

Welcome to the Indiana University Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alumni Association e-newsletter. The goal of this publication is to establish a monthly form of communication on behalf of the board of directors of the GLBTAA. The purpose of the e-newsletter is to inform you of upcoming events and news that are happening in our community along with providing us another way to "Reach Out." We hope you find this newsletter insightful and engaging and we welcome any suggestions or feedback.

Your GLBT Alumni Association – Reaching Out to Reconnect.

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### 1) Quick Calendar

- \* \* Jan. 8: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pride Happy Hour, FARMbar at FARMbloomington  
- Indianapolis Pride Happy Hour, Mo'Joe Coffeeshouse ,222 W. Michigan St.
- \* \* Jan. 30-Feb. 1: IU GLBTAA Homecoming Weekend, see related article below or check our Web site for more information!
- \* \* IU Women's Basketball:  
- Sat., Dec. 20: 5p.m. – Northwestern University

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2) GLBTAA Homecoming Weekend

Don't miss the first-ever IU GLBT Homecoming Weekend, scheduled for Jan. 30–Feb. 1, 2009. Events are planned to coordinate with the annual PRIDE Film Festival in Bloomington. Join fellow alumni throughout the weekend at activities, events, and social opportunities on campus and in downtown Bloomington. From gallery exhibitions to happy hours, film screenings to a Sunday brunch in the Tudor Room, there promises to be something for everyone. Help make this GLBT Homecoming event and celebration the first of many more to come. The schedule of events includes:

- GLBT Homecoming Social – Kinsey Institute Gallery
- GLBT Homecoming Event and Silent Auction – Grazie! Italian Eatery
- Brunch in the Tudor Room at the Indiana Memorial Union

Hotel information, along with other important event updates will be available at our Web site: <http://alumni.indiana.edu/glbtaa/homecoming.shtml>. For more information, contact glbtaa@indiana.edu. To R.S.V.P. for your tickets to the event and silent auction, contact Angela Groff at (812) 855-6120 or asgroff@indiana.edu.

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### 3) Midwest BLGTA College Conference '09 Update

With just two months to go, a dedicated group of students is working hard at organizing a major conference that will bring over 1,500 Midwestern BLGTA students to IU on Valentine's Day weekend, Feb.13-15. The 2009 Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference is being hosted by the GLBT Student Support Services Office, in collaboration with the Bloomington Visitors and Convention Bureau, IU Conferences, and The Kinsey Institute. The GLBT Alumni Association is a major sponsor of this event.

Over 400 students are already registered, including 100 IU students who will be attending at no cost thanks to a gift from the Dean of Students Office. Support from offices and departments around the campus has been widespread, and activists and scholars (students, faculty, and staff) from around the country have submitted over 80 workshop proposals to present during the weekend of the conference.

Major speakers, including LZ Granderson, an out ESPN sports columnist, and Kand McQueen, an Indiana State University professor and expert on transgender issues, will offer their perspectives to participants. Negotiations are currently underway to invite Rachel Maddow of MSNBC to serve as an additional keynote speaker.

Entertainment will be provided by OUTmedia's Queer Riot! featuring Julie Goldman, performing on Friday evening, Feb. 13. The Kinsey Sicks, a world-renowned dragapella beauty shop quartet, will perform on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Campus support, corporate sponsorships, and registration fees (\$60) will help us to cover most of our expenses. Individual contributions are still very much welcome. For more information on MBLGTACC 2009, check out <http://www.indiana.edu/~mblgta09/>.

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4) GLBTAA-Focused Hoosier Travelers Tour

Come join fellow GLBTAA members, along with those from the University of Southern California, in a trip to Italy. This "exclusive educational and travel experience" will occur May 23-31, 2009, and includes a seven night stay in Sestri Levante at the deluxe Hotel Vis á Vis. The trip includes an extensive meal program with seven breakfasts, four lunches, and five dinners, in addition to in-flight dining service. With a walking tour of Sestri Levante, the landmarks of Genoa, and a guided visit to the town of Lucca, along with other exciting adventures, this is a must attend event!

Please contact Joan Curts at jbcurts@indiana.edu or Karen Conrad at kconrad@indiana.edu or call (800) 824-3044 for further information.

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#### **5) Participate Online and Update Your Information**

What works? In this time of mass technological change and innovation, we want to keep you updated as best as possible on what's new with the GLBTAA. Free GLBTAA water bottles will be provided to those who participate at a high level with other members and the board in the GLBTAA Facebook group.

The following are just some of the ways you can participate: write on the wall (give your opinions on how the GLBTAA is doing, reconnect with old friends, etc.), send the board a message letting us know how we're doing, send messages to other members and respond to our posts on what you would like to see from the GLBTAA. Those are just a few of the many ways you can participate, so please do!

\*Find out immediately what is going on with the GLBTAA by adding us to your Twitter account! Receive text messages and e-mail alerts to find out when and where the GLBTAA is going to be near you!  
<http://twitter.com/IUGLBTAA>

\* Consider joining our Facebook group for recent news, updates, and information regarding scholarships and membership events. To get involved visit:  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8746112146&ref=ts>

Be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date for the latest news from the GLBTAA! Update your official alumni record at <https://launchpad.alumni.iu.edu>. Encourage your friends to join the GLBTAA and the IUAA. Keep up your hard work! It is because of you that the GLBTAA is in existence. Thank you for

your generous support through your membership. We look forward to serving you now and in the years to come.

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6) New: Feature Articles, only on the GLBTAA Blog

This month, GLBTAA student board member Byron Craig recounts his memories of growing up in his article, *Finding My Voice: Black, Gay, and Proud*. Craig provides us with a detailed look at how growing up with two gay siblings, being a drag queen, and being out and proud to his students in the classes he teaches at IU Bloomington, have all shaped the person he is today. You can find this article *only* on our blog at the following link: <http://iuglbttaa.blogspot.com/>

GLBTAA board member Daniel Coleman, a community organizer for Equality Ohio, looks back at the past year for LGBT rights in his article, *Moving Equality Forward in 2009*. From the election of President-Elect Barack Obama to the struggle for marriage equality in states such as California and Florida, Coleman takes his points from an LGBT activist stance and explains what can be done in 2009 to help the LGBT movement move forward. Read his article on our blog: <http://iuglbttaa.blogspot.com/>

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**7) News**

\* Pride Happy Hours will resume at the first of the year and be held dually in Bloomington and Indianapolis on the same day each month, typically the second Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The next happy hour is scheduled for Jan. 8 at FARMbloomington at 108 E. Kirkwood Ave. in Bloomington, and at Mo'Joe Coffeehouse in Indianapolis at 222 W Michigan St., right off the IUPUI campus.

\* Bloomington has been named No. 1 in the "Top 5 Surprisingly Gay Small Towns" by *The Advocate*. Read the related article at: [http://advocate.com/travel\\_detail\\_ektid64146.asp](http://advocate.com/travel_detail_ektid64146.asp)

\* The GLBTAA is searching for another board member. Please contact [glbtaa@indiana.edu](mailto:glbtaa@indiana.edu) or Rachael Crouch at [rlcrouch@indiana.edu](mailto:rlcrouch@indiana.edu) if you have what it takes!

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Be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date for the latest news from the GLBTAA! Update your official alumni record at <https://launchpad.alumni.iu.edu>.

Join the Indiana University Alumni Association today by visiting <http://alumni.iu.edu/membership>, by e-mailing iuaamemb@indiana.edu or calling (800) 824-3044. By joining the IUAA, you help fund GLBTAA programs along with gaining access to member-only events. This is something you should not miss!

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