

# Allies of TEXAS★STATE

Thank you for your interest in the LGBTQ and Allies community of Texas State through your attendance of Welcome to the Family or as you indicated on the Bobcat Interest Inventory. This e-mail is an at-a-glance guide of organizations and affirming resources at Texas State!

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Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals have historically felt unsafe on college and university campuses, felt invisible on campus, or found the climate uninviting or hostile. These conditions often foil attempts to foster student development and growth, to recruit faculty and staff, and to retain the diversity of the campus community. Because of this, the Allies of Texas State program aims to create and sustain "safe places," places where LGBTQ students, staff, and faculty can speak with an Ally in confidence. The program also seeks to include LGBTQ individuals in all aspects of campus life. The Allies of Texas State program is coordinated by the VPSA Allies Program Team. Check out all the resources we have at [www.txstate.edu/allies](http://www.txstate.edu/allies)!

**I'm an Ally, are you? Attend an upcoming Allies Training in order to become an official Texas State Ally!** Registration is required! Pizza will be provided for lunch at afternoon trainings and breakfast foods at morning trainings. Feel free to arrive 15 minutes early to get settled in as the training will start promptly. All trainings will be held in LBJ Student Center 3-13. In order to provide the highest quality training registration is limited to 30 individuals. To register, [click here!](#)

Fall Trainings are now available for registration!

Friday	Sept 4	8:30 – 12:30
Monday	Oct 12	12-4pm
Wednesday	Nov 4	12-4pm
Wednesday	Dec 2	12-4pm

Be in the know! Even prior to an Allies training you can register for the bi-monthly LGBTQ e-mail that lets you know all things LGBTQA at Texas State, San Marcos, Austin, and San Antonio. [Register now!](#) **And join Allies of Texas State on Facebook! We'd like to invite you to add us on Facebook! It's a great way to contact us and keep track of all the events going on at Texas State!**



Lambda

The purpose of this Texas State student organization is to provide social, political and service functions to its members and secondly to heighten awareness in the community of the special characteristics, concerns, and needs of its homosexual members. Lambda of Texas State was started to provide a positive social and educational environment for Texas State's homosexual, bisexual, transgender and progressive students. We are dedicated to pursuing a more diverse climate among this institution's population

**The first meeting of the fall semester is September 2<sup>nd</sup>!** Meetings are held every Wednesday at 5:30pm at the LBJ Student Center Room 3-3.1. We encourage everyone to attend and bring a friend. You don't have to be OUT to be IN. Find us on [Facebook!](#)



### Bobcat Equality Alliance

We are a GLBTQ student advocacy group dedicated to bridging the gap between the gay and straight communities. We're dedicated to promoting tolerance and equality. We fight against prejudice, ignorance, and discrimination. We are a group that strives to be all inclusive. We will never discriminate against anyone for any reason. Everyone who has an idea will be heard, and their ideas will almost always be implemented. We are very fond of our members and want everyone to have a voice.

**The first meeting of the fall semester is September 8<sup>th</sup>!** Our meetings are held Tuesdays, 5:30 until 6:30ish in LBJ room 3-4.1. There will be social meetings throughout the semester as well! Find us on [Facebook!](#)

### Alliance- Staff/Faculty Coalition

Alliance is an Equity and Access coalition comprised of faculty and staff, formed to address the needs of and climate for LGBTQ staff, faculty, and students at Texas State. As staff and faculty, our voices and needs are important! Come be involved and be heard. We will be working on goals setting for the academic year. We hope you will bring your lunch, learn more about Alliance, and find ways to be involved in creating a more inclusive environment at Texas State.



The Competitive Insurance Benefit (CIB) subcommittee is launching an educational campaign about insurance benefits for non-married individuals. We will be promoting two action days, October 8<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>! Look for the “Support Love” shirts and purchase one to be part of spreading the word!  
<http://www.samp.txstate.edu/Current-Students/GSAC/order.html>

**Alliance meetings are the first Wednesday of each month** in LBJ Student Center Dining Room 1 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the food court. For details contact Dr. Ploeger at [fp01@txstate.edu](mailto:fp01@txstate.edu).

### Safe Offices

Allies of Texas State maintains a [safe office](#) program, which is defined as a place where 75% or more of all full-time employees (FTE) have completed the four hour Allies training. While some employees who attended the training may not have signed contracts, they and Ally members remain committed to creating a safe campus for all students.

Below please find our current Safe Offices and links to the programs they provide. Keep in mind, many of the resources, such as counseling and medical services are free to enrolled students.

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Alcohol & Drug Resource Center	5-4.1 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-3601	<a href="http://www.adrc.txstate.edu">http://www.adrc.txstate.edu</a>
Attorney for Students	5-8.1 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-2370	<a href="http://www.attorney.txstate.edu/">www.attorney.txstate.edu/</a>
Campus Activities and Student Organizations	4th floor LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-3291	<a href="http://www.lbjsc.txstate.edu/caso/about/mission.html">www.lbjsc.txstate.edu/caso/about/mission.html</a>
Counseling Center	5-4.1 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-2208	<a href="http://www.counseling.txstate.edu">http://www.counseling.txstate.edu</a>
Health Education Resource Center	Student Health Center Suite 201	(512) 245-2309	<a href="http://www.healthcenter.txstate.edu/healthed/">www.healthcenter.txstate.edu/healthed/</a>
KTSW Radio	Old Main Rm. 106	(512) 245-3485	<a href="http://ktsw.txstate.edu/">http://ktsw.txstate.edu/</a>
Leadership Office	4-1.6 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-8295	<a href="http://www.lbjsc.txstate.edu/involvement/leadership.html">www.lbjsc.txstate.edu/involvement/leadership.html</a>
Multicultural Student Affairs	5-2.2 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-2278	<a href="http://www.msa.txstate.edu">http://www.msa.txstate.edu</a>
Office of Disability Services	5-5.1 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-3451	<a href="http://www.ods.txstate.edu/">http://www.ods.txstate.edu/</a>
Rural Talent Search	5-2.2 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-2278	<a href="http://www.msa.txstate.edu/Affiliations/RTS">http://www.msa.txstate.edu/Affiliations/RTS</a>
Student Health Center	298 Student Center Drive	(512) 245-2167	<a href="http://www.healthcenter.txstate.edu">http://www.healthcenter.txstate.edu</a>
University Honors Program	Lampasas Bldg Rm. 407	(512) 245-2266	<a href="http://www.txstate.edu/honors/">www.txstate.edu/honors/</a>
VPSA Technology	4-14.1 LBJ Student Center	(512) 245-3663	<a href="http://www.vpsa.txstate.edu/programs-and-services/technology.html">www.vpsa.txstate.edu/programs-and-services/technology.html</a>
Education Advising Center	2143 Education Building	(512) 245-3050	<a href="http://www.education.txstate.edu/advising/">http://www.education.txstate.edu/advising/</a>

## Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program is a student service provided by the Vice President for Student Affairs Office. The program pairs incoming freshmen and transfer students with staff, faculty, and peer/student mentors. The commitment to help new Texas State students acclimate to campus has resulted in higher GPAs and increased retention. The Mentoring Program gives new students opportunities to have a successful first year and supports students through academic and social activities.

Apply to be a Mentor or Mentee! It's easy simply click the link below and fill out your application and profile. If you are an Ally, you can indicate your status. If you want to be matched with an Ally mentor, you can indicate that choice! [Apply to be a Mentor/Mentee](#)