# **UMassAmherst**

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News & Events for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Community

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# The Great Queer Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Night

Tues., Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m., Stonewall Center

The event is full. If you signed up, please let us know if you cannot be there, so we can let someone on the wait list attend. Sponsored by the Bi/Pan/Queer Collective and the Stonewall Center.

## Queer & Trans People of Color Sugar Skull Decorating Night

Wed., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m., Stonewall Center

Open to UMass and other Five College QTPOC students and supporters.



# oSTEM (Out in STEM) Movie Night: Halloweentown

Wed., Oct. 25, 6 p.m., N151 ILC

oSTEM is a group for undergraduates and graduate students in STEM fields.



### **Bad PowerPoint Night**

Thurs., Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Come see terrible slideshows on goofy topics or present your own!





# Out@Isenberg Panel Discussion "Authenticity: Leading, Recruiting, and Beyond"

Fri., Oct. 27, noon, Zoom link here

Virtual panel discussion with LGBTQ+ business leaders.



### Kehilah's Spooky S'mores Night

Fri., Oct. 27, 4:30 p.m., Hillel Front Lawn

Kehilah is the Jewish LGTQIA+ group sponsored by Hillel. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available.



#### Costume Contest & Party

Fri., Oct. 27, 8-10 p.m., Old Chapel

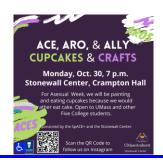
Come join the Pride Alliance, Disability Culture Club, and Stonewall for a spooktacular Halloween party! Whether you're munching on candy and telling ghost stories or are participating in a costume contest specially curated for queer and disabled students, it's bound to be a night to remember.



### Creature Feature: A Halloween Drag Show

Sat., Oct. 28, 8 p.m., 65 Bartlett Hall

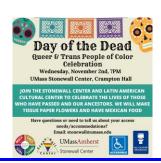
Free to attend. Students interested in performing can message @umassisadrag on Instagram. Sponsored by UMass Is a Drag and cosponsored by the Stonewall Center.



# 3rd Annual Ace, Aro, and Ally Cupcakes and Crafts

Mon., Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

For Asexual Week, we will be painting canvases and eating cupcakes (because we would rather eat cake). Open to all UMass and other Five College students. Sponsored by the SpACE+ and the Stonewall Center.



### Day of the Dead Queer & Trans People of Color Celebration

Thurs., Nov. 2, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Join the Stonewall Center and Latin American Cultural Center to celebrate the lives of those who have passed and our ancestors. We will make tissue paper flowers and have Mexican food.

# Bi/Pan/Queer Collective Gathering

Tues., Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

BPQC is a weekly social group for bisexual, pansexual, queer, and sexually fluid students. The topic of the gathering is gender performance.



# UMass Announcements and Events STI & Rapid HIV Screening

Every Tues. & Wed., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 101 Campus Center (Public Health Promotion Center)

No appointment needed. STI tests screen for gonorrhea and chlamydia. Don't urinate for 1-2 hours before the test. HIV testing involves a finger prick. Results are ready in 20-30 minutes. HPV and MPOX vaccinations are also available. Testing is open to all UMass students. Bring your insurance card; other payment options are available. More information: phpc@umass.edu.



# Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Support Group Meeting

Wed., Oct. 25 (& every Wed.), 4:30-5:30 p.m.

All meetings are by Zoom, except the 1st Wednesday of each month, which is held in-person at CCPH. Free and open to all UMass and other Five College students who identify as trans, nonbinary, gender nonconforming, or questioning. Facilitated by the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH). Call CCPH if interested in joining: 413-545-2337.





### LGBTQ+ Talk Space

# Wed., Oct. 25 (& every Wed.), 6-7:30 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall (CMASS)

This is a weekly drop-in space for students to socialize, make friends, and talk about topics like school, mental health, and being LGBTQIA+. Open to UMass and other Five College students. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and CCPH.

# LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space

Wed., Oct. 25, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

This is a peer-facilitated space for LGBTQIA+ grad students to meet each other, build community, and give mutual support and care. The group will meet every other Wednesday at the Stonewall Center. Future meetings: Nov. 8 and Dec. 6.

#### **UMass Ultimate Race**

Fri., Oct. 27 7-11 p.m., Wilder Hall and around campus

The UMass Ultimate Race, a bi-annual event, is a collaborative event between CMASS and the UMass Police Department. This highly interactive event provides an excellent opportunity for team building, engaging in healthy competition, and interacting with members of the UMPD and CMASS.

Register here by today, October 23.

# Art with the Women of Color Leadership Network: Reclaiming Your Selfie

Tues., Oct. 31, 4-6 p.m., 127 New Africa House

"The selfie can be used as a tool of resistance and reclamation. In this workshop find the power of the selfie from affirmations of one's appearance to letting your imagination run loose with some creative experiments of self-image. Accessories will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own, to inspire these playful and inventive takes on self-images."

# The Stonewall Center's LGBTQIA+ Allyship Web Course Is Available for UMass Staff, Faculty, and Students

The course offers an independent, self-paced learning experience around the foundations of sexuality, gender, gender identity, and allyship. It is designed for UMass Amherst faculty, staff, and students to learn about strategies and resources to support LGBTQIA+ people. Faculty and staff who complete the training can receive a placard for their office that states that "this is a welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ people" and be listed on the Stonewall Center's website as having taken the course. People can enroll here.

#### **Local Announcements and Events**

### Western Mass Transmasc Meet-Up

Mon., Oct. 23, 6-7:45 p.m., Forbes Library Community Room, Northampton

Western Mass Transmasc is a civic and mutual aid group for trans, nonbinary, and gendernonconforming people who were assigned female at birth. <u>Facebook page</u>.

# Transfemmes/Gender-Expansive Femmes Support Group (Ages 30+)

Wed., Oct. 25 (& every other Wed.), 7-8:30 p.m., Northampton

Email here to RSVP and for the exact address.

### East Coast FTM Group Meeting

Sun., Nov. 5 (& every 1st Sun. of the month), 3-5 p.m., 135 Lincoln St., Holyoke

The group is open to all transmasculine people. For more info, call or text Ben at (413) 548-6549.

# Unity of the Pioneer Valley's Trans Day of Remembrance

Thurs., Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Baystate Medical Center, 3300 Main St., Springfield

Unity is a group for all trans people, family members, and supporters. More info about the group is here.