

Did you know?

National Coming Out Day

is Friday,
October 11

National Coming Out Day was first held in 1988 on the one year anniversary of the National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights. The day is meant to undermine homophobia by showing people that they have loved ones who are queer. The holiday is celebrated in several other countries including Switzerland, Ireland, and the United Kingdom,.

**SHOW YOUR
PRIDE BY
WEARING A
RAINBOW PIN**

Pick one up at the
LGBT Center

CWRU has a History of LGBTQ Activism

- **STUDENT ACTIVISTS HELPED ORGANIZE THE FIRST CLEVELAND GAY PRIDE MARCH IN 1972 WITH 40 ATTENDEES**
- **THE LGSU (LESBIAN/GAY STUDENT UNION) WAS FIRST RECOGNIZED AS AN OFFICIAL USG ORGANIZATION IN 1987**
- **IN 1988 SEXUAL ORIENTATION WAS ADDED TO CASE WESTERN'S ANTIDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE**
- **IN 1994, SIGNS FOR NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY WERE DESTROYED AND HATE MESSAGES WERE WRITTEN AROUND CAMPUS**
- **QUEER STUDENTS WERE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN OTHER ACTIVIST MOVEMENTS ON CAMPUS, INCLUDING WOMEN'S LIBERATION, ANTIWAR AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

Want to learn more?

- Visit the LGBT Center (Tink Suite 179) or Social Justice Institute (Crawford A15)
- Join an LGBTQ student organization or an LGBT Center conversation group
- Encourage conversation on your floor or with your friends
- Visit the LGBT Center website (www.case.edu/lgbt/) for tips on how to support LGBTQ people in your life or to find community

Reflect

- What do you want to learn about the LGBTQ community?
- How can you make CWRU more inclusive?
- Who in your life might need support right now?



Harvey Milk

was an American politician and the first openly gay elected official in the history of California, where he was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. After his assassination, Milk became an icon in San Francisco and a martyr in the gay community.



Stonewall Riots

The Stonewall Riots, also called the Stonewall Uprising, began in the early hours of June 28, 1969 when New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village in New York City. The raid sparked a riot among bar patrons and neighborhood residents as police roughly hauled employees and patrons out of the bar, leading to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement outside the bar on Christopher Street, in neighboring streets and in nearby Christopher Park. The Stonewall Riots served as a catalyst for the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world.



Cleveland LGBT Center

The Cleveland LGBT Center was founded in 1975 and is one of the oldest LGBT centers in the country. The center hosts an annual pride celebration in Public Square and hosts trainings and programs and engages in advocacy around LGBT issues.



Two Spirit and Third Gender
Many North African, Pacific Island, and Native American cultures have long recognized the existence of people beyond the gender binary.



Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera
Marsha P. Johnson, a black trans woman, and
Sylvia Rivera, a trans Latinx and bisexual woman
were key to shaping Pride celebrations. Sylvia and
Martha also cofounded STAR, an organization that
helped homeless drag queens and transgender
youth.