Go-To Guide for Gender Diverse Students

Dear Student, we want to make sure you feel safe and well supported at Calvin College. Please connect with us so we can help with practical matters and make our community more welcoming for you and others.

**Resources**

- To locate single-user gender-inclusive restrooms, see the [online map](#).
- To change your name in college databases and on your ID card, contact Melisa Hubka in the [Center for Student Success](#), upstairs in the Spoelhof Center. (Note: the college is required to use your legal name in some circumstances – staff are happy to talk with you about the details and potential implications).
- To have a notification sent to your professors about your gender identity, name, and pronouns, contact the [Center for Student Success](#), upstairs in the Spoelhof Center (Melisa Hubka, Thea Brophy, Kyle Heys, Lisa Kooy, or Renee Morris).
- To discuss housing, contact Jay Wise, Director of College Housing & Operations [jiw8@calvin.edu](mailto:jiw8@calvin.edu) (Spoelhof Center 364D).

**Support & Community**

There are several places where you can find support and get involved on campus:

- Your main person for questions and resources is Julia Smith, Sexuality Series Director [jcs33@calvin.edu](mailto:jcs33@calvin.edu) (Commons Annex 125).
- [Sexuality and Gender Awareness](#) (SAGA) is a student group for LGBT+ students that meets weekly (Wednesdays, 5pm) for pizza, fun, discussion, and learning. Contact Julia Smith, Sexuality Series Director & SAGA Mentor [jcs33@calvin.edu](mailto:jcs33@calvin.edu) (Commons Annex 125).
- Pastor Mary hosts a weekly LGBT+ support group in [Campus Ministries](#). Email Pastor Mary [msh4@calvin.edu](mailto:msh4@calvin.edu)
- If you’re interested in being an LGBT+ peer educator, come to SAGA or talk to Julia Smith [jcs33@calvin.edu](mailto:jcs33@calvin.edu)
- The [Broene Counseling Center](#) offers a range of resources for students’ emotional and psychological wellbeing

**Health Care**

The mission of Calvin College Health Services is to provide excellent care and promote lifelong learning for all students. Every student should expect to be treated without discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Dr. Champion has 15 years of experience as a primary care provider of many transgender patients in the Grand Rapids community and aims to advocate for excellent community services for gender diverse students who may have unique medical concerns. The student health plan offered by Calvin includes transgender-inclusive benefits for hormone therapy but not for surgical procedures related to gender confirmation. STD testing is available for all students. Medical care and health records are kept confidential in health services as mandated by federal law (HIPAA). To schedule an appointment or to leave a message for Dr. Champion, call the triage nurse at 526-6187 x2.

**Safer Spaces**

Calvin College is committed to being a harassment-free community. For more information, see our comprehensive anti-harassment policy, [Safer Spaces](#).