

Philadelphia

A short train ride from campus, Philadelphia offers a wealth of cultural, historic, educational and entertainment opportunities. Philly affords area gay, lesbian, and bisexual students an opportunity to submerge themselves in a gay environment by partaking of any of countless primarily gay cafes, restaurants, bookstores, bars, or neighborhoods.

This is a very small sampling of what Philadelphia provides:

William Way Community Center – the homebase of Philadelphia gay and lesbian social events and activism

Philadelphia International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival – an annual festival that inundates the city with independent gay and lesbian films from around the world. Several films are shown every day at different venues around the city, and are often followed by after-parties

Philadelphia Gay News (PGN) – an area newspaper that can be found at many gay-friendly cafes and bookstores, as well as in Haverford's Magill Library


Volunteerism – work with any service organization that assists the gay and lesbian community

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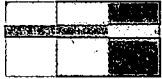
Safe Spaces

*Resources for Gay,
Lesbian, Bisexual, &
Questioning Students at
Haverford College*



Haverford College is a community that strives to achieve the common goals of mutual respect, trust, and concern. Our community is founded on these principles, as well as the ideas of freedom of expression, and tolerance of differing opinions. As a result, Haverford students are encouraged to approach others with an open mind and participate in meaningful dialogue as an active voice and a willing listener. For gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students, this provides a space in which to nurture personal development, and to share that development with a tolerant and accepting community.

College is a time of exploration, introspection, and maturation. Haverford emphasizes a safe, accepting environment for students of varying sexual orientations through our Quaker heritage and our egalitarian Honor Code. This brochure will introduce you to the ways in which our community addresses issues of sexual orientation and sexuality.



Several groups at Haverford provide students with a recognized support network. Each group pursues different goals in an effort to raise awareness of gay and lesbian issues on campus, and in the world, and to provide a definitive gay space within the college community.

InQUEERY—a politically active organization that creates awareness of issues of sexual orientation through campus-wide postings, mailings, meetings, and activism.


BGALA (Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Alliance)—a group aimed at creating a comfortable space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight students to engage in productive dialogue through weekly meetings in the BGALA lounge. BGALA also sponsors gay-themed parties every year in an effort to create more gay visibility in social spaces, and trips to Philadelphia night clubs.

www.students.haverford.edu/bgala/

Coming Out Support Group—a support group designed to provide a safe, comfortable space for closeted and questioning students.

Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore Colleges

Through Haverford's extensive cooperation with nearby Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore Colleges, Haverford not only increases the sheer number of gay and lesbian students with which to socialize, but the college also develops a stronger gay community. Gay-themed parties on each campus usually have a high turn-out from the other two colleges, and support group meetings are usually open to students from each of the three colleges.



Other Haverford resources include:

Faculty—gay and gay-friendly faculty serve as great resources for advancing gay and lesbian topics in and out of the classroom

Feminist & Gender Studies

Program—an area of academic concentration focusing on feminist thought and gender constructions. As a tangential, though related part of this program, gay and lesbian studies often finds its niche within this area of academia

BGALA Lounge—a lounge used for weekly BGALA meetings as well as the occasional party. Open lounge hours during the week permit students to gather for studying or relaxing in a gay-positive space. The lounge also features a library and videos.

Outtalk—a bi-annual organized forum in which gay and lesbian students share their thoughts about their time at Haverford with the community

A sampling of recent bi-college courses with a substantial gay and lesbian component:

**Representation: Theories of Sexualities*

**Gay and Lesbian Literature*

**The Politics of Sexual Marginalization*

**Sexual Minorities in the Spanish Speaking World*

**Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Gender*

**Representations of Asian-American Sexuality*

**History of Sexuality in America*