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STUDENT CLUB

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is one of the oldest recognized student clubs at MiraCosta College. The club has a mission to strengthen the LGBTQIA community through social activities and community service, promote acceptance and tolerance by embracing diversity, and advocate for human and civil rights. The club meets regularly during the fall and spring semesters.

QUEER CORNER & LIBRARY

The Queer Corner, located in the Student Club Room on the Oceanside Campus, is a Safe Space for all LGBTQIA students. Featuring a lending library of queer-themed books, the Queer Corner is also the meeting place for the GSA Student Club.

GSA ANNUAL EVENTS

• San Diego AIDS Walk & Run
• Free To Be Me! Wristband Fundraiser (ongoing)
• Queer Cupcake Party
• Host World AIDS Day Information Table
• Coming Out Forum
• North County GSA Awards

$1,000 ANNUAL GSA SCHOLARSHIP

MiraCosta College is among the first California community colleges to offer a fully-endowed annual scholarship to an LGBTQIA student or ally. For more information, contact the Scholarship Office. To make a tax-deductible donation to the scholarship endowment, contact the MiraCosta College Foundation.

LGBTQIA SAFE SPACES

The MiraCosta College LGBTQIA Safe Spaces Program aims to increase awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersexed, and asexual/ally communities on campus; to support the college’s efforts to promote an accepting, supportive and diverse learning environment; and to create a welcoming and tolerant environment for all members of the campus community.

More than 180 district employees including faculty, staff and administrators have been trained since the program began in August 2012. Visit miracosta.edu/lgbtq for full list of trained employees.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

MiraCosta College provides access to a number of mental health resources for both students and employees. Student resources include free and confidential one-on-one counseling with Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) interns.

LGBTQIA-RELEVANT CLASSES

PSYC 115: Human Sexuality
This course examines human sexuality from three perspectives—the biological, the psychological, and the social—and is applicable to students of all majors. The biological topics include sexual anatomy, the sexual response cycle, sexual behaviors, sexual dysfunctions, pregnancy, birth control, and prenatal development. The psychological topics include attraction, communication, intimacy, and love. The social topics include gender, the law, morality, sexual education, and ethics.

SOC 120: Introduction to Women’s Studies
This course introduces students to women’s studies through sociological theories, concepts, and sociological research. It compares and contrasts similarities and differences in women’s experiences based on race and ethnic groups, different cultures, and subcultures. Topics include institutional discrimination, gender socialization, sexuality, varied cultural influences, feminism, and regional, national, and global perspectives on women’s rights.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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