



Dear Students, Educators, and GLSEN Washington Supporters

Happy New Year from GLSEN Washington! 2020 was a difficult year for all of us. GLSEN Washington is incredibly grateful for the way in which our community members showed solidarity and tenacity over the past year, and we hope that 2021 brings greater health, joy, community and justice. In this newsletter, you will find updates on several exciting projects in the works, new additions to the GLSEN team, and GLSEN's upcoming No-Name Calling Week. Thank you so much for your support, and as always please reach out with any ideas, questions or concerns!

JANUARY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • GLSEN No Name-Calling Week Begins	19	20	21	22 • GLSEN No Name-Calling Week Ends	23
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We are here to support you!

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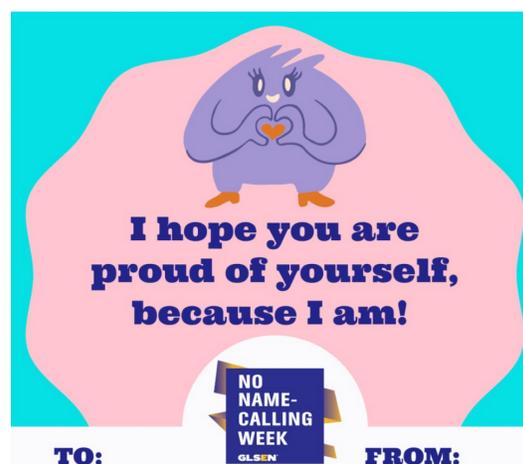
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Rainbow Library

GLSEN Washington is joining the Rainbow Library Community Reads Project! This initiative sends free LGBTQ+ affirming text sets, geared towards all ages, to schools and libraries across Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, and Washington State, reaching over 600,000 students. Starting next month, the Rainbow Library project will expand to include 750 schools, including at least 244 schools and libraries across Washington. GLSEN WA is incredibly excited to help students connect with their identities and learn about LGBTQ+ history through literature! You can learn more about the project, and donate, at: <https://loom.ly/dKy7YQI>.



Stand with GLSEN to stop bullying and harassment in schools and encourage kindness by participating in No Name-Calling Week! It is quickly upon us and coinciding with a historical time in America. You can encourage positivity in your own community next week by taking the No Name-Calling week pledge, sending kindness grams, and learning or educating others about bullying in schools and what we can do together to stop it. Visit glsen.org/no-name-calling-week for more ideas and fun resources like kindness grams to share your appreciation for others next week and beyond.



No Name-Calling Week

Jan 18 - 22

Thank You

Community Foundation of Snohomish County

GLSEN Washington would like to thank the Community Foundation of Snohomish County for their generous grant, which allowed us to hire our two new Americorps members. We are so excited to expand our outreach and GSA support in Snohomish County with this funding. Thank you for working so closely with us and making sure we were able to utilize funds.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Snohomish County

Coming Soon...
Conference
Registration

Spend a day with us (virtually!) as we power through topics related to the lives of LGBTQ+ students on March 27. A variety of workshops hosted for students-only will give them tools to grow and engage in a safe environment with GLSEN volunteers. We will have engaging conversations about topics like pronoun use in yearbooks, the importance of mental health, and how to become civically engaged! Another track catered for educators will feature topics from inclusive sports environments to identifying microaggressions. As always, the workshop is FREE. Stay tuned to our [conference web page](#) for registration to go live.



Over the past month, GLSEN has also published two updated resources on LGBTQ+ student and LGBTQ+ educator rights. These important resources have been updated in light of the landmark *Bostock v. Clayton County* Supreme Court decision, which ruled that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity are sex discrimination prohibited by federal law. The helpful resources inform users not only of their rights, but also of how they can file complaints or seek other recourse should their rights be infringed.

Know Your
Rights Resource



Americorps Additions



Dani

they/them

Dani Smotrich-Barr grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and recently graduated from Wesleyan University, where they studied English and History. Dani has previously worked with The Partnership for the Homeless and Wesleyan's United Student Labor Action Coalition. They are excited to join GLSEN WA and to meet students and educators across the state over the coming year!



Bryanna

she/her

Bryanna Leach studied Political Science and Sociology at Arizona State University where she graduated in May 2020. Mental and relational health, body positivity and the impact of culture on our lives are passions of Bryanna's. She is striving to build a world where people are empowered to show up as their whole selves and loves being part of the LGBTQ community where she believes we can pave this road in many spaces.

If you have any questions or need any resources, please send us an email (mail@glsenwa.org) or contact us on social media (@glsenwa on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#)). We'll get back to you soon.

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Thanks for your continued support!*

