

HOW TO SUPPORT LGBTQ+ STUDENTS

- Have their support as a safe space person on your syllabus as well as on your doors
- Stand up for the students and be their voice to higher administration- we don't get that connection so you are our only source of voice
- Be an advocate for LGBTQ events and groups on campus
- Don't be afraid to bring up LGBTQ perspectives/examples in class- basically don't be afraid to make things less heteronormative
- Make a statement in the beginning of the semester that you are a safe person to go to and an ally. The default is that you are not an ally, so if you are, say it out right.
- Be a listening ear to students who have been harassed at this school for being queer. We need to be able to work through those traumas and you can help.
- Be kind and loving.
- And if you don't agree with the LGBTQ lifestyle, listen with a loving heart. Love is a radical act against hate. Show us love as we are human, just like you.

RESOURCES FOR FACULTY

- For catholic persons who want to know how to connect Catholicism and queerness, Padraig O'Tuama's "In the Shelter" is an incredible book that dialogues Catholicism and sexuality.
- "Crisis" by Mitchell Gold and Mindy Drucker tells the stories of LGBTQ students in America. This book helps allies to see how growing up queer can feel in the US.
- "Out Law" is a great learning tool as it helps you to know what laws protect LGBTQ persons. This can help you educate your lgbtq students as well as other allies.
- the movie "Love, Simon" is a great way to see how growing up queer can feel. While there are many classic troupes that clog the originality of the movie, it can still help with understanding.
- Your greatest source: the LGBTQ students in your classes. Usually if they are out to you, they would be willing to help you navigate how to be an ally. If you have more questions or want to chat, GRACES officers would love to meet with you without judgement. LGBTQ students want to be heard, so your questions have meaning for us as well.