

## Safe Zone

Safe Zone Ally Training is a program which identifies faculty and staff who will provide empathy, acceptance, support and resources for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, cross-dressing, intersex, and questioning students.



Students will know who they can go to for help by the Safe Zone symbol posted in the individual's workspace. They can go to them for help, advice, or just to talk in confidence to someone who will be supportive and accepting. This symbol also means that biased and offensive actions and comments will be addressed in an educational and informative manner.



## POINTS OF PRIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 16-17

- Provided opportunities for meaningful dialogue through the Student Training Awareness & Resources Series (STARS).
- Supported ALLIES Club Drag Show Event.
- Co-chairs served on the Clarion University Athletics Department Transgender Inclusion Policy Committee
- Created and established the First Annual Lavender Graduation.



For more information or to become a commission member please contact the co-chairs at [PCLGBTC@clarion.edu](mailto:PCLGBTC@clarion.edu)

# Presidential Commission on LGBT+ Concerns

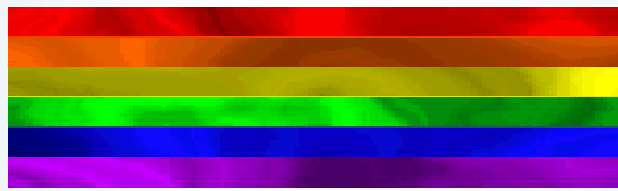


CLARION  
UNIVERSITY



Office of Social Equity  
Fostering an Inclusive  
Environment

## Mission Statement



The mission of the *Presidential Commission on LGBT+ Concerns* is to ensure and strengthen a visible, safe, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming

community for students and employees of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions at Clarion University through education, advocacy, assessment, community engagement, and activism.

## History

On March 26 and 27, 2009, members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities met for the Building Bridges Over Walls: LGBT Issues in Higher Education Conference. At that meeting, the need for a PASSHE-wide LGBTQIA group was recognized, and the *Presidential Commission on LGBT Concerns* at Clarion University was created during the Fall 2010 semester. A call for members went out during November of 2010. The Commission held its first official meeting January 21, 2011.

## Goals

- ◆ To build the retention and morale of LGBT students, staff, and their allies by providing opportunities for support and inclusion
- ◆ To create opportunities for meaningful dialogue on difficult topics surrounding diversity
- ◆ To increase the number of diverse student, faculty, and staff experiences through programming and partnerships with other groups of campus



## Campus Resources

**Presidential Commission on LGBT+ Concerns**  
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### CLARION CAMPUS

**Office of Social Equity** 814-393-2109  
210 Carrier Administration Building  
Clarion, PA 16214-1232  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday,  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Fax: 814-393-1618

**Allies**  
allies@clarion.edu

**Counseling Services** 814-393-2255  
256 Becht Hall  
Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday, 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.;  
1 p.m. to 4:30p.m.  
*closed during lunch*

**Health Care Services** 814-393-2121

**Campus Safety** 814-393-2111

### VENANGO CAMPUS

**Counseling Services** 814-393-1281

**Student Affairs** 814-393-1269