

**L.E.A.D.'s
June Newsletter:
PRIDE**

**Let's Engage and Advocate
for Diversity**

What does Let's Engage and Advocate for Diversity mean?

To engage means to be involved in something.

To advocate means to speak up and try to make a change in the world.

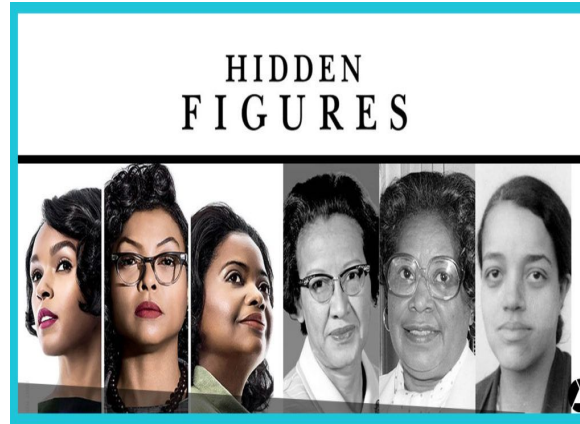
Diversity means The state of being diverse or having variety. Or the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders sexual orientations etc.



My Experience with L.E.A.D Keegan Hunt

L.E.A.D.

It is good to talk about history like the movie “Hidden Figures”.



My Experience with LEAD by Maya Todrin

My experience with LEAD means to me to be kind and loving. I really enjoyed doing different kinds of projects that have something to do with LEAD. For example, I really enjoyed doing the flags presentation and talking about those flags. I also enjoyed trying to come up with a new idea that we haven't talk about.



I put President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris on my slide because of how I think they help our country.

My Experience with L.E.A.D - Omar Mufti

My Experience with L.E.A.D is the best because it means to me Kindness and Love and Respect, it also means to me that we all advocate for one another and speak up when we see things that go wrong, In This L.E.A.D Group, we got to talk more about what does Flags of all the Countries around the whole world means to us. We also got to know more about it's Symbols and lot of Great History information about it, We also got the opportunity to speak our opinions and Thoughts about Politics and about the Election of 2020, We also get to speak about what does Kindness mean to all of us in this Group and We get to also Talk more about the True value of Leadership and the Famous world Leaders and the Great Leaders at Riverview school that have inspired us and put a Huge great impact in our lives. In This L.E.A.D group, we all Respect each other's Opinions and we help each other and support one another through Difficult times and whenever one of us has a Bad day, We guide each other and support one another.

My experience with L.E.A.D - Daniel Almy

LEAD has taught me information about other countries like Saudi Arabia and Switzerland. This group has also allowed me to hear other people's ideas, thoughts and opinions just like in the classroom at school. I have enjoyed seeing the weekly news letters as well as hearing from some of the middle school and high school students about leaders who have had an impact on the world and how we can make it a better place.

My Experience With LEAD By Jessie St. George, Phase 2, Project Search

My experience is when I was in world studies when I was doing the World's Fair project. I did Japan and I had to look up everything on Japan, especially their religions and culture. It was really interesting on what I found. Both my sister and brother did this also well. I learned so much and hope to learn more.

My experience with L.E.A.D. by Talia Grossman

My experience with L.E.A.D is to learn about our community, LGBTQ, BLM, Asian/Pacific Island Americans, Jewish people, International people, and the importance of all human beings in the world.



My Experience with LEAD - Katie Noble

My experience with LEAD was working on the Flags of the World because I presented the Rwanda Flag. I like a lot of countries and states and especially the rainbow flag. The rainbow flag represents LGBTQ+ community.



My experience with LEAD Meagan Snyder



I have always been interested in Diversity and I grew up in a family where we have grown up understanding Diversity and talking with my family about it.

I grew up going to Temple and learning about different cultures and peoples backgrounds. I have wanted to visit more third world countries and help those who live there. I want people to understand that there are people who don't have the right items to live. I think this a great opportunity for others to find out about Diversity.

Last night I watched a movie about people from different regions of Africa and they had to wake up super early to run. They were training for a marathon and you see the places they live in. It's very different from how we live.

I've been interested in helping the Homeless situation as well. The Homeless situation is getting worse in California. I personally feel like people don't do anything to help it.

My experience with L.E.A.D. by Chase Garland

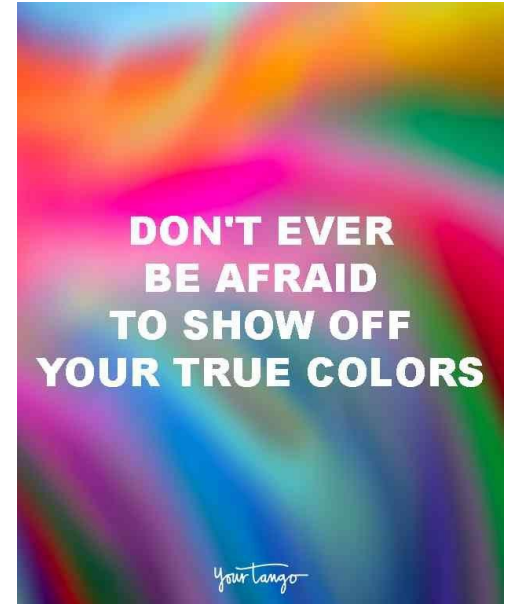
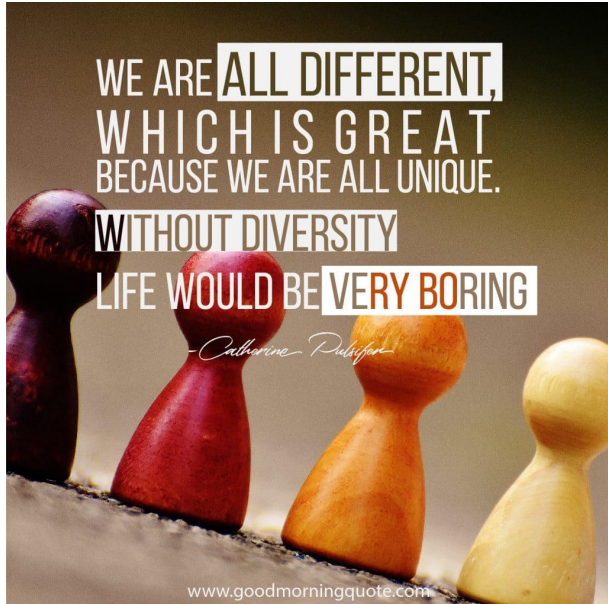
The activity LEAD was fun. I learned a lot. I hope this activity continues next year because I want to join again.

My experience with L.E.A.D. by Sarah Spanierman

I think LEAD means making sure people feel equal. I think everyone should get the respect they deserve.

My experience with L.E.A.D. by Victoria Miles

LEAD is a force that shows our Riverview campus that no matter who you are, what you believe in, or what you look like on the outside, we all deserve respect.



What does it mean to be inclusive?

Inclusion is the act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported and valued to fully participate. An inclusive and welcoming climate embraces differences and offers respect in words and actions for all people. (UC Berkeley Initiative for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity)

Being an inclusive means to be more Kind out there in the community and also in Public and to continue to help our Friends and peers and our Dormates and Classmates in our Riverview community, We can also be more inclusive by Advocating for one another and Speak up always when all of us see something that is going wrong, We can also continue to be more inclusive by Accepting one another by who we are and where we come from and by Respecting each other's Religions and also by Respecting one another's feelings in the Dorms or at school, Inclusive to me also means that we don't Judge one another and we should always continue to inspire one another and all of our peers and Friends who will then look up to us in the Future. - Omar Mufti

Inclusive means to join the community and being together in the world and society. -Talia Grossman

How can Riverview be a more inclusive school-

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We can make Riverview a more inclusive school by asking people about their cultures and their traditions. Riverview can be a more inclusive school by having discussions about religion, race, Black Lives Matter protests, world leaders like John Lewis, Martin Luther King, and many other famous influential leaders. Finally, we can make Riverview a more inclusive school by just being nice to one another. It would be beneficial to have these conversations in Social Diversity class, Human Rights class or in Social Studies classes. I wish students in highschool and middle school had this class so that way they would have a better understanding of our society. Having this class in GROW has definitely had a positive impact on my life.

How can Riverview be a more inclusive school?

- **Sam:** Add an activity about the history of the LGBTQ+ community.
- **Talia:** Riverview can be a more inclusive school by treating everyone respectfully and learn from that experience. Riverview can be a more inclusive school by learning more about Saudi Arabia, Bermuda, United Kingdom, Ireland, and other countries in the world.
- **Omar:** Riverview School can be a more inclusive school by bringing more International Students from all over the countries around the whole globe of Earth. Riverview School can be more inclusive school by all of us Accepting one another by who we are and not Judging one another and we can also continue to be Leaders in the Future among others by helping and supporting our peers and friends and also Classmates as well.
- **Rebecca:** Riverview can be a more inclusive school by starting an elective on Diversity.
- **Katie:** Riverview is a more inclusive school by socializing with friends and staff.

June is Pride Month - What does that mean?

By: Talia Grossman

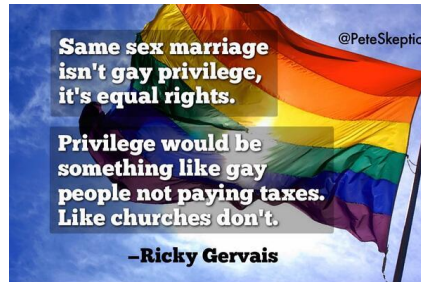
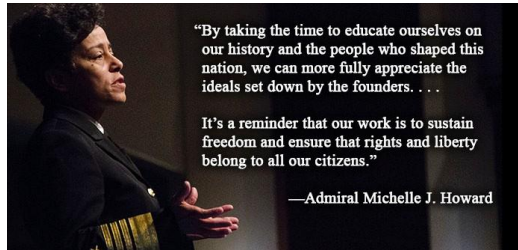
Pride Month commemorates the ongoing pursuit of equal justice for the lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. They celebrate the accomplishments of LGBTQ individuals. The event started on June 28, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in NYC. We also have pronouns in the LGBTQ community which are I, Me, We, Us, You, She/Her, He/Him, They/Them, and Ze/Hir. We celebrate Pride Month to recognize the impact of the LGBTQ people have had in the world.

Personality Quotes

A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes



Mahatma Gandhi



What do the letters stand for?

Lesbian is a female homosexual: a female who experiences romantic love or sexual attraction to other females.

Gay is a term that primarily refers to a homosexual person or the trait of being homosexual. Gay is often used to describe homosexual males but lesbians may also be referred to as gay.

Bisexuality is romantic attraction, sexual attraction or sexual behavior toward both males and females, or romantic or sexual attraction to people of any sex or gender identity; this latter aspect is sometimes termed pansexuality.

Transgender is an umbrella term for people whose gender identity differs from what is typically associated with the sex they were assigned at birth. It is sometimes abbreviated to trans.

Queer means queer or questioning. It is considered an umbrella term for anyone who is non-cisgender or heterosexual. It means may be unsure of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

What does the + in LGBTQ+ mean? By Sam Short

The plus on the LGBTQ+ community means there's more sexualities out there, like:

Asexual – this is an umbrella term used for individuals who do not experience, or experience a low level, of sexual desire. This identity can include those who are interested in having romantic relationships, and those who are not. People of different sexual orientations and gender identities can be asexual.

Pansexual – Often referred to as “Pan”, this is a term used to describe a person who is sexually, romantically, and/or emotionally attracted to people regardless of their sex or gender identity.

Demisexual – Often referred to as “Demi”, this is a term used to describe someone who can only experience sexual attraction after an emotional bond has been formed.

LGBTQ+ Flag

The original flag featured eight colors, each with a distinct meaning assigned by Gilbert Baker (who designed the flag in 1978): hot pink means sex, red means life, orange means healing, yellow means sunlight, green means nature, turquoise means magic/art, indigo means serenity and violet means spirit.

By Talia Grossman



Bisexuality Flag by Talia Grossman

The bisexual pride flag was designed by Michael Page in 1998 to give the bisexual community its symbol comparable to the gay pride flag of the larger LGBTQ community. He aimed to increase the visibility of bisexuals, both among society as a whole and within the LGBTQ community.

The flag contains two wider stripes, pink and blue, to represent the male and female genders. A smaller purple stripe is between them representing sexual attraction to both men and women.



Transgender Flag

Designed in 1998 by Monica Helms, the transgender flag includes blue, pink and white stripes. Blue and pink represent the traditional male and female gender colors, and white is for those who are transitioning or don't feel they fit into either gender category.



Lesbian Flag



Pansexual Flag



Asexual Flag



Genderfluid Flag



There are many flags for ways in which people identify, we encourage you to read more about them!

Who is Marsha P. Johnson? By Talia Grossman

Marsha P. Johnson was an American gay liberation activist and self-identified drag queen. She was known as an outspoken advocate for gay rights, and she was one of the prominent figures in the Stonewall in New York City uprising of the year 1969 through the 1970s. She passed away in New York City on July 6, 1992 at the age of 46 of undetermined causes.

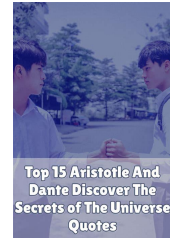
If you'd like to learn more you can watch The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson for free on Netflix

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiGbpbcHA9s>



Books or Movies/TV Shows with LGBTQ+ casting or influence by Talia Grossman

- Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz
- Carry On by Rainbow Rowell
- Love, Simon
- Love, Victor
- The Color Purple
- Dear Evan Hansen
- The Prom
- Cabaret
- Kiss of the Spider Woman
- To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar
- The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson
- Disclosure
- American Beauty
- Cruel Intentions
- Clueless
- 10 Things I Hate About You
- Dirty Dancing
- Billy Elliot
- Rocketman
- Hidden Figures



The Importance of Flags

LEAD spent some time researching the origins and meanings behind different flags from around the world. You can see what they came up with by [clicking here!](#)



We hope to see you next year at L.E.A.D. !

Members of LEAD want to talk about:

- LGBTQ+
- Homelessness
- Women's rights
- Mental Health Awareness
- Black Lives Matter
- Body Positivity
- Impact of Social Media
- DEI in Sports
- DEI in the Arts
- Poverty
- Differences in Accessing Education
 - Schools in areas of poverty
 - Inner City Schools
 - College
- Different Cultures
- Races/Ethnicities
- Famous World Leaders
- People who inspired us through our Lives.
- How we can make the World a better place
- Learning about different religions
- Diversity & Representation in Movies

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Members of LEAD want to take action by:

- Raising money for non-profit organizations
- Raising awareness about the topics on the last slide
- Learning about different cultures
- Having a Social Diversity Prep Course in the MS/HS
- GROW
- Donate money to third world countries
- Making donations to the homeless community
- Being a strong activist when we see something that goes wrong in the world
- Getting involved with Black Lives Matter
- More understanding of mental health for professional athletes
- Education in poorer countries and for girls who can't access education
- Being an PEARLS ambassador for Positive Exposure and learning about the PEARLS project, FRAMES project and Positive Exposure. -Talía
- Interviewing Dorm Staff and Teachers around the Riverview community and asking them how we can make Riverview school a Better place and make it more inclusive.

Thank you for reading our newsletter and learning with us!

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