



Out After Carleton Fall News: Message from our Board Chairs, Call for Family Reunion Volunteers, and Updates from the GSC and the Career Center

A Message from the Out After Carleton Board Chairs

Dear Out After Carleton Colleagues,

Since the last newsletter, Out After Carleton has continued discussions, both internally and with the Alumni Council, to center Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (IDE) in our work. These conversations are invaluable to determine how OAC can support all Carleton alumni, students, faculty, and staff while engaging in anti-racist work. In response to the more than 250 anti-LGBT bills introduced in state legislatures this year throughout the country, the OAC board drafted a [position statement](#) and has begun researching ways to aid transgender youth, who are the primary targets of this new discriminatory legislation. We encourage you to read more about what [current Carleton students are doing](#) to raise awareness about this issue and to take their suggested actions.

Coping through these challenging times can be achieved in a variety of ways, including connecting to community and taking up calls to action. OAC is a chosen family created for these purposes. We believe that the work of building relationships for mutual support is needed now more than ever, and we look forward to making those connections happen alongside you. We hope you consider attending OAC events in the future, and want to extend **special thanks to Michael Wickersheimer '92 and Diana Fraser '14 as our Family Reunion 2023 Co-Chairs**. Please check out the newsletter below for more information about this upcoming, and hopefully in-person, event, and other ways to stay in touch.

Jo Young '96 & Jackie Culotta '19
Out After Carleton Co-Chairs



Call for Volunteers for the 7th Out After Carleton Family Reunion 2023 Planning Committee

Do you love planning events? Do you like building queer community spaces? Did you miss your class reunion because of the pandemic? Do you want to meet more LGBTQIA+ alumni?

Help us plan Family Reunion 2023!

Out After Carleton (OAC) organizes our own Family Reunion every four years to honor, celebrate, and engage with LGBTQIA+ and QTBIPOC+ alumni and current students across class years and Carleton experiences. We're beginning to plan the next Family Reunion, scheduled for the weekend of **September 29 - October 1, 2023**, and we want **YOU** to be a part of it!

Want to get involved? We have options.

- Long-term planning committee (approximate 12- to 18-month commitment)
- Short-term outreach team (approximate 6- to 9-month commitment)
- Representation at local alumni events (happening throughout the year)
- Weekend-of staff support...and more!

Requirements

- Be a Carleton College alum
- Identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ and/or QTBIPOC+ communities
- Meet virtually once a month - tentatively starting March 2022
- Prioritize intersectional and inclusive programming

Sign up by November 30, 2021

Learn more about [Out After Carleton](#) and [subscribe](#) to our email listserv. Still unsure? Contact co-chairs [Michael Wickersheimer '92](#) or [Diana Fraser '14](#) with any questions you may have.

News from the GSC

The GSC kicked off fall term 2021 with our annual Rainbow Reception welcoming new and returning LGBTQIA+ students back to campus.

With over 80 students in attendance, the event was a huge success and was a great start to the term.



October is LGBTQ+ History Month, and the GSC is celebrating with the theme *Legendary Children: Our Past Present & Futures*. As LGBTQ+ people, we stand on the shoulders of the legendary children that came before us forging a path toward community, inclusion, and access.

As part of the celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month, the GSC's annual Rainbow Retreat was October 15 and 16 on campus. *We Are Family* was this year's theme and explored identity in LGBTQ+ communities and the importance of building your own family of choice at Carleton.

The month of celebration will wrap up with a writing workshop hosted by Alex Smith, author of *Arkdustry* and the new comic *Black Vans*. The workshop is titled *Afrofuturism: The Past, The Present & The Pen*; and is cosponsored by the Office of International Student Life, Intercultural Life, and the Gender, Women's & Sexualities Studies program. It will provide a space for participants to imagine worlds and characters that are reflective and inclusive of lives at the intersection of marginalized identities.



GSC Associates are hosting Tea Time every Friday in the fall. Each student that attends during LGBTQ+ History Month can grab their own *very gay mug*!

News from the Career Center

The Career Center partnered with [Mossier](#), a nonprofit that focuses on employment equity for the LGBTQI+ community, for a virtual Queer Career Fair on October 21.

The event included 1:1 meetups with 40+ LGBTQ-friendly employers, resume help, networking opportunities, and more in an effort to make sure everyone has an equal opportunity to get the job they deserve.



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, and Transgender and Gender Non-Binary, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, Aromantic, and Other Marginalized Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities (LGBTQA+) 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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