Welcome Alé Cota ’22 & Gavin Young ’21

Hi! It is our great pleasure to introduce you to the newest additions to the Carleton Connects team.

Alé Cota ’22

Alé is a junior from Texas who is majoring in Gender, Women’s, Sexuality Studies and Latin American Studies. Alé is working towards their double major at Carleton and is involved in a variety of leadership roles on campus. Alé identifies as a proud trans, non-binary person who is also a Latinx Queer.

My name is Alé, I use they/them/(pretty) pronouns, and I was conflicted little queer boy I was and quite forcefully shoved my way into my body to try to make it into a more androgynous form.

My road from there to Carleton is largely influenced by my upbringing in the South. I grew up on a farm a little ways outside of Birmingham, AL. I was homeschooled, and didn’t wear shoes regularly until I was 13. My mother worked in a public school so I ended up skipping kindergarten but my mother and I ended up the same grade in school. I didn’t do that well in it, we both felt like it was a prison and I was interested in learning. So I ended up being homeschooled and then ending up at a wonderful highschool counselor who saw me for the person I was and not the person I was supposed to be. So I was encouraged to go to college, so I ended up at Carleton.

Alé was motivated to join the OAC Leadership Committee both out of a desire to connect to and engage with QTBIPOC and other marginalized folks on campus, and to contribute to improving the experience of the next generation of students. As a future lawyer, Alé is looking to work with QTBIPOC and people of colour, or white alumni who are in positions of power to consider the perspectives and needs of QTBIPOC in the courtroom. This includes working with QTBIPOC and people of colour, or white alumni who are in positions of power to consider the perspectives and needs of QTBIPOC in the courtroom. This includes working with QTBIPOC and people of colour, or white alumni who are in positions of power to consider the perspectives and needs of QTBIPOC in the courtroom. This includes working with QTBIPOC and people of colour, or white alumni who are in positions of power to consider the perspectives and needs of QTBIPOC in the courtroom. This includes working with QTBIPOC and people of colour, or white alumni who are in positions of power to consider the perspectives and needs of QTBIPOC in the courtroom.

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Gavin is a junior from South Carolina who is majoring in Computer Science and Philosophy. Gavin is interested in the ways in which technology and society intertwine, and how the use of technology can be leveraged to create positive social change. In their free time, Gavin enjoys playing video games, reading, and spending time with friends.

News from the Gender and Sexuality Center

Happy Fall from the Gender & Sexuality Center!

We’ve been working hard all summer to make this year of the pandemic as productive and campus-wide as possible. The Gender & Sexuality Center (GSC) is celebrating the fall semester with a series of events and workshops.

Upcoming Events:

- LGBTQIA+ Affinity Groups/Spaces: There will be a variety of LGBTQIA+ affinity groups and spaces available on October 10th and 11th for students, faculty, and staff. These spaces are dedicated to those holding specific identities and provide a safe and welcoming environment for students to explore and connect with others who share similar experiences.

- Staff/Faculty Open House: Join us for a casual gathering on October 11th for staff and faculty members to connect with each other and learn more about the work being done in the GSC.

- Online Orientation: The GSC will be hosting an online orientation on October 11th for incoming students and their families to get familiar with the resources available on campus.

Please join us for any of these events to learn more about the work being done in the GSC and the resources available to support LGBTQIA+ students at Carleton. We hope to see you soon!

Carleton Connects Presents: Jonathan Capehart ’99 on What Matters Now

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

Emmett R. Johnson ’59 Chapel

Jonathan Capehart ’99, a former White House Press Secretary and CNN opinion writer, will be speaking on what matters now in the current political climate. Capehart will provide insight into the pressing issues of today and how they impact our daily lives.

Share Out Carleton with Fellow Carls

Carleton Connects hosts a series of events throughout the year that allow students, staff, faculty, and alumni to come together and share their Carleton stories. These events provide a platform for Carleton to connect with each other and engage with others who share a common bond. Whether it’s through listening to guest speakers or participating in activities, these events provide opportunities to learn about and celebrate the diverse experiences and perspectives of the Carleton community.

Contact information for national and local organizations providing information about notable LGBTQ+ people and events...or is it? Wikipedian and educator, discuss the complex relationship between religion, race, and sexuality. How do these intersect and influence each other? How can we navigate this landscape in a way that is both authentic and respectful?