

# MSU Stories of the Pride

Queer Students of MSU



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## LGBTQ+ IDENTITIES

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[[**TODO:** Add information about different identities and flags here]]

*Asexual*

[[**TODO:** Include information about being asexual]]

*Bisexual*

[[**TODO:** Include information about being bisexual]]

*Gay*

[[**TODO:** Add information about being gay]]

*Gender Fluid*

[[**TODO:** Include information about being gender fluid]]

*Lesbian*

[[**TODO:** Include information about being lesbian]]

*Nonbinary*

[[**TODO:** Include information about being nonbinary]]

*Pansexual*

[[**TODO:** Include information about being pansexual]]

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ACADEMIC YEAR: 2019-2020

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[[**TODO:** Add stories here]]

ANONYMOUS (JUNIOR): PICK AND CHOOSE

I had a conservative upbringing wherein the idea of being binary was inherent and somewhat drilled into us, children. Those were the underpinnings of a culture I had to take a hiatus from, when I came to America at 17 and my entire foundation of navigating identities was dismantled by my engagement at MSU. I starting questioning but that only made me increasingly frustrated, as I had a conflict brewing inside me. At this time, a close friend of mine and a member of the MSU LGBTQ+ community told me something, that changed my entire perspective on having an intersectional identity. He said, " You need to pick and choose a person to love, not a gender" and that defined the rest of my experience at MSU.

*-Cell Biology & Neuroscience*

BRITNEY (MASTERS): FINALLY, A REALIZATION

I never realized my sexual identity and now that I have, I'm much happier. The signs were all there, I even joked about being a lesbian or told it to guys when I didn't want to go on dates. Turns out it was true! Basically, long story short, my best friend in Bozeman moved and I was lonely. I was 22 and for the first time started to consider that maybe I wanted a relationship. Shortly after a guy asked me out. Now I've never been attracted to a guy in my life, but I said yes. I assumed that's how it was for all people. The funny thing is I had been attracted to girls in the past, I just never realized what that was either. This guy and I had been dating for a while when I began to realize I was in love with a friend from high school. Shortly before things ended with him, I reached out to her. I told myself we were just friends. Another long story short, she ended up breaking my heart. However, I realized something valuable. Turns out, I was not straight; I am a lesbian! I

started looking into dating girls and getting involved in the MSU LGBTQ+ community. There I found a wonderful group of friends and encouraging community. All in all, I am so thankful I was able to meet these people and explore my identity with them. It's been an interesting, amazing ride!

*-Computer Science*



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