The University of Tennessee has many rich traditions. This year, The OUTreach: LGBT & Ally Resource Center will join in the festive tradition of Homecoming. We cannot wait to welcome LGBTQQIA alumni back to campus. We know that they will find UT much more welcoming and diverse than when they left. We know that most alumni could have only dreamed of a space like OUTreach, a program like Safe Zone, and a Chancellor’s advisory group like the Commission. We are always moving forward. –Donna Braquet, OUTreach Director

Queering Homecoming

Join us on November 9th for UT’s first LGBTQQIA Homecoming event. OUTreach is providing a tailgate party in the center, Melrose F-103. All students, alumni, staff, and faculty are invited. We will be screening the game as well. Free admission. Food and beverages will be provided.
Message from Michael Porter, President of Lambda Student Union

Michael Porter is the President of Lambda Student Union and a senior majoring in Political Science.

I’ve been so fortunate to have so many great experiences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Lambda Student Union is where it all started! It’s been three years now since I stepped into my first Lambda meeting. I was so nervous about attending: I didn’t know many people at UT, I didn’t really know anything about the LGBT community, and I couldn’t even tell you what all the letters in LGBTQIAA meant. My apprehensions quickly subsided after that first meeting -- everyone there was so welcoming; I really felt like I had found a “home-away-from-home” on campus. Lambda was one of places on campus where I felt safe and able to be my whole self – surrounded by like-minded people who understood what I was going through more than anyone I’d met.

That same semester someone in Lambda introduced me to what would become my favorite spot on campus, the OUTreach Center. Now, after three years I am so humbled by the opportunities Lambda has given me and so grateful for all the amazing people I’ve met through the OUTreach Center.

As the 2013-2014 President I have had the opportunity to give back to an organization that has given so much to me: connecting other students with the incredible resources, providing occasions for our members to built a community, and coordinating learning experiences from supportive faculty, staff, and community members. None of this would be possible without my incredible team – Lambda’s Executive Board – and the dedicated members of Lambda.

Lambda and OUTreach have been the cornerstones that have made my UT experience so great. The friends I’ve made here will, no doubt, be life-long. Now, in my senior year, I love hanging out in the OUTreach center; I frequent it as much as possible! If you see me in the OUTreach Center there are a couple things you should know: 1) I’m am passionate about helping student find their perfect place on campus, like someone did for me, and 2) I’m a talker – so be warned! : )
Rainbow Coffeehouse

Join us on **Wednesday afternoons** from **4:00-6:00 PM** at OUTreach for a chance to mix & mingle and build community. Refreshments provided.
Update: Trip to Nashville!

Laverne Cox from OITNB

OUTreach sponsored nine students on a trip to see actress Laverne Cox from Orange Is The New Black. The lecture was a part of National Coming Out Week at Vanderbilt University.

Following the talk, UT’s students met with students from Tennessee Tech’s Lambda Gay Straight Alliance. http://www.tntechlambda.org/
Lambda’s 3rd Annual Pumpkin Carving Party

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--Dr. Flores
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We need your support.
In order to maintain the Center as a safe and comfortable space and to provide our educational and social programming, we need the help of everyone who believes in LGBTQIA diversity and inclusion. Please consider a donation today. Any amount contributes to making a fully inclusive campus a reality.

Payroll Deduction
If you are a member of the UT staff or faculty, you may sign up for automatic donation to the Center. If interested, please drop by the Center or contact us at lgbtcenter@utk.edu.

Donate Online
It has never been easier to show your support for the UT LGBTQIA and Ally community. Visit lgbt.utk.edu and click the “Give” link at the bottom of the page. Donations can be given in any amount and can also be given in honor of or in memory of someone you special in your life.
Update: Queer People of Color discussion group forming

Interested in talking with other students who identify as queer people of color?

Contact the Center for the latest news on this emerging group.

New Initiative: Discussion Groups

OUTreach would like to begin hosting weekly discussion groups. In order to gauge interest in this new initiative, we would like to hear from you!

Please let us know if you would be interested in attending one of these groups or if you are interested in serving as a facilitator. Please contact us at lgbtacenter@utk.edu

Proposed Discussion Groups

Trans* Discussion Group
Queer People of Color Discussion Group
Ally Discussion Group
Queer Issues in Higher Ed Discussion Group
Bi/Pan/Fluid/Queer Discussion Group
Graduate Student Discussion Group
Our first ever Homecoming event!

First Year Studies
Freshman Seminar

“That’s So Gay!”
The Queering of TV, Movies, & Media

FYS 129 | Date/Time TBD | Spring 2014

Join us to discuss the portrayal of LGBTQs in movies, on television, in newspapers and magazines, and on the news.

Limited Space
Register Soon!

Instructor: Donna Braquet, dbraquet@utk.edu
Facebook.com/FYS129LGBT
Update: OUTstanding Seminar

The OUTstanding LGBT Seminar was an OUTstanding success! The OUTstanding Planning Committee would like to thank all that attended and supported along the way. The event had over 250 in attendance and raised over $500 to benefit the OUTreach Center.

If you weren't able to fill out the survey at the event, please send them feedback to outstandingutk@gmail.com. They'd love to hear any praises or concerns!

OUTstanding is now looking for a few lovely souls who would like to plan NEXT year's OUTstanding Seminar. If you are interested, please let me them know!

For more information, please check out outstandingseminar.wordpress.com.
Ally Week 2013!
See more photos on Facebook...
Homecoming Tailgate

OUTreatch is hosting our first-ever homecoming event in our beautiful Melrose Hall courtyard. Whether you are an alum, a current student, or a member of the faculty or staff, join us! Chili, nachos, and other refreshments will be served. Nov 9, 10:00am-3:00pm. Don’t have tickets to the game? Watch it with us!

Attention LGBTQQIA Alums:

We want to hear from you. Join our alumni database at http://lgbt.utk.edu/information-for/alumni/

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