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"Openness may not completely disarm prejudice, but it's a good place to start." – Jason Collins



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Events happening in September:

• Safe Zone Training



- GSD/Pride Button Making Event 9/5 from 4-6 p.m. in the GSD Center
- Annual Bonine Suicide Prevention Conference 9/14



- Bisexual Visibility Week 9/16 to 9/23
- Family Weekend 9/22 to 9/24
 - For any updates check out our calendar!

GSD media recommendation of the month:

Baldur's Gate 3

Baldur's Gate 3 is a role-playing video game developed and published by Larian Studios. It is the third main game in the Baldur's Gate series, which is based on the Dungeons & Dragons tabletop role-playing system.

Identities represented:

Multiple. The player character you create can be any identity (trans, nonbinary, cis) and you can be with anyone or no one so all sexualities are represented. It's a great way to escape into a world where anyone and everyone is accepted.

If you would like to submit a recommendation, follow the link below!

https://forms.gle/cQ47vDzNvwE8B7vx7

More resources!

INCLUSIVE GUIDE TO PRONOUN USAGE



Preferred Pronouns General Information

Some people will use more than one set of pronouns, and you are encouraged to alternate among them in conversation.

Use the singular "they" to avoid making assumptions about an individual's gender when it is unknown.

Neopronouns

Neopronouns are a category of new (neo) pronouns that are used in place of "she," "he," or "they" when referring to a person. Examples include: xe/xem/xyr, ze/hir/hirs, and ey/em/eir.

Consider including your pronouns in email and online meeting signatures!

Getting to Know Others' Pronouns

Encourage introductions to include sharing pronouns, though don't press when others don't want to share theirs. Starting with sharing your own pronouns may empower others to be open about theirs.

Safety is the most important. Be confidential if another person is private about their pronouns around different people. Don't single out gender-nonconforming people to share their pronouns.



Inclusive Language

Inclusive language can be practiced in our speech and documents.

Gender inclusive terms: everyone or everybody, distinguished guests, folks, friends, humans, individuals, loved ones, person, people, y'all.

Examples of gender-inclusive occupational nouns: chair or chairperson, congressperson or member of congress, first-year student or first year.

What happens if (or when) you mess up?

Mistakes happen when you're just learning, just know how to take accountability. If you accidentally use the wrong pronoun when identifying someone, please apologize or say "thank you" when corrected, and immediately use the right pronoun. Don't draw the mistake out.

i.e. This is Alex, she is one of my science students. (you are corrected because Alex uses they/them/theirs pronouns). Sorry, they are one of my science students. Or Thank you, they are one of my science students.





Contact us! If you have any programing ideas, things you want to see in future newsletters, or if you just want to chat.

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