Transgender Awareness Week  
Nov. 12-19 2012

Each year, people across the country recognize and take part in Transgender Awareness Week, a week-long period dedicated to educating the broader society on transgender topics and the issues they face in the ongoing effort towards social justice. The week typically culminates on November 20th, National Transgender Remembrance Day, which memorializes those transgender/transsexual people who have lost their lives in acts of hatred or transphobia. The day began in 1998, in remembrance of a transwoman named Rita Hester who was murdered in an act of hate. In the spirit of the week, the LGBTQA Resource Center is highlighting in this edition of the InQueery newsletter, some available transfriendly resources, including the online Trans Guide, which is PDF guide for people seeking transgender resources and advice as they navigate the UNL and Lincoln community (see page 2).

This November:

2nd: Día de los Muertos, 6pm Ballroom NE Union—sponsored by OASIS, our altar will be dedicated to LGBT individuals who have died as the result of violence. Altars will be on display in the Georgian Room.

5th: Brown Bag at the LGBTQA Resource Center, 12 noon - 1 pm, Social media and the LGBTQ Community - how Facebook, Twitter, and other social media impacts our relationships with family, friends, and partners.

8th: A la Familia, 8 pm Countryside Community Church, Omaha, NE—Join PFLAG and HRC activist Lisbeth Melendez Rivera to discuss how faith, sexual orientation/gender identity and family intersect in Latino culture.

18th: Transgender Day of Remembrance Memorial Service at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln (63 & A St.), 6 pm.

19th: Everyone Matters! 11am-1pm Union Square — Program sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement with OASIS, the Women's Center, & LGBTQA Resource Center. Spin art, video, photographs & more! Check out Everyone Matters on Facebook!
Transgender Resources

TRANSGUIDE

“This site offers transgender and gender non-conforming students a compository of resources and advice to help ensure that all students of all gender identities and expression have a productive and enjoyable experience at UNL.” (http://involved.unl.edu/transguide)

FAQs ADDRESSED BY THE TRANSGUIDE

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEX AND GENDER?
Sex refers to the biological, chromosomal and anatomical features associated with maleness and femaleness in the human body. Gender, on the other hand, refers to social construction of masculinity and femininity in a specific culture. It involves gender assignment (the gender designation of someone at birth), gender roles (the expectations imposed on someone based on their gender), gender attribution (how others perceive someone’s gender) and gender identity (how someone defines their own gender).

WHAT IS TRANSGENDER?
Transgender is an umbrella term covering behaviors, expressions and identities that challenge the binary male/female gender system in a given culture. It is a self-identified term that can apply to anyone who transcends the conventional definitions of “man” and “woman” and whose self-identification or expression challenges traditional notions of “male” and “female” (including transsexuals, crossdressers, drag queens and kings, genderqueers, masculine-identified females, feminine-identified males, two-spirit people, male-to-females, female-to-males, bearded women, transmen, tranwomen and others who cross or transgress traditional gender categories).

WHAT IS INTERSEX?
Intersex refers to a person who is born with sex chromosomes, external genitalia or an internal reproductive system that is not considered “standard” for either male or female. Approximately 1.7% of children are born with mixed sexual anatomy that makes it difficult to label them male or female. "Intersex" is the preferred term to hermaphrodite. Although many intersex people do not identify as transgender, many of the workplace issues relating to transgender people overlap with those that affect intersex people.

WHAT IS AN ALLY?
An ally is pro-LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning) and is actively committed to diversity and inclusion, mutual respect and personal safety for all people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expression. An ally is someone who confronts heterosexism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, heterosexual and genderstraight privilege in themselves and others and has a concern for the well being of transgender, intersex, queer and other LGBQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning) people and a belief that transphobia, heterosexism, homophobia and biphobia are social justice issues.

OTHER FEATURES YOU’LL FIND IN THE TRANSGUIDE:
Locations of Gender-Neutral Bathrooms | Locker Rooms and Changing Facilities | Student Housing Options | Health Services | Counseling | Support and Community | Changing Records | and NCards | Tips On Being a Trans Ally

Copy this link into your browser for the full PDF version:
http://involved.unl.edu/TransGuide%20w%20PT%20comments-1.pdf
Though often overlooked, there are many gender-nonconforming people who contribute to society in powerful ways through the arts, activism, and more. This collage shows a few prominent members of the community that have impacted today’s society.

**Shown:**
1. Chaz Bono – Actor, Author
2. Lea T. – Model
3. Ryan Sallans – Speaker, author
4. Leslie Feinberg – Author
5. Calpernia Addams – Actress, author
6. Kate Bornstein – author, playwright, advocate
7. Mara Keisling – founder of the National Center for Transgender Equality
8. RuPaul Charles – Actor
Looking Back

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LGBTQA
HISTORY MONTH DINNER
EVERYDAY PEOPLE MAKING HISTORY

Thanks to everyone who helped in the process of putting this year’s LGBTQA History Month Dinner together, those who bought seats, those who attended, and to those businesses that donated prizes for our prize drawing! It is important for the community to have such events available because it is an opportunity to educate our friends, families, and co-workers about our history, and to bond with one another. It was a great success, and we hope to see you all again next year!

~LGBTQA Resource Center Staff~