

## Call for Programming

Deadline: Friday, August 18, 2017



**To:** Rhode Island College Community Members

**From:** Diversity Week 2017

**RE:** 13th Annual Rhode Island College Diversity Week October 1 - 7th.

The Rhode Island College division of Community Equity and Diversity and the Unity Center invite your participation in the thirteenth annual Rhode Island College Diversity Week.

**Description:** The purpose of RIC's Diversity Week is to provide shared learning opportunities designed to increase awareness, disseminate knowledge, and develop skills and perspectives that will strengthen the campus community, broaden our understanding of diversity and inclusiveness, and promote mutual respect.

**Programming:** Of particular interest are programs that have the potential to involve a wide audience of faculty, staff, students, and community members in learning through interaction and meaningful dialogue. Importance should be placed on positive learning outcomes that focus on equity and inclusion by relating to the varied experiences, values, and innovations that arise across a spectrum of factors that might include socio-economic status; ethnicity; sexual orientation; racial identity; national origin; language; gender; age; ability; religion; and other group distinctions. Programs may include but are not limited to special lectures, open classes, workshops, films, music, fine and performing arts.

**Faculty and staff support and participation is integral to the success of the week. We urge your participation by:**

- offering campus wide lectures/presentations,
- co-instruction,
- focusing on multicultural topics or diversity issues in classes,
- offering incentive for student participation in scheduled activities.

All programming will be free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

**Submissions:** All submissions from students, faculty, staff and community agencies & organizations will be reviewed. Complete the program submission form and return to The Unity Center (DDC lower level room 14), [unitycenter@ric.edu](mailto:unitycenter@ric.edu). Program proposals require a brief description of the idea or concept, the desired format, and timely submissions to ensure proper inclusion on the Diversity Week calendar and/or other marketing materials.

**Assistance, Volunteers and Sponsors:** If you choose not to submit a program proposal, we welcome your help in supporting Diversity Week as an important community building initiative at Rhode Island College! If you wish to become involved in any way please contact the Rhode Island College Unity Center (401-456-8791).

## Program Proposal Submission Form

**RIC 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Week – October 1-7, 2017**

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Return this form to the Unity Center (DDC lower level room14), [unitycenter@ric.edu](mailto:unitycenter@ric.edu). You will receive a confirmation of receipt shortly after your submission.

### Contact Information

Presenter(s) Name: Jacqueline DiMera, Drag Queen : <https://www.facebook.com/jacqueline.dimera>

Affiliation (department/ organization/ agency): Guest of the Adams Library and Pride Alliance

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### Program Information (free and open to the public unless otherwise noted)

Program Title: Drag Queen Story Hour

Preferred Date: Wednesday, October 4 at 7pm

Preferred Time: 7pm

Preferred Location: Adams Library, Reinhardt Room

Program Description: (IMPORTANT! This information will be used for planning & publicity purposes attach separate sheet if necessary)

The Adams Library and RIC Pride Alliance would like to host a Drag Queen Story Hour to showcase the library's [LGT-Friendly Picture Books for Children](#) and [LGBTQ Materials for Children and Young Adults](#). These collections were donated by Professor Elizabeth Rowell and, unfortunately, are not a well-known part of the library's holdings. In part, this is due to some of the collection being in Course Reserves. When the collection was originally donated books were stolen or vandalized, but in protecting the collection it has become invisible. Rather than make a static display of the books we wanted to have an engaging event based on the popular Drag Queen Story Hour events in New York libraries, like this one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOFkVZQ8etE>. A discussion of the collection will follow the story time.

How will this program increase awareness, knowledge, and/or skills in the areas of diversity, multiculturalism or inclusion?

This program will raise awareness of the picture book collection, which was donated and continues to be added to, to preserve the history of these LGBT picture books and with the intention that they be used by

future teachers in RI in their classrooms, as we know representation is important at all levels of education. By making our campus more aware of these books we hope more k12 teachers will use them more broadly across RI, knowing that many of our FSEHD graduates stay in-state. We will do outreach by connecting with our co-sponsors in the Pride Alliance, the Counseling Center's LGBTQI+ Support and Empowerment Group, Youth Pride, Henry Barnard School teachers, and the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development.

Please list reading or other material(s) that you think may be of interest for participants attending your program. (Note: Faculty may use this list to prepare their students for your session.)

Guides about the two collections can be found here:

[http://library.ric.edu/Gay\\_Friendly\\_Books\\_For\\_Young\\_Children](http://library.ric.edu/Gay_Friendly_Books_For_Young_Children) and  
[http://library.ric.edu/LGBTQ\\_Reserve\\_Collection](http://library.ric.edu/LGBTQ_Reserve_Collection)

**Space & Equipment Needs:** *On-campus* program sponsors are responsible for reserving space, securing A/V equipment, and providing refreshments (if applicable). We will try our best to meet space & equipment needs for *off-campus* program sponsors, however, we may not be able to meet all requests. If you would like assistance with the process contact [agomes@ric.edu](mailto:agomes@ric.edu).

Aside from the room, which the library can book for ourselves, we have no additional space or equipment needs.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request.