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Ongoing Programming and Resources

MOSAIC Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Partnerships
MOSAIC invites students, faculty, and staff to partner with us in providing students with opportunities to engage in identity-conscious group discussions. These spaces provide an opportunity for students’ voices and perspectives to be heard on various social/cultural topics including, but not limited to: race, class, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and ability. Please contact mosaic@uccs.edu or 719-255-3319 if you are interested in partnering with us.

Student Support
MOSAIC invites referrals for students in need of support navigating their social cultural identities or who are interested in learning about other cultural experiences. While MOSAIC serves all students, we specialize in advocating for the academic, personal, and social development of underrepresented students at UCCS. We accomplish this by valuing and specializing in building meaningful relationships with our students and serving as a safe and consistent support system for them as they discover and navigate their many social and cultural identities. Our goal is to help our students establish a sense of belonging and community on campus while validating their unique experiences as members of underrepresented communities.

LGBTQ Non-Trad and Grad Discussion Group
This is a space for LGBTQ non-traditional and/or graduate students to meet like-experienced people and provide support for each other, both academically and professionally. **Who is a Non-Traditional Student?** A non-traditional student is a student whose life experiences separate them from the traditional student. Life experiences include, but are not limited to:

- A delay in post-secondary education immediately after high school graduation
- Returning student/transfer student
- Have children or other dependents
- Military/Veteran
- Work full time

Please contact lgbtrc@uccs.edu or 719-255-3447 for more information.

QTPOC Discussion Group
This is a peer to peer discussion group that provides a space to discuss the experiences of, and the issues that impact Queer/LGBTQIA identifying people of color and Two Spirit people. This group provides a safe environment for students to connect, share experiences, and support each other. All are welcome to attend! Please contact lgbtrc@uccs.edu or 719-255-3447 for more information.

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Queer and Questioning Discussion Group
This space is for students who are in a process of discovery and exploration about their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or a combination thereof. Students will have an opportunity to share their experiences with peers in an open and inclusive environment. Please contact lgbtrc@uccs.edu or 719-255-3447 for more information.

Fall 2019 Calendar of Events

August

MOSAIC Supports UCCS Presents’ Artist Series - Gaby Moreno and Jarabe Mexicano
Thursday, August 22, 2019 7:00PM (Ent Center for the Arts)

Gaby Moreno’s rich, soulful voice is right at home singing the blues, pop, Latin rock, folk, and everything in between. Grammy-nominated for her 2016 album Ilusión, she can be heard on NPR’s Live from Here nationwide. Opening act Jarabe Mexicano invites audiences on a joyride through a versatile songbook of Mexican folk, rock & roll, and border culture.
http://uccspresents.org/events/2019-20/gaby-moreno-jarabe-mexicano

September

LGBTQ Community Mixer
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:00-8:30PM (UC 110)

The LGBTQ+ Resource Center at MOSAIC welcomes all to come learn about ways to support and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community at UCCS.

A Multicultural Affair
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:00AM-2:00PM (Berger Hall)

The Multicultural Office for Student Access, Inclusiveness, and Community (MOSAIC) and Student Life invite all to come and experience the vast diversity that makes up UCCS. This event will feature cultural food, cultural performances, and activities led by our campus’ many cultural and diversity focused organizations. Anyone interested in performing or having an information table should contact the MOSAIC office at mosaic@uccs.edu

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Free HIV Testing Sponsored by the Southern Colorado Health Network
Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:00AM-2:00PM (UC 303 A and B)

MOSAIC and the LGBT+ Resource Center provide education around HIV/AIDS prevention and free HIV testing each semester. In addition to promoting sexual health and challenging stigma connected to the LGBTQ community, an alternative purpose is to raise awareness about the impact of HIV in communities of color. We stress that ethnicity is not a risk factor for HIV/AIDS. Rather, HIV/AIDS is found wherever there is limited access to support services – such as education and health care – and high rates of homelessness, malnutrition, substance use, mental illness, incarceration and poverty – which unfortunately is often the case in many minority communities.

Safe Zone Workshop
Friday, September 27, 2019 9:00AM-12:00PM (UC 309)

Safe Zone is designed to educate UCCS students, faculty, and staff about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities. Learning outcomes include awareness of: LGBTQ terminology, the coming out process, and beginner level strategies to being a supportive ally of the LGBTQ community.

October

National Coming Out Day Celebration (NCOD)
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:00AM-2:00PM (UC 116)

The LGBTQ+ Resource Center at MOSAIC welcomes all to join us in celebrating and affirming LGBTQ+ culture and identities. This event will feature campus and community resources, connections with UCCS LGBTQ organizations, music, food, games, and activities. Anyone interested in hosting an activity or information table should contact lgbtrc@uccs.edu

More information in NCOD can be found here: https://www.hrc.org/resources/the-history-of-coming-out

Faculty and Staff Safe Zone Workshop 2.0
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:00PM-4:00PM (UC 124)

This training will provide Faculty and Staff with tools and information on supporting LGBTQ students in and out of the classroom. This session is designed for faculty and staff who have completed our general Safe Zone Program or who are familiar with LGBTQ Identities. Safe Zone is designed to educate UCCS students, faculty, and staff about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities. Learning outcomes include awareness of: LGBTQ terminology, the coming out process, and beginner level strategies to being a supportive ally of the LGBTQ community.

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Multicultural Club Mixer
Wednesday, October 16, 2019 7:00PM-9:00PM (UC 116)

Please join us for a social gathering of community centered on UCCS’ cultural focused student organizations and student leaders. This is a great way to make friends and learn more about getting involved.

Disability Awareness Month - Poetry Night
Friday October 18, 2019 6:30PM-9:00PM (UC 302)

Please join us in recognizing Disability Awareness Month. In partnership with local poets and spoken word artists, we will be hosting a poetry workshop and open mic to celebrate, honor, and lift up the voices and experiences of people that live with visible and invisible disabilities.

Queer Sex Ed Workshop with Southern Colorado Health Network
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 7:00PM-9:00PM (UC 302)

Some of the questions that will be address are:

- What are some of the biggest myths about sex in general and in relation to LGBTQ community specifically?
- What steps can we take to destigmatize language around STIs?
- What resources are available to me in terms of maintaining my sexual health?
- What does a healthy relationship look like?
- How do I advocate for my needs in a relationship?
- And Many more

Free HIV Testing Sponsored by the Southern Colorado Health Network
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 11:00AM-4:00PM (UC 303A & 303B)

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Jessica Lynn: Butterfly Project
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 6:00PM (Berger Hall)

The goal of this event is to engage the campus and broader Colorado Springs communities in a dialogue around transgender, gender non-conforming, and genderqueer identities and experiences through an event that highlights the creative voices of those who identify in gender non-conforming ways. The event will highlight the voices of local trans* identified poets, musicians, writers, and other artists, as well as health professionals who work with transgender people, creating a public forum where campus and community members can hear the stories of triumph and transcendence of trans* identified individuals from the Rocky Mountain region. The keynote speaker for The Butterfly Project will be TransRights activist, Kinsey Institute Global Ambassador, and Stonewall School Role Model Jessica Lynn.

November

Safe Zone
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 1:00PM-4:00PM (UC 124)

Safe Zone is designed to educate UCCS students, faculty, and staff about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities. Learning outcomes include awareness of: LGBTQ terminology, the coming out process, and beginner level strategies to being a supportive ally of the LGBTQ community.

Community Rally
Thursday, November 7, 2019 4:30PM-6:30PM (University Center)

Join us for a gathering of community where we will come together for healing in solidarity and to share stories, honor ourselves, our loved ones, and to promote peace, gratitude, kindness, and civility.

Multicultural Karaoke Night
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 6:00PM-9:00PM (Clyde’s)

MOSAIC and Student Life present Multicultural Karaoke Night. Join us in community for music, food, and fun.

Transgender Focused Safe Zone Workshop
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 2:00PM-4:00PM (UC 309)

Our Transgender focused Safe Zone is designed to educate UCCS students, faculty, and staff about gender identity and gender expression. Learning outcomes include awareness of Transgender specific terminology, the coming out process, and beginner level strategies to being a supportive ally of the Transgender community. **It is encouraged but not required for attendees to attend a general safe zone program prior to attending this session**

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Transgender Day of Remembrance Observance (TDOR)
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 6:30PM -8:30PM (UC 302)

Please join the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender Resource Center (LGBT+RC) for Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR). TDOR is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

More information on TDOR can be found here: https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/transgender-day-remembrance

December

Multicultural and Lavender Graduation Celebration
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 5:30PM-7:30PM (UC 116)

At the end of each semester the Multicultural Office for Student Access, Inclusiveness, and Community (M.O.S.A.I.C.) and the LGBT Resource Center host a Multicultural and Lavender Convocation to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our diverse graduates in addition to graduates who are champions of diversity and inclusion at UCCS.