

## Student Groups

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Connecticut College Queer & Questioning aims to build a supportive community for LGBTQ students. The group meets weekly to build social & community ties as well as to support each other in dealing with the obstacles that arise while coming out and being out.

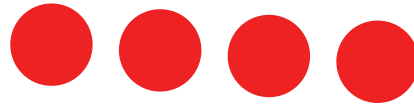
### \* SPECTRUM\*

Spectrum: Gender & Sexuality Alliance aims to improve the quality of life for LGBTQ students on campus and works towards ending homophobia through education and advocacy. Spectrum is dedicated to raising awareness about issues of sexual orientation and gender identity, changing discriminatory policies and attitudes, and providing support for their members. Spectrum welcomes both allies and queer students to join.

### \*CGIA\*

Campaign for Gender Identity Awareness meets to talk about issues of gender identity. Do you want to learn about transgender and intersex people? This group aims to tackle trans, intersex, and gender identity issues.

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning Resource Center



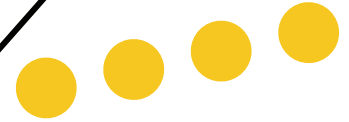
### Mission Statement

The LGBTQ Resource Center aims to serve the unique needs of LGBTQ students by providing a supportive space, resource library, social events, and educational programming. We are committed to understanding how homophobia and heterosexism interlink with sexism, racism, and classism to perpetuate oppression. The Center also serves as a resource for the entire college community to learn about issues related to sexuality and gender identity.



*"When we speak we are afraid  
our words will not be heard or  
welcomed. But when we are  
silent, we are still afraid. So it  
is better to speak."  
- Audre Lorde*

## Queer Peer Mentoring Program At Connecticut College



*A Program of the  
LGBTQ Resource Center  
(Located in Burdick Hall)*



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## GOALS

The Mentoring Program connects lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning students with LGBTQ students who have been "out" for a while at college as LGBTQ people. Preference will be given to upper class mentor applicants. Goals of the program:

- Provide guidance and information to LGBTQ students about queer life at Conn
- Support students who may or may not be out at Conn or in their home communities
- Build community and have fun!



## To Potential Mentors



As a mentor, you will have the opportunity to offer support and guidance to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning students based on your own experiences and with additional resources provided to you by the LGBTQ Resource Center. Mentors will be expected to:

- Commit to the program for one year
- Meet with your mentee at least twice a month
- Attend training orientation for new mentors
- Attend two educational and two social events per semester with your mentee
- Be "out" as a member of the LGBTQ community on campus
- Respect confidentiality and the degree of "outness" desired by your mentee
- Help plan two social events per semester

## To Potential Mentees

If you are a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning student and you are interested in developing a mentoring relationship with an "out" LGBTQ student, the Mentoring Program may be for you.

You do not need to be "out" yourself, but your mentor will be.

Your mentor will be required to respect your wishes related to your degree of "outness." Mentees will be expected to:

- Commit to the program for one year
- Meet with your mentor at least twice a month
- Attend two educational and two social events per semester with your mentor
- Be open and receptive to learning more about LGBTQ life at college

