LGBT Awareness Week

Purpose:
The purpose of LGBT Awareness Week was to educate the Muir community and bring acceptance of LGBT-identified individuals in the context of a larger, diverse community. LGBT Awareness week was also created in order to inform the Muir residents about the resources available on campus for the LGBT community that work directly with equity mindedness and diversity.

Goals:
- Increase awareness
- Create a safe space for LGBT identified individuals within the community
- To engage in a dialogue about social justice issues that are culturally relevant
- To celebrate National Coming Out Day
### Population/Sample

#### 21 Muir student responses

**Class Level**
- First Year Students: 13
- Second Year Students: 4
- Third Year Students: 2
- Fourth Year Students: 0
- Fifth Year Students: 1

**Sexual Orientation**
- Heterosexual: 10
- Lesbian: 1
- Bisexual: 5
- Gay: 3
- Questioning: 2

**Gender Identity**
- Female: 11
- Male: 9
- Prefer not to respond: 1

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**Type of Assessment:** Program/department review

**Other Assessment**

**Type(s):**

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**Assessment Methods:** Surveys

**Other Assessment**

**Method(s):**

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### Data Collection Tools

Survey Questions:
1. Please check your class level and house affiliation.
2. What is your race/ethnicity?
3. With which gender do you identify?
4. What is your sexual orientation?
5. What events did you participate in during LGBT Awareness Week?
6. What was your favorite event? Why?
7. What three things did you learn from attending these event(s)?
8. What are two resources that represent and support the LGBT community?
9. Please explain why you (feel/do not feel) Muir College is a safe and welcoming place to the LGBT community.
10. Provide any additional information.

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### Data Analysis Methods

Wordle.com was utilized to highlight the commonalities within the survey answers.

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### Presentation of Findings

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Progress: 100%

Summary of Findings

Impact of Assessment

The assessment assisted with capturing the importance of LGBT programming at a university especially a residential community.

Lessons Learned

The affects of LGBT Awareness Week at JMC!

What student participants said about LGBT Awareness Week:

“I learned about different sexual orientations, LGBT clubs, and how accepting Muir College is of all people.”

“I learned that not everyone has the same type of sexual orientation, drag can be a form of expression...”

“There's an LGBT community out there that is much bigger and diverse than I ever thought. There are many places for support. One should never feel like they are less because of their identity.”

“If Muir wasn't a safe space, I don't think these events would not have been able to be hosted in the first place! I think that we are a very open and loving community.”

“Muir College is a safe and welcoming place because people try to promote equality to different sexual orientations even when it's not LGBT week.”

“I think Muir never limits itself to talk about issues like this, and because of it, I have felt very welcomed here. I'm able to express myself any way I want.”

“This event was a great week of amazing events and I am so glad to have been part of it.”

Supplemental Information

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