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LGBT Resource Professionals
Sex

A medically assigned identity based on physical packaging – our chromosomes, hormones, and genitalia.

*female male intersex transsexual*
Gender Identity

Our inner sense of being a man, woman, or another gender; “how the mind and the heart regard the body.”

feminine masculine butch androgynous femme
Gender Expression

The ways in which we externally communicate our gender identity to others.

mannerisms  hairstyles  clothing  voice  body language
Sexual orientation

An enduring emotional, romantic, sexual, affectional, and relational attraction to other people.

It is determined by the personally significant sexual or romantic attractions one has, and the way in which someone self-identifies.

lesbian gay bisexual queer asexual pansexual straight
LGBTQI @ Vanderbilt

In Fall, 2008 there were 12,093 Vanderbilt undergrad and grad students

- 4-10% of students are gay or lesbian (483-1209)
- 4-10% of students’ siblings are gay or lesbian (483-1209)
- 1-2% of students have a gay or lesbian parent (120-240)
- 1.8-2.8% of students are bisexual (217-338)
- Approximately 1/30,000 men and 1/100,000 women seek sex reassignment surgery (1, though many more identify as under the transgender umbrella and not seek surgery)
- Approximately 1/100 individuals have physical characteristics outside the “normal” range for male or female (120)

At least 12-26% (1,424 – 3,117) students personally identify or have immediate family members who identify as LGBTQI
LGBTQI Youth in 2009

* Average age of identity awareness: 8-11 years old
* Average age of coming out: 13 years old
* One in four teens face rejection from their family
* 30-40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ
* Average high school student hears an anti-gay slurs 26 times per day
* For every 5 students who are targeted by homophobic slurs, 4 identify as straight.
Nurturance
Appreciation
Admiration
Support
Acceptance
Tolerance
Pity
Repulsion
Comments? Questions? Ideas?

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