

# INCLUSION CORNER

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024



## NEW YEAR, NEW OID

OID has seen some staff changes over the summer. We're excited to welcome Kimberly Weatherly (she/her, top image) as our new Executive Director and Gabby Hochfeld (she/her, bottom image), who will be taking over Gender and Sexuality Programming. Be sure to stop by and say hi!



## A WORD FROM DR. K

**"I am ecstatic to join such a wonderful, thriving liberal arts community here at Lafayette College. I started my position on July 22nd, and it's exciting to navigate Lafayette alongside our new Class of 2028. What truly attracted me to Lafayette is its unwavering commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, especially in a national climate where DEI initiatives are under attack and colleagues at other institutions are losing their jobs. Lafayette's decision to create a new department, the Office of Inclusion, as an umbrella for the Office of Intercultural Development and Religious & Spiritual Life, with aspirations for continued growth, speaks volumes about the College's dedication to ensuring that historically marginalized students thrive once they arrive on campus."**

**This is an exciting time at Lafayette. New members across several units have joined the Lafayette community, bringing with them fresh energy, a wealth of experience from other institutions, and plans to move Lafayette forward and celebrate in 2026 our 200th anniversary of excellence. Our namesake, Marquis de Lafayette, was ahead of his time, championing women's rights, religious freedom, and the abolition of slavery and capital punishment in the late 1700s. Lafayette College is founded on social justice principles, the very ones we continue to fight for today. I am honored to work at an institution that celebrates difference, embraces inclusion, and believes in the liberal arts and STEM, including engineering, as cornerstones of education.**

**I warmly invite you to visit the Office of Inclusion in Farinon College Center or email me at [weatherk@lafayette.edu](mailto:weatherk@lafayette.edu) to schedule an appointment. Whether you want to get to know me or bring fresh ideas to the department, I'm eager to connect.**

**Fun facts: I'm a die-hard Cleveland Browns fan and I love photography."**

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## A CLOSER LOOK: GABBY

Gabby Hochfeld (HAHK-feld) she/her moved to the Lehigh Valley from the Poconos to attend Moravian University in 2015 where she graduated with a degree in Political Science and minored in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She approaches her work from a perspective of accessibility, inclusion, and community which is influenced by her previous roles in event planning and community outreach on campus, at LINC, and in the greater Lehigh Valley community. She enjoys learning everything she can about the different parts of our community and is always exploring what the greater Lehigh Valley has to offer. In her spare time, she enjoys taking care of her plant babies, attempting new recipes, and creating arts & crafts with her friends.



## SAFE ZONE IS BACK!

Gabby is happy to announce that Safe Zone sessions can now be requested once again. If you would like to attend a training, please reach out to Gabby at hochfelg@lafayette.edu She is also happy to hold any other Gender and Sexuality Workshops that you may need.

## A SUCCESSFUL QUEER EXPO

We'd like to thank everyone who came to the Queer Expo at Lavender Lane last Friday! We saw many faces, new and familiar, show up to learn about Queer Resources both on and off campus.

We'd especially like to thank the presidents of Lavender Lane, Jess Heske and Alex Granville-Walles for doing the majority of the organizing.



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## NEWS FROM CHAPLAIN ALEX HENDRICKSON AND THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL LIFE

- Dean's Excuses for Religious Observances --- If you need a dean's excuse, reach out to Chaplain Alex Hendrickson ([hendrica@lafayette.edu](mailto:hendrica@lafayette.edu)) by Friday, September 6th at noon. Send her your name, the date(s) to be excused, and the reason.
- Information about Off-Campus Religious Communities can be found here: <https://religiouslife.lafayette.edu/off-campus-worship-opportunities/>
- If your group or organization would like to host a Faith Zone training, please fill out the following form: <https://religiouslife.lafayette.edu/off-campus-worship-opportunities/>



**Fall 2024 Appointments with Chaplain Alex Hendrickson**

Use [Calendly.com/hendrica](https://calendly.com/hendrica) to make an appointment with Chaplain Alex

✓ Appointments will be held in-person, unless other arrangements are made

✓ You can also contact Alex at 610-330-5959 or [hendrica@lafayette.edu](mailto:hendrica@lafayette.edu)

## RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Looking for a faith-based group during your Lafayette stay? Or are you looking for yoga and meditation? We have you covered!

Here are all the Religious Organizations on campus and when they meet.

And if you're looking a religious connection in the greater community, reach out to Chaplain Hendrickson

**RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS**  
**@INTERFAITH\_LAF**

- STRESS LESS**  
YOGA ON WED FROM 5-6 IN INTERFAITH CHAPEL  
@LAF\_STRESSLESS
- BUDDHIST MEDITATION**  
MON 5:30-7 PM IN INTERFAITH CHAPEL
- DISCIPLE MAKERS (DCF)**  
THURS 7-8:30 PM IN HUGEL 100  
@LAFAYETTEDCF
- NEWMAN CATHOLIC**  
ADORATION TUES AT 6:30, FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT 7:15 BOTH IN INTERFAITH CHAPEL  
@LAF\_NEWMAN
- FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCS)**  
MON 8 PM IN HUGEL 103  
@FCALAFAYETTE
- MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (MSA)**  
JUUMA PRAYER FRI AT 1:10 IN MSA ROOM  
@MSA\_LAFAYETTECOLLEGE\_
- LAFAYETTE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**  
MEETINGS AT 629 WEST MONROE STREET  
@LAFCHRISTIANCOMMUNITY
- HILLEL**  
SHABBAT SERVICES FRI AT 5 AT HILLEL HOUSE  
@LAF\_HILLEL

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## EVENTS, TRAININGS, AND MORE

### INCLUSION SHOUTOUTS

ISA's first General Body Meeting will be on Sunday, September 8th at 1:45 in Keefe Commons

GSRC Open House on Thursday September 12 from 4:30-6:00

You or your club need a Faith Zone Training? Contact Dr. Rev Hendrickson at [hendrica@lafayette.edu](mailto:hendrica@lafayette.edu)

### EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

The first Home Football game of the year is Saturday, September 14th at noon! Stop by to show your support

Fabiola Mendez Performance Series  
Fabiola Méndez is a Puerto Rican cuatrista singer, Emmy -nominated composer, and educator.

Saturday, September 21st, 8:00 p.m.  
Williams Center for the Arts

### EASTON EVENTS

Celebrate Hispanic Cultural Day at the Easton Farmers Market!

Saturday, September 21st, 9:00a.m. -1:00 p.m.

### GATEWAY CAREER CENTER EVENTS

Virtual JCPenny Suit-Up Event  
Saturday, September 7th, 11:00-7:00  
Saturday, September 21st, 11:00-7:00

Resume Review for Career Fair  
Monday, September 9th, 9:00-4:00  
Online

AlphaSights Tabling Event (Meet recruiter Hannah King)  
Tuesday, September 10th, 12:00-2:00  
Farinon Atrium

2024 Career Fair  
Tuesday, September 10th, 5:00-8:00  
Bergethon Room, Marquis Hall

Opening the Gates: Gateway your first year  
Thursday, September 12th, 12:20-1:05  
Tuesday, September 17th, 12:20-1:15  
Hogg Hall, 3rd Floor

Applying to Grad School  
Thursday, September 19th, 12:20-1:15  
Rockwell 104

Leopard Launch: Calling all First Years  
Tuesday, September 17th, 4:00-6:00  
Farinon Atrium

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