



Brazos Valley Pink Pages



A Directory of Gay,
Lesbian, Bisexual, and
Transgender Friendly
Businesses/Resources in
the Brazos Valley



Message from the Chapter President

"This 2004 Edition of the Bryan/College Station Pink Pages has been a project much needed in our community for some time now.

So much in our modern times gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people face hatred, retaliation, and even violence just because of who we are as people. It is so refreshing in Bryan/College Station to see a group of people and businesses who are open to the idea of creating a space within their business where, for once, we can breathe some fresh air.

Currently in the state legislature, GLBTI persons face threats to our ability to care for those we love, and for the safety of our families. Whether it is an effort to write discrimination against gay persons directly into the Texas Constitution through a marriage amendment, or deny us opportunities to forge our own families through adoption of children, the message is often clear that we are not welcome.

But, just as there are persons such as yourselves who open your arms to us, there are also legislators constantly working to ensure that we are equal in standing under the law to the rest of the community. And so, I would like to take the time here to thank those legislators, not as an endorsement of them (because PFLAG firmly believes that who one votes for is a personal and private decision based on a variety of factors), but as a thank you and recognition of what they do. "

Katy Stewart, President of Bryan/College Station chapter of PFLAG

At the time of this printing all bills referenced are pending in the 79th Legislature:

State Rep Jessica Farrar—Houston
Texas Employment NonDiscrimination Act
Co-Author Dignity for All Students Act

State Rep Michael Villareal - San Antonio
Comprehensive Civil Rights Bill

State Rep Eddie Rodriguez—Austin
State Employment Non-Discrimination Act
Co-Author Dignity for All Students Act

State Rep Roberto Alonzo—Dallas
Insurance Non-Discrimination Act

State Rep Garnet Coleman— Houston
Harm Reduction Bill
Dignity for All Students Act

State Rep Alma Allen—Houston
Co-Author Harm Reduction Bill

State Rep Rafael Anchia—Dallas
Joint Author Dignity for All Students Act

State Rep Marc Veasey—Ft. Worth
Co-Author Dignity for All Students Act

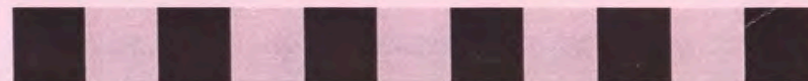
State Sen John Lindsay—Houston
Senate version of Harm Reduction Bill

State Sen Mario Gallegos—Houston
Senate version of
Dignity for All Students Act

State Sen Leticia Van de Putte— San Antonio
Co-author Senate version of
Harm Reduction Bill

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Construction

Stearns Construction, INC.

2151 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy., #219
College Station, Texas 77840
696.0524
FAX: 695.9915
CSGreenBuilder@hotmail.com

Counseling

Davenport, Donna PhD— Grief Counseling

1722 Broadmoor Dr.
Suite 104
Bryan, Texas 77802
774.7782

Nolte, Virgie—Couples Counseling

1005 University Dr. East
College Station, Texas 77840
260.3049

Nation, Patricia—Ph.D.—Counselor

4343 Carter Creek Parkway, Suite 120
Bryan, Texas 77802
260.6919

Unger, Casey Linda MA. LPC.

400 North Washington, Suite 4
Bryan, Texas 77803

Lambda AA

979-220-6626



Churches

Friends Congregational Church

2200 Southwood Drive
College Station, Texas 77845-4039
693.7021
<http://www.friends-ucc.org/>

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

305 Wellborn Rd.
College Station, TX 77840
696.5285
<http://www.ipt.com/uuf/>



Dance Clubs

Halo Video Bar

121 North Main Street
Bryan, TX
Infoline 822.2326
Halo@halobcs.com
<http://halobcs.com>





Dispute Resolution

Algert, Nancy—PhD., LPC, DAPA, TMCA Distinguished Mediator

115 Royal Street
Bryan, Tx 77801
Phone: (979) 260-8300
Fax: (979) 260-8330
Mobile: (979) 224-3638
Email: ccrtx@hotmail.com
Web: www.angelfire.com/tx2/cccr/



Designers

Victoria Lacy Designs



708 Chevy Chase
Bryan, Tx 77802
Phone: (979) 779-6037
Fax: (979) 779-6037
Email: victorialacy@cox-internet.com

Financial Services



Fries Financial Services—Denise Fries

117 Royal Street
Bryan, TX 77801
979-846-8395 800-324-4875
FAX: 979-846-2607
Denise@friesfinancial.com

Fries Financial Services—Robert Simpton

117 Royal Street
Bryan, TX 77801
979-846-8395 800-324-4875
FAX: 979-846-2607
RSimpton@friesfinancial.com

Food

Brazos Natural Foods

4303 South Texas Avenue
Bryan, Texas 77802-4360
Texas Ave at Rosemary Dr.
PHONE: 979-846-4459
FAX: 979-691-2733
Email: bnf@txcyber.com



Framing

Myra's Gallery & Custom Framing—Laura Earle

404 University Drive East, Suite GG
College Station, Texas 77840
979-693-6894
FAX: 979-696-9460





Graphic Design

Emeritus Multimedia—Web & Graphic Design

Business Line: 979-587-0813
Alternate Line: 979-676-1656
Email: emeritus@cox-internet.com
<http://www.emeritusmultimedia.com>



Hair

Celebrity Spa & Boutique

4091 State Hwy 6 South
Suite B
College Station, Texas 77845
690.6200
Sales@thecelebrityboutique.com



Truss, Mike—Hairdresser, Color Specialist

Aria Salon & Spa
Business Line: (979) 680-1363



Healthcare

AIDS Services of the Brazos Valley

HIV/ AIDS counseling and testing
260.AIDS

Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas, Inc. Sexual and Reproductive Health, Education, and Advocacy

4112 E 29th St.
Bryan, Texas 77802
Phone: 979-268-6717
Fax: 979-846-5373
[Http://www.pphouston.org](http://www.pphouston.org)



Herbal

The Sacandaga Herbalist

Wendy Keeney— Kennicutt
[Http://wendytheherbalist.com](http://wendytheherbalist.com)





Organizations

GLBT PN

<http://www.tamu.edu/GLBTPN>

“The **GLBT Professional Network** is an organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Texas A&M University faculty, staff, graduate students, and professionals within the Bryan/College Station community. The goal of the **GLBT Professional Network** is to encourage and support the professional development of its members through the development and enhancement of opportunities for networking, peer support, education, and communication.”

RGSA—Rainbow Graduate Student Association

<http://rgsa.tamu.edu>

“The goal of the RGSA is to provide a much-needed representative voice on the Texas A&M University (TAMU) campus for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) graduate student community. Also, the RGSA will encourage and support the educational, professional, and social development of its members through networking, peer support, education, communication, and recruitment and retention of GLBT graduate students. The RGSA strives to help fulfill the goals of the Vision 2020 campaign in regard to diversity and graduate student enhancement on the TAMU campus.”

ALLIES

<http://allies.tamu.edu/>
979-845-1107

“ALLIES include staff, faculty, and students at Texas A&M University who display an Ally **placard** outside their office or residence hall room. This sign identifies them as individuals who are willing to provide a safe haven, a listening ear, and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people or anyone dealing with sexual orientation issues.”



GLBTA

<http://glbta.tamu.edu/>

GIES

<http://www.tamu.edu/gies/>
979-845-1107

“The mission of Gender Issues Education Services (GIES) at Texas A&M University is to improve the campus climate by raising awareness of issues affecting women, survivors of sexual violence, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students, faculty and staff. The office also provides support services, educational programming and resources.”

BV QueSt

<http://www.BVQueSt.com/>
info@BVQueSt.com
979-779-8055

Mission:Celebrate and advocate for the queer community of the Brazos Valley by providing social functions designed to raise funds for local supportive organizations.

Out Reading Group

bookclub@glbt-pn.tamu.edu

Aggie Pride

<http://aggiepride.tamu.edu/>

B/CS Gay Men's Listserv

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bcsgaymen/>

GGRiP

http://www.geocities.com/ggrip_mail/ggrip.html





Radio

KEOS 89.1 FM

Community Radio
PO Box 78
College Station, Texas 77841-0078
979-779-5367
Www.keos.org

Restaurants

Caffé Capri

Italian
222 N Main
Bryan, Tx
822.2675

Square One

Fine Dining
211 Wm J Bryan Pkwy
Bryan, Tx 77801
361.0264

Scholarship Opportunities

<http://www.pflaghouston.org/scholarship.htm>

PFLAG/HATCH 2004 College Scholarship Program

PFLAG Houston and H.A.T.C.H. (Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals) have jointly created the PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation which offers a scholarship program to assist worthy youth in pursuing a college education. The scholarship program is for lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement while in high school or college.

The program was originated in 1994 by PFLAG Houston which was able to grant one 4-year scholarship with a total value of \$4,000. The number and total value of the grants have increased each year. In 1998, H.A.T.C.H. combined their new program with PFLAG's ongoing effort and the PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation (a separate 501(c)3 non-profit organization) was formed.

In July, 2003, a total of \$119,000 was awarded in college scholarships to Houston-area students. The 2003 scholarships ranged in amount from \$10,000 over four years to \$2,000 over two years.

More Information and How to Apply

Application deadline is May 1, 2004.

To have a scholarship packet mailed to you, or for further information, please call the PFLAG Help Line at 713-46P-FLAG (713-467-3524), or write to the PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation at:

PHYSF
P.O. Box 667010
Houston TX 77266

Scholarship Opportunities

<http://www.pflag.org/index.php?id=100>

PFLAG National Scholarships provide an important, positive statement to a group of young people that is often marginalized, and subjected to harassment and discrimination. **Links to the application materials are at the bottom of this page.** Please be sure to also read the general information and letter to school administrators.

This is the second year of the PFLAG National Scholarships Program, and this year we offer two levels of scholarships at \$2,500 and \$1,000.

In order to be eligible for these funds, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a graduating high school senior entering higher education for the first time in fall 2005 (if student graduated in 2004 and took a year off before going to college they are also eligible to apply).
- Self identify as either a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender person, or as a supporter of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people
- Demonstrate an interest in service to the LGBT community
- Have applied to an accredited higher education institution in pursuit of either an associate's degree leading to transfer credits towards a bachelor's degree, or a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college

Applications for our scholarships should be postmarked no later than February 14th, 2005, and sent to:

Dr. Roy Gilbert-Higginson
PFLAG National Scholarships Program
1726 M Street, #400
Washington, D.C. 20036

**Inquire about next year's scholarships
at the links listed!!!!**



PFLAG 2004 Scholars

"On behalf of Nancy McDonald, chair of the Scholarship Advisory Committee (SAC), and the thirteen SAC members, I am pleased to present to you the first PFLAG National Scholars. There are 25 PFLAG National Scholars; most are featured below and several others opted to avoid publicity around their awards. These students were chosen from the 255 scholarship applications that we received. Please join with us in congratulating them.

The 2004 PFLAG National Scholarships Program was made possible by several generous donations. The Palmer B. Carson Trust, which established the scholarships program with a substantial bequest from Mr. Carson's estate, provided the funding for 19 of this year's scholarships. We received additional funding for another four scholarships from the Dow Chemical Company employee group Gays, Lesbians and Allies at Dow (GLAD); two scholarships were funded by Mr. John Drakulich.

We used a bi-level selection process. The initial cut was made by the members of the SAC and two representatives from GLAD. The finalists were then reviewed by eight college professors. We are grateful to each of the SAC members and the college professors for their time and expertise.

In December 2004, we will announce the details of the 2005 PFLAG National Scholarship Program. If you belong to an employees' group, union, or any other group, and think that your group or company might be interested in donating to our scholarship fund, please contact Timothy Sheehan in our Development Department at tsheehan@pflag.org, or 202.467.8180 ext. 229. Individual donations to support PFLAG's general programming including the scholarships program, our safe schools work, or other PFLAG work may be mailed in the enclosed envelope."
- Dr. Roy Gilbert-Higginson, Scholarships Program Administrator

To see all scholars....visit

http://www.pflag.org/fileadmin/user_upload/scholars.pdf





Adrianna Hutchinson

Hometown: Shrewsbury, MA
College: Boston University

As a high school senior, Adrianna was an out and active member of the Shrewsbury High GSA. She was instrumental in organizing the school's annual Day of Silence, a national student-led effort to raise awareness of anti-GLBT harassment in schools. Hutchinson also helped increase her GSA's visibility, which, "on a good day," she says, attracts about nine students to its meetings. She even brought

female dates to both her junior and senior proms – likely a first in the history of her suburban high school!

Matthew Oail

Hometown: Gresham, OR
College: Sarah Lawrence

Matt writes, "The scholarship I received from PFLAG will make it possible for me to attend college and study psychology. With this education, I will continue my role as an advocate, devoting my life to working in the public education system or in social services. Your contributions are shaping the future."



Alexa

Punnamkuzhyil

Hometown: Arcata, CA
College: Oberlin College

Alexa Punnamkuzhyil received PFLAG's Sakia Gunn College Scholarship for GLBT Community Involvement. The award honors the memory of Sakia Gunn, a 15 year-old African-American lesbian and hate crime victim. "I come from

a rural community where it is difficult to identify with anyone about GLBT issues. For PFLAG to recognize that is a great honor," said Punnamkuzhyil. "And I am especially humbled that I received the scholarship in the memory of someone so brave as Sakia."



Nicholas Mayor

Hometown: Birmingham, AL
College: Oberlin College



Nicholas is straight, but remembers being uneasy with homophobia at school from a very young age. So he started the Day of Silence Project as a way to show support for his GLBT friends. For his courage, Nicholas was reprimanded by the school administration, who confiscated his home-made signs and called his parents

to report his "inappropriate conduct."





Jennifer Hou

Hometown: Troy, MI
College: University of Michigan

Jennie received PFLAG's Esera Tuaolo Scholarship for Athletic Achievement. Because she had faced bigotry from family and at school after coming out, Jennie was completely surprised when her teammates voted to make her captain of the basketball team. She writes, "It didn't matter that I was gay because to them I was an athlete."

Mark Kharas

Hometown: Tulsa, OK
College: Swarthmore College

Mark has a great sense of humor about growing up gay. He writes, "Discovering you're gay in the buckle of the Bible Belt can be an interesting experience indeed!" He didn't let his conservative surroundings stop him: Mark tried to start the first GSA in Oklahoma. When the school finally agreed, they said he could not use the word "gay" in the title.



Katie Dolph

Hometown: Reno, NV
College: Linfield College

Katie is very involved in her local gay and lesbian center in Reno. In high school, she worked with donors to help fund a post-Pride dance party for GLBT kids 14-20 years old. Katie writes, "Growing up with two moms wasn't the easiest...in fourth grade my best friend's born-again Christian parents wouldn't let her spend the night." When Katie came out to her mothers in high school, they replied, "Well, at least you won't get pregnant!"

Brandon Arnold

Hometown: Wexford, PA
College: New York University

Brandon was tired of hearing his classmates dismiss things they didn't like with "That's so gay." Brandon says, "If you were to say 'That's so Jewish' or 'That's so Black', there would be backlash." So he started a GSA at his school to promote a more tolerant and safe environment. When he announced the GSA, other students called it "deplorable." Brandon says, "Their reaction was proof to me that we needed a club like this."



ANTI-GAY HATE VIOLENCE MUST BE ADDRESSED LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY THROUGH STRONG LEGISLATION, RIGOROUS LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Hate Crimes Statistics report, released in 2001, there were 1,317 reported anti-gay hate crimes in 1999. Of the 7,876 bias-motivated crimes, sexual orientation is ranked third in number of reported hate crimes, with race ranked first, followed by religion. Reported anti-gay violence has been increasing since 1996.

Hate Crimes FAQ

What about the First Amendment?

Hate Crime laws do not punish protected speech. They do include bias motivated incidents involving force or threat of violence. Hate Crimes Prevention legislation applies to cases involving death or bodily injury, which are clearly violent crimes and not protected by the first amendment to the constitution.

Why a law for gay people, what about straight people?

The inclusion of sexual orientation in Hate Crimes legislation applies to all sexual orientations. Therefore, a case where someone is injured or killed because of their heterosexuality is also covered under Hate Crimes legislation. The protection provided is equal.

Why involve the federal government?

Sometimes there are reasons that a local jurisdiction needs assistance from the federal government. Hate Crimes legislation allows for monetary and personnel resources to be provided to a local jurisdiction when they are unable, or unwilling, to investigate or prosecute the crime. Without Hate Crimes legislation these resources would not be available. The US Attorney General, or her representative, would have to evaluate the case through a stringent certification process before there would be federal involvement.

What about protecting people with religious beliefs?

Existing hate crimes legislation currently includes religion. Improved Hate Crimes legislation would expand the protections for religion by removing overly-restrictive obstacles to federal involvement.



Hall of Honors

The Bryan/College Station Chapter of PFLAG would like to congratulate the following persons from 2004

Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2004- **Kenyan Wangari Maathai**
For her contributions in sustainable development, democracy, and peace. Wangari Maathai is perhaps the first recipient of such a prize who is also an environmental activist.

Lupe Valdez

Newly elected openly lesbian sheriff of Dallas County

<http://www.gaywired.com/article.cfm?section=9&id=4641>

Recommended Movies to Watch

Southern Comfort (2001):

The story of the final year of the life of Robert Eades, a Female to Male transsexual dying of ovarian cancer. Robert looks forward to one last Southern Comfort Conference in Atlanta before his death. A touching story of the difficulties faced by transsexuals everywhere.

Chutney Popcorn(2000):

A delightful comedy in which a lesbian takes it upon herself to act as surrogate mother to her sister. Antics ensue as couples clash and partners come to terms. Starring Nisha Ganatra, Sakina Jaffrey, Jill Hennessy and more... This movie marks the debut of Nisha Ganatra

It's in the Water (1998)

Azalea Springs is a quiet, Southern, Country Club small town. Antics ensue when rumor is spread that drinking the water will turn you gay.

Recommended Books to Read

Boylan, Jennifer Finney "She's Not There: A life in Two Genders"

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*"First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage".
Marriage Equity Rally at
Brazos Valley Courthouse—
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*2nd Annual GAYla
—April 2004*



*Houston Gay Pride
March—June 2004*

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