

## SOME RESOURCES

Please visit our web site for updated information:

[www.csun.edu/~psp/](http://www.csun.edu/~psp/)

### Campus Resources:

- LGBT Alliance (student group) [www.csunlgbta.com](http://www.csunlgbta.com)
- Gamma Rho Lambda Search in Facebook
- Student Health Center, 818-677-3685
- University Counseling Services, 818-677-2366
- Women's Research & Resource Center, 818-677-2780

### Local Groups:

- Asians and Pacific Islanders for Marriage Equality <http://www.apiequalityla.org/>
- Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team <http://www.apaitonline.org/>
- Bienestar 818-908-3820
- Emerson Unitarian Church 818-887-6101
- Gender Justice LA [www.genderjusticela.org](http://www.genderjusticela.org)
- Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center [www.laglc.org](http://www.laglc.org)
- Metropolitan Community Church 818-762-1133
- Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society, North Hills office@valleyunion.org 818-894-9251
- PFLAG-LA 818-788-8678, [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)
- St. Matthews Lutheran Church 818-762-2909
- Tongues Queer Latina webzine [www.tonguesmagazine.org](http://www.tonguesmagazine.org)
- Transgender United with Family and Friends <http://www.tufforg.com/>
- West Valley Unity 818-345-6011 [westvalleyunity.com](http://westvalleyunity.com)

### Web Sites:

- BiNet Los Angeles [www.binetla.org](http://www.binetla.org)
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)
- FTM Alliance <http://ftmalliance.org>
- FTM International [www.ftmi.org](http://www.ftmi.org)
- Gay Straight Alliance Network [www.gsanetwork.org](http://www.gsanetwork.org)
- GLIDE [www.socal-glide.org](http://www.socal-glide.org)
- Intersex Society of North America [www.isna.org](http://www.isna.org)
- Lambda Legal [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)
- Lesbian News [www.lesbiannews.com](http://www.lesbiannews.com)
- Llego (national Latina/o LGBT org.) [www.llego.org](http://www.llego.org)
- Queer Resources Directory [www.qrd.org](http://www.qrd.org)
- TransgenderLaw Center [transgenderlawcenter.org](http://transgenderlawcenter.org)

## ALLY

**Ally** includes staff, faculty, and students at CSUN who display an Ally sticker outside their office or residence hall room. This sign identifies them as individuals who are willing to provide a safe haven, a listening ear, and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and intersexual people or anyone dealing with sexual orientation and gender identity issues.

All Ally members are committed to providing a positive space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersexual, queer, and questioning members of our CSUN community. Every Ally has signed an Ally Agreement before posting their sticker.

Ally is overseen by Positive Space Program (SPS), a committee of staff, faculty, and students who direct the progress of Ally. PSP committee began in Spring 2002 to provide support for the LGBTIQQ people at CSUN.

<http://www.csun.edu/~psp/>

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**Northridge**

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## HOW TO BECOME A

CSUN  
ALLY

**to support the  
lesbian, bisexual,  
gay, transgendered,  
intersexual, queer,  
and questioning  
communities**

*Ally Project is  
sponsored by The  
Positive Space Program  
through the Faculty  
Mentor Program, EOP.*

## WHAT IS AN ALLY?

### ***An Ally Is . . .***

- Visible support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, intersexual, queer, and questioning (LGBTIQQ) communities
- An advocate and role model for positive space
- Someone who combats homophobia and heterosexism
- A resource or reference

### ***An Ally Can Be . . .***

- An activist
- A speaker—educator

### ***An Ally Is Not . . .***

- An “expert” on issues
- A counselor
- A spokesperson for all

### ***Ally Activities Include...***

- Seminars for people interested in becoming a member of Ally
- Outreach via the [Daily Sundial](#)
- Special events for national Coming Out Week and Pride Week

## ALLY SEMINAR

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Q: What is an Ally Seminar?**

An Ally Seminar is a 2 to 3-hour workshop for CSUN staff, faculty, and students interested in becoming an Ally. The purpose of the seminar is multi-folded:

- to raise awareness about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and intersexed culture and communities;
- to discuss the way homophobia and heterosexism affect everyone;
- to explore ways an Ally on campus can support the LGBTIQQ communities and each other;
- and to provide an opportunity for participants to become an Ally.

#### **Q: What happens at an Ally Seminar?**

Seminars involve group discussions to explore and enhance personal knowledge of heterosexual privilege, homophobia, and LGBTIQQ experiences. Seminars can also have an interactive Q&A session with a panel composed of local LGBTIQQ members. Participants also receive a packet of resources and the opportunity to sign the Ally Agreement.

*FAQ'S CONTINUED...*

#### **Q: If I attend an Ally seminar, do I automatically become an Ally?**

No, you must first choose to sign the Ally Agreement. Participants may consider their decision further and mail in a signed agreement at a later date or receive their sticker at the seminar by turning in the agreement immediately. Some participants choose not to become a member of Ally, but they still have enjoyed a learning opportunity.

#### **Q: When are Ally seminars offered?**

At least one seminar is offered each semester, varying the day of the week and time of day to meet the needs of as many people as possible. The Ally Project's web page lists seminar dates as soon as they are scheduled.

#### **Q: Can my student group/office/department have a special seminar?**

Yes!

#### **Q: How do I RSVP for an Ally Seminar or set one up?**

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