

The Consortium believes that this act of vandalism is not about exercising free speech or having challenging, difficult conversations; rather it is about ignorance and intimidation. Individuals who promote and/or fail to intervene in acts of intolerance—due to perceptions of or someone's known sexual identity, gender identity or gender expression—perpetuate this violence. It is crucial for us all to educate ourselves, learn intervention strategies, engage in dialogue with others, and commit to end this bigotry, shame, and harassment. We must protect and embrace all students letting them know that they can live full, productive lives and openly embrace and express their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression regardless of how they self-identify.

This action highlights the importance of continued institutional support for education about and advocacy for LGBTQ, Two Spirit, and Same Gender Loving communities. As Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, we play a key role in helping to educate, raise awareness and advocate for LGBT students, staff and faculty by working to create inclusive campus communities. The Consortium condemns this act of vandalism and stands in solidarity with the NCSU GLBT Center and all communities that have been impacted.

Shared Vision and Mission Statement

To critically transform higher education environments so that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, administrators, staff, and alumni/ae have equity in every respect.