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Welcome to spring - and welcome back to campus for a very exciting Alumni Weekend.

At the LGBT Center, we are not only preparing to welcome alumni, we are also saying goodbye to those students who are graduating and moving out into the world, which is bittersweet.

Over the years, thousands of alumni and students have given of their time and resources to make the LGBT Center what it is today. Now we are asking for ten more minutes of your valuable time. Please complete the market research survey described in this issue to help the LGBT Center do its work even more effectively and be the best it can possibly be.

If you wish to get more involved with the Center, one way to do so is to become part of the PennGALA Steering Committee, by nominating yourself before the May 19 deadline. The process is described below.

Thanks!

Bob Schoenberg
Director, LGBT Center



The **LGBT Center** is engaged in market research to learn how we have done in serving Penn students, employees, and alumni as well as how we may more effectively meet the needs of our constituents.

PLEASE take ten minutes (or less) to complete an anonymous and confidential survey to share with the LGBT Center your opinion about current and potential programs and services. Once you've completed the survey, please forward it to others who care about Penn, its LGBT community, and the LGBT Center.

You will find the survey [here](#).

You can also find it on [Face book](#).

Please respond NOW, as the survey will be taken down at **5:00 p.m. on Monday May 11**.

This survey is being conducted by The Nonprofit Center at LaSalle University. For more information about the survey, please contact Jason D. Alexander,

jason@capacityforchange.com.

The LGBT Center and those it serves are very grateful for your time and opinions.

It's time to run for **PennGALA Steering Committee!** Five of our nine positions are up for election to two-year terms starting July 1. Steering Committee members plan the program for our dynamic LGBT alumni association, interact with the University, and advocate for issues of concern to members. Our meetings are held by toll-free conference call monthly, and even this minimal commitment of time can make a tremendous difference - plus it's fun!

To nominate yourself or another member, please send all of the following: candidate name, nominator name (if different), candidate's Penn school(s) and degree year(s), candidate's mail, email address, and telephone number, and a statement of no more than 250 words describing the candidate's qualifications, interests, vision for PennGALA, etc. Contact information is solely so that we can validate nominations and will not be transmitted elsewhere.

The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday, May 19, 5PM**. Please email your nomination to center@pobox.upenn.edu. Ballots will be sent to the membership by email in May/June. As with the last election, our entire elections process now takes place online, so you will not be receiving a paper ballot.

PennGALA looks forward to welcoming you during Alumni Weekend at two major events.

PennGALA Looks at Politics - a lively forum on the outlook for LGBT Americans during the Obama administration. Issues to be discussed include same-sex marriage and a potential repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

Panelists are: Sarah Blazuki, editor, *Philadelphia Gay News*; Chris LaBonte, former Legislative Director, Human Rights Campaign; and Jesse Salazar, C'05, PA Governor's Advisory Council on Latino Affairs. Moderated by Kim Mutcherson, C'94; Rutgers Law faculty.

*Saturday May 16, 4:00-6:00PM
LGBT Center
3907 Spruce Street*

Taste of Penn: A Celebration of Diversity - An excellent selection of music and food co-sponsored by many of Penn Alumni's constituent groups, including PennGALA.

*Saturday May 16, 6:00-10:00PM
Hall of Flags, Houston Hall
3417 Spruce Street*

To register, please visit the [Alumni Weekend website here](#). Deadline for registration is Friday, May 8 at 5pm.

In addition to various [Inter-lvy events](#) that are going on, we'd like to bring to your attention an event PennGALA is co-hosting. Additionally, we've included details for a hike organized by GLLvYn for anyone interested.

FFR/Princeton BTGALA, Yale GALA, Dartmouth GALA, Columbia Pride, the NYU Alumni Network, Penn GALA & Cornell U GALA Present...

An Intercollegiate Alumni End of Spring Celebration in Manhattan!
New York, NY

WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

WHERE: [Shaffer City Oyster Bar & Grill](#)



5 W 21st Street, at 5th Avenue

COST: \$15 at the door - including great appetizers, with a cash bar and discounts on draft beer and wine

RSVP: Requested to help us plan. Please fill out our RSVP Form [here](#).

CAL: Download this to your electronic calendar [here](#).

We invite all of our Ivy League, Seven Sisters, NYU Stanford, Duke, UVA, George Washington University and Northwestern friends. Alumni, faculty, staff, and students that are over 21 are welcome.

Further details may be found [here](#).

GLIvyN Presents...

Griffith Park Hike

FOR: GLIvyN members and guests. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE PHYSICALLY FIT AND ACCUSTOMED TO REGULAR HIKING.

WHEN: Sunday, May 17, 2009. The group will gather between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. and will depart at 8:30 sharp.

DESCRIPTION: Fern Dell to Mt. Hollywood and back to Fern Dell via the Observatory. Five miles roundtrip.

This will be a moderately difficult hike. Please be aware that the trail to Mt. Hollywood is a steady uphill climb with an elevation gain of 1,000 feet.

TRIP DURATION: Approximately 2.5 hours, including stops to enjoy the 360-degree panoramic views.

WHAT TO BRING: Water, sunscreen, a hat, picnic lunch to enjoy after the hike.

DIRECTIONS:: Take the Hollywood Freeway/101 and exit in Hollywood at Sunset Blvd. Take Sunset east to Western Avenue and turn left (north). Follow Western to where it curves to the right, becoming Loz Feliz Blvd. Just past the curve, turn left into the park at the first traffic light, which is Fern Dell Drive. Drive uphill about 0.6 mile into the park, past Trails Restaurant on the left and a children's playground on the right, to the entrance of a large parking lot on your left.

[Support the Center](#)

The programs and services provided by the LGBT Center are just as important to the Penn community today as they were over a quarter-century ago when the Center first began operations. It is only with your support that the Center can continue to offer such [a large and diverse group of services](#) to Penn students, faculty, staff and alumni. As you read about all of the Center's great activities in each of these newsletters, we hope that you will consider [making a charitable donation to the Center](#). Gifts of all amounts are welcome and count toward the university-wide Making History campaign. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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