Maintaining Community and Offering Support

Throughout the past weeks the news about COVID-19 has increasingly occupied our thoughts and energy and changed our daily lives in significant ways. The surge in cases across the world and in the United States has made us all think even more about how our community members are managing the stress of this new reality.

For those Carls residing in “hot spots,” Carls in high-risk categories, Carls continuing to work on the front lines, Carls balancing family duties, Carls whose livelihoods are uncertain, and our current Carls navigating the new remote learning for spring term, we need now more than ever to come together and support each other. What are some ways we can support each other? Lisa Nordeen ‘90 and Scott Mason ‘89 share their thoughts and perspective on getting through this difficult time. Wishing you all peace and good health.

News from the Gender and Sexuality Center

Danny Mathews, GSC Director, and Rae Horton, GSC Assistant Director, are offering remote office hours during the spring term for those who may need to process, ask questions, or just check in with another LGBTQIA+ student. The GSC recognizes that the winter term did not end the way most of us thought it would and that this transition may be particularly hard for many LGBTQIA+ students.

The GSC will be sending more information to students about virtual programs and services available during the online portion of the spring term. If folks have ideas for virtual programming, please email Danny. The GSC is committed to continuing to engage and provide space for our community.

During spring term, the GSC will be closed to public traffic as a recommendation to flatten the curve in response to the spread of COVID-19. Menstrual and safer sex supply kits have been restocked and placed in residential spaces in which students are approved to live. Currently, Carleton has 260 students that are living on campus.

Twin Cities Out After Carleton

Visits The Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection

The Tretter Collection began over thirty years ago as the personal collection of GLBT activist Jean-Nickolaus Tretter. In 2000, Mr. Tretter donated his collection to the University of Minnesota Libraries, where it is housed in the Archives and Special Collections. The Tretter Collection continues to grow and currently includes over 30,000 items in a wide variety of media and in approximately 50 languages.

When the world gets back to some semblence of normal, we are looking for folks willing to organize events from Los Angeles to Boston. From cultural functions such as museum tours, art openings, and book signings, and dance and music events to happy hours, coffee socials, and outdoor recreational gatherings, the Alumni Relations office can help with planning. Our community needs to come together and find ways to connect. Know a local business owned by a Carl? Find a way to organize an Out After Carleton alumni event and help other Carls rebuild.

Share Out After Carleton with Fellow Carls

Do you know a classmate that should receive Out After Carleton communications? Please forward the newsletter and encourage your classmates to join the Out After Carleton communication list.

Out After Carleton is for all Carleton alumni, students, faculty, staff, family and friends who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Gender Non-Binary, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, Aromantic, and Other Marginalized Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) or are allies of this community. We are open and inclusive, and we welcome anyone who is interested in being a member of our community.

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