and occasionally fifth meetings of the month are social meetings! Join our email list for more information about our meetings and events.

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2014-2015 Officers

Co-Chairs: Ian Leach and Jesiqua Hutchison
Secretary: Ray Bell  Treasurer: Kayla Katanski
Advisor: Penny Bodell

Our Officers work hard to make sure all of our meetings and events run smoothly, as well as making sure that our presence in the community is known and accurately portrays our club values.
What We’re About

Our Mission

The mission of the MCCC Gay-Straight Alliance is to provide a strong, supportive community on campus to increase awareness and acceptance, as well as to provide resources regarding LGBTQ issues and culture.

Our Purpose

The club will attempt to provide a discussion forum about topics relevant to LGBTQ students and allies. The club will host events and activities to provide an outlet for current students, staff and community.

Our Outreach

The club aims to strengthen the links between the college and the local community with regards to LGBTQ issues. Our intent is to encourage support through positive exposure and increased visibility of LGBTQ residents of Monroe County.
Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some answers to the questions we are frequently asked!

Have other questions? Email us or message us on Facebook and we will be happy to answer!

Q  Do I have to be gay to join?

A  Absolutely not! We accept members of any gender, sexual orientation, skin color, and religion. We are all about diversity!

Q  Is the GSA a “sex club”?

A  No! We are a club about equality, but we do promote safe sex and STD awareness!

Q  What does LGBTQ stand for?

A  LGBTQ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer or Questioning. Queer is a term used to describe the many people who are have differing genders and sexual orientations that do not fall under LGBTQ, some people also simply describe themselves as queer based on the differentiation from the norm in terms of sexual and gender identity. Questioning is a term that refers to anyone who is not sure of their sexual or gender identity and is trying to learn more about themselves.

Q  What does the GSA do?

A  The GSA organizes and sponsors a lot of events on campus and in the community! You’ve probably even been to one of our events without realizing it. We do a lot of different things to promote awareness and acceptance on campus, while providing a strong and supportive environment. We want to help MCCC and the community be as diversified and accepting as it can be!
How You Can Get Involved

The GSA is open and accepting for people of any background!
We're always looking for new members from both MCCC and the community!
If you're interested in joining, feel free to attend one of the meetings,
email us, or message us on Facebook!

Things You Can Do Without Joining

Don't have time to make it to our meetings or events and still want to help our cause?
Here's how you can!

A Few Tips on How You can Be an Ally

Refuse to tolerate anti-LGBTQ comments, attitudes, remarks or jokes.
Display positive materials in support of people who are LGBTQ.
Do not assume that everyone you meet is heterosexual and use inclusive language (non-gender specific language that does not assume heterosexuality in others).
Educate yourself on issues and concerns for people who are LGBTQ.
Attend events, meeting, or programs sponsored by or for people who are LGBTQ.
Gain insight by talking to people who are LGBTQ.
Maintain a balanced perspective. Remember that people who are LGBTQ come from widely diverse backgrounds with a wide range of experiences. Treat everyone as a unique individual.

Other Networks with a Similar Purpose
Past participation in the above mentioned events have earned us awards. We received two awards for Transgender Day of Remembrance in 2012-13 for the Outstanding Student and Outstanding Diversity Programs. The Club received the Outstanding Student Program of the Year award for the Diversity Mural Contest in 2013-14.

The GSA is responsible for the beautiful Diversity Mural hanging proudly in the Audrey Warrick Administration Building on the MCCC’s main campus, and for purchasing and hanging a copy of the original design at the Whitman Center in Temperance, Michigan.

The Diversity Mural began as a contest developed by the Club. The contest was open to faculty, staff and students at MCCC to submit a concept design for the mural, and entrants were given full artistic freedom. After compiling all entries received, we created a page for students and faculty to vote on their favorite submission.

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What’s Next?
Interested in what we're doing? Here’s some ways you can keep up-to-date with our group.

Like us on Facebook to see what we’re up to!

www.facebook.com/mcccgssa

Check our website for important updates at the beginning of each school year.

www.monroeccc.edu/gsa

Send us an email if you have any questions or if you want information on our next event.

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Don’t forget to keep up on National Organizations fighting for equality and LGBTQ rights.

What GLSEN does:

...conduct extensive and original research to inform our evidence-based solutions for K-12 education.

...author developmentally appropriate resources for educators to use throughout their school community.

...partner with decision makers to ensure that comprehensive and inclusive safe schools policies are considered, passed and implemented.

...partner with dozens of national education organizations to leverage our shared expertise into creating great schools and better opportunities for every student.

...empower students to affect change by supporting student-led efforts to positively impact their own schools and local communities.

The Human Rights Campaign is America’s largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

What HRC is about: