

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

Pride Center Renovation Project



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“At the Pride Center, students are able to speak openly about their experiences in the LGBTQIA2S+ community, knowing that those around them are willing to listen and someone in the room likely shares that experience. Being there gives an assurance of being heard — of being able to ask questions about gender or sexuality and have them answered by people who once asked those same questions. As a queer person, being able to connect with the queer community is essential, because you know you share some common ground and foundational experiences. The Pride Center offers a way to easily find and meet people and build strong connections together.”

ZALE SCHWARZ, ZOOLOGY, CLASS OF 2021



At the heart of every event, resource and conversation is our goal of helping students better understand their own and other's identities and build a strong community to promote their well-being and success.

The **Pride Center** plays an important role at Oregon State University by supporting and providing space for LGBTQIA2S+ students to gather in community. The center is also home to the **SOL: LGBTQ+ Multicultural Support Network**.

This renovation project will create a more welcoming and comfortable space and **foster a greater sense of belonging** for LGBTQIA2S+ students. Updates and design innovations will increase capacity and **opportunities for student engagement**, while also making the Pride Center more inclusive by improving safety and accessibility.

“Through SOL, I was able to meet so many inspiring and beautiful folks and find motivation to want to continue building brave spaces for those to come. Without even realizing it, I have been able to truly grow as a leader through my experiences.”

SANDRA NGUYEN, BIOHEALTH SCIENCES, CURRENT STUDENT

“Being a first-generation student, I didn’t have connections in college and didn’t know what to expect. I found peers and faculty who supported me and my identities fullheartedly and their support was a big factor to my success and completion of my degree.”

MARIA LACHINO-SONATO, CHEMISTRY, CLASS OF 2021

Renovation Details

The renovation will reconfigure and expand the Pride Center to extend the useful life of the building, meet program needs, and allow for additional capacity. New finishes throughout the facility will be designed in partnership with upper-division students in the College of Business interior design program. Visit dce.oregonstate.edu/pc for additional renovation details.

Giving Opportunities

Ask about giving opportunities to support the renovation, student scholarships or Pride Center programs, like **Trans Awareness Week** or the **Lavender Celebration** that recognizes LGBTQIA2S+ graduates. For information, contact Senior Director of Development Mike Moran at Mike.Moran@osufoundation.org.



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