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Pride Alliance



Mission Statement



- ❑ Works to ensure that all students have equal rights and privileges regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity
- ❑ Works to help IWU and the surrounding community a more tolerant and unified social climate for all.



- ❑ Previously known as the Gay/Straight Alliance until 2001
- ❑ The current IWU Pride Alliance was reactivated in the fall of 2003
- ❑ Students saw the need to provide a safe haven for the LGBTQ community

IWUPA Contributions to IWU Community



- Hosting programs that educate and inform students on campus
 - Masquerade Ball- formal dance, open to entire community
 - National Coming Out day
 - Movie Nights
 - Speakers

IWUPA Contributions to IWU Community

- ❑ Hosts cross-cultural discussions
 - Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- ❑ Member of Intercultural Leadership Alliance- BSU, CLASE, SASA, I-Society
 - Co-Sponsor of Spring 2005 Diversity Workshop
 - Presenter of Nelson Mandela Principles and Actions Award
 - Rahki brother/sister ceremony

IWUPA & IWU Strategic Goals

- ❑ IWUPA has a record of contributing to the Student Development Strategic Goal
 - Enriching the lives of both LGBTQ students
 - ❑ “Meetings are a safe place for one to go without anything being assumed about them, without fear of being outed on campus for attending because we stress confidentiality in both what is said and who attends the meetings” – President, Myla Green
 - Educating students within and outside of LGBTQ community
 - Promotes Unity between all Multicultural student Organizations
 - ❑ ILA

Myla Green

“I think in an ideal world of vast tolerance, Pride would not be a necessity on campus like I feel it is today, but would still exist because we enjoy it, and could work towards causes that I know will inevitably affect our community for the rest of time”