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

- **Restrooms:** There are single-user gender-inclusive restrooms in most campus buildings. See the [online map](#) on the SAGA webpage.
- **Housing:** To discuss housing, contact Jay Wise, Director of College Housing & Operations [jjw8@calvin.edu](mailto:jjw8@calvin.edu) (Spoelhof Center 364D).
- **Name change:** To change your name in college databases and on your ID card, contact Melisa Hubka [mhubka@calvin.edu](mailto:mhubka@calvin.edu) (Spoelhof Center 347) in the Center for Student Success. (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).
- **Professor notification:** To have a notification sent to your professors about your gender identity, name, and pronouns, contact Melisa Hubka [mhubka@calvin.edu](mailto:mhubka@calvin.edu) (Spoelhof Center 347) in the Center for Student Success.

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, Coordinator for Student Support & Sexuality Programming [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. Just show up! Or contact Julia Smith [jcs33@calvin.edu](mailto:jcs33@calvin.edu) (Commons Annex 125).
- The Center for Counseling & Wellness offers the group Without Shame for students who want to explore questions related to sexual and/or gender identity in a safe, confidential, and agenda-free space. The Counseling Center also has a range of resources for students’ emotional and psychological wellbeing.
- Campus Ministries hosts a weekly LGBT+ support group in [Campus Ministries](#). Email Jana Stob to get connected [stobja@calvin.edu](mailto:stobja@calvin.edu)
- Top find out about being an LGBT+ Workshop peer educator, come to SAGA or talk to Julia Smith [jcs33@calvin.edu](mailto:jcs33@calvin.edu)
- Calvin College is committed to being a harassment-free community. For more information, see our comprehensive anti-harassment policy, [Safer Spaces](#).

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.

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