Training offered to make campus a S.A.F.E. place to work, learn

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Faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in training sessions and become sources of support for the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) population.

Two S.A.F.E. training sessions reserved for students will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. April 6 and April 13 in Room 213 in Reeve Memorial Union. A session for faculty and staff will be held from noon to 1:50 p.m. April 10 in Clow 137.

The program is designed to identify individuals at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh who are willing to support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and transsexual people on campus — staff, faculty and students alike. The program is jointly sponsored by the Affirmative Action Office, English department, LGBTQ Education and Advocacy Committee, Rainbow Alliance for H.O.P.E. and the Writing Center.

Goals include the following:

- be sensitive to diverse student, faculty, and staff lifestyles;
- understand the challenges of being gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or transsexual in a predominantly heterosexual society;
- confront homophobia in all its guises through education;
- provide support to LGBTQ students, staff and faculty;
- promote and acknowledge safe places for LGBTQ individuals;
- increase awareness of self-defined allies.

More than 500 faculty, staff and students at UW Oshkosh have identified themselves as allies by posting a S.A.F.E. triangle on their office doors, in their workspaces and in residence halls.

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