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<p>Vinnie Birkenmeyer <span style="float: right;">He/him</span>  <a href="mailto:vbirkenmeyer@pace.edu">vbirkenmeyer@pace.edu</a>            Pace University</p>	<p>Vinnie Birkenmeyer (he/him/his) is an educator, coach, and advocate whose mission and passion is to create more inclusive communities which celebrate difference and protect those who are most vulnerable. Vinnie has worked in higher education as an instructor and student affairs professional for ten years. He has focused on student and staff training, education, courses, and programs that focus on diversity, equity, inclusion, social justice, personal development, strengths-based leadership, and more. Vinnie has a BA in history, and Masters of Public Administration with a non-profit management concentration from Pace University. He is a Cliftons Strengths Finder certified coach through Gallup. Vinnie is always excited to learn alongside the groups and individuals he works with. In his free time, Vinnie enjoys traveling, learning new things, going to drag shows, and trying to improve his tennis serve!</p>
<p>Oliver Bullington-McGuire <span style="float: right;">He/him, They/Them</span>  <a href="mailto:Oliver@scaffoldingyouth.org">Oliver@scaffoldingyouth.org</a>            Scaffolding Advocacy and Inclusive Leadership, Inc.  <a href="https://www.scaffoldingyouth.org/">https://www.scaffoldingyouth.org/</a></p>	<p>Oliver is a queer trans activist born and raised in Virginia. He is a youth-leader and founding member of AMPLIFY. He has been working within the Virginia queer community doing leadership and advocacy work for 3 years. Outside of activism, he is a painter, and a video game nerd, and a national award-winning illustrator.</p>
<p>Amy Cazes <span style="float: right;">She/her</span>  <a href="mailto:cazesa@hohschools.org">cazesa@hohschools.org</a>            Hillside Elementary School – Hastings, NY</p>	<p>Amy Cazes is the K-4 elementary school principal in the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District. She is committed to building an inclusive school community where all students, staff, and community members feel welcome, respected, and valued. Recognizing the need for greater understanding of gender and gender diversity across stakeholders, she created a Gender Team including both teachers and mental health professionals to lead the learning around gender equity. The team has worked collaboratively to develop curriculum and staff training, host parent learning sessions, and provide support for students who are exploring their gender identity.</p>

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<p>Cris Castillo she/ella  <a href="mailto:ccastillo@mspny.org">ccastillo@mspny.org</a>            My Sisters' Place</p>	<p>Cris Castillo joined the Education Team at My Sisters' in November 2021 as the Community Educator and is now the Coordinator for Giant Steps through Athletics. She graduated from Manhattanville College in May 2021 with a BA, majoring in Sociology and minoring in Women and Gender Studies. Cris was drawn to MSP after hearing lectures offered by Kym McNair. She came to MSP with excitement and passion to uphold the agency's mission. Cris understands the value of an education and how education can be a tool to help young people transform the world through education, activism and policy change. She involves engaging with student-athletes to understand their role as advocates in their community, challenge gender norms and understand the importance of healthy relationships. On a personal note, Cris is a first-generation Latina with roots in El Salvador and Mexico, this allows the space to connect and relate with the communities we serve. Cris is proficient in both Spanish and English.</p>	
<p>Sonia David She/her  <a href="mailto:Sonia.M.David91@gmail.com">Sonia.M.David91@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Sonia Maria David is a member of the Council of Urban Professionals Fellowship Cohort for 2022. She is a pleasure advocate and DEI professional and has earned her B.A. at the University of Vermont, and her Master of Divinity at Harvard University, focusing on the interconnection of race, religious identity, community, culture, and inclusion. Sonia is also a contributing author to the 2023 anthology, "Wanting: Women Writing about Desire."</p>	
<p>Wei Dewdney They/them, It/Its  <a href="mailto:realzhengwei06@gmail.com">realzhengwei06@gmail.com</a>            Edgemont High School GSA</p>	<p>My name is Wei Dewdney (they/them) and I'm a tenth grader at Edgemont High School. I'm a sixteen-year-old mixed Asian American who has been out publicly as queer and agender for the past two years. I am the current president of our GSA and I've been a part of it since seventh grade. The work we do is a huge passion of mine-- I hope to continue growing our mission with each passing year!</p>	
<p>Kat Fagan She/her  <a href="mailto:kathryn.fagan.counseling@gmail.com">kathryn.fagan.counseling@gmail.com</a>            The Teal Door Counseling Center  <a href="https://www.thetealdoor.com/">https://www.thetealdoor.com/</a></p>	<p>Kat is psychotherapist and clinical supervisor at The Teal Door. She received her master's in social work from Fordham University. Kat specializes in working with LGBTQ+ individuals and various forms of neurodiversity.</p>	
<p>Ejike Figueira He/him, She/her, They/Them  <a href="mailto:ejike@loftgaycenter.org">ejike@loftgaycenter.org</a>            The LOFT LGBTQ Center  <a href="http://www.loftgaycenter.org">www.loftgaycenter.org</a></p>	<p>Ejike is a Black, Queer, non-binary, activists, and artist that looks to better the future for the LGBTQ+ community, for Black and POC communities, and for all marginalized groups. Ejike works at The LOFT LGBTQ Center as a Peer Navigator and hopes to be a Mental Health Counselor serving the LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities. They hope to spread love and support in any way that they can and consistently thrive for a better tomorrow through education, experiences, listening, understanding, and patience.</p>	


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<p>James Forcinito <span style="float: right;">He/him</span>  <a href="mailto:forcinitoj@hohschools.org">forcinitoj@hohschools.org</a>  Hillside Elementary School – Hastings, NY</p>	<p>James Forcinito is a school psychologist at Hillside Elementary School, who primarily works with Kindergarten, 1st grade, and our mixed grade self-contained classrooms. James has worked with our counseling team to provide input on lessons and has served on our gender team to design staff training and parent webinars. Having served as Committee on Preschool Special Education Chairperson, James is particularly interested in how gender diversity presents in our youngest learners. With this special education background, James is committed to equity in our school community, and views gender inclusivity as a vital part of building an elementary school environment that is safe and nurturing for all learners.</p>
<p>Aviva Frank <span style="float: right;">She/her</span>  <a href="mailto:Aviva.Frank@PPHP.org">Aviva.Frank@PPHP.org</a>  Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic  <a href="https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-hudson-peconic">https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-hudson-peconic</a></p>	<p>Aviva is a sex educator at Planned Parenthood with a passion for comprehensive sex education, houseplants, and art. Aviva is a proud member of the LGBTQIA+ community, a part of her identity that informs and enriches her life, both personal and professional. She has a Masters in sociology with a specialization in sexuality and gender studies, which she uses to enrich her sex education pedagogy and practice. Aviva believes strongly that sex education is a necessary part of our collective liberation and strives to inform and empower those in her classroom on many topics including, but not limited to, sex and sexuality, bodies and anatomy, relationships, critical thinking about society, and other essential but often under-discussed topics.</p>
<p>Tiffany Freeman <span style="float: right;">She/her</span>  <a href="mailto:tfreeman@nysd.net">tfreeman@nysd.net</a>  New York School for the Deaf</p>	<p>Tiffany is a New York native woman. Whose also is Deaf, proud identity as a Black and Queer person. Her pronouns are She/They. She went to Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, and is returning to school to finish her future goals and desire to become an American Sign Language (ASL) teacher one day. Tiffany currently works at the New York School for the Deaf as a Teacher Assistant and a strong advocate for Black Deaf, Deaf LGBTQ+ communities. In addition to her advocacy work, she is a content creator and an ASL poet. She is involved in the Deaf Theatre community and has leadership roles in many areas in the Deaf Community.</p>
<p>Rabbi Ben Goldberg <span style="float: right;">He/him</span>  <a href="mailto:rabbigoldberg@congkti.org">rabbigoldberg@congkti.org</a>  Congregation KTI, Port Chester, NY  <a href="https://www.congkti.org/">https://www.congkti.org/</a></p>	<p>Rabbi Ben Goldberg has been the spiritual leader of Congregation KTI in Port Chester, NY since July 2018. Rabbi Goldberg was ordained in 2018 by the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he also received an MA in Midrash (Jewish scriptural interpretation).</p>
<p>Dr. Robbins Gottlock  <a href="mailto:rgottlock@northwell.edu">rgottlock@northwell.edu</a>  Northwell Health  <a href="http://www.Northwellhealth.edu">www.Northwellhealth.edu</a></p>	<p>Robbins Gottlock, MD is a practicing family medicine physician and the medical director of Northwell Health’s LGBT Healthcare Center of Excellence in Sleepy Hollow NY. The center provides full LGBTQ services, including routine care, preventive care, PrEP, PEP, and transgender hormones in a welcoming and safe environment. Dr. Gottlock lives with his husband and their children in Sleepy Hollow.</p>


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<p>Jerry Goodman He/him  <a href="mailto:Jergood@gmail.com">Jergood@gmail.com</a>            PFLAG Rockland, Executive Board Member , co-president of Bronx Parents of Pride  <a href="http://pflag-rockland.org">pflag-rockland.org</a>  <a href="http://www.pflag.org">www.pflag.org</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bxpop/">https://www.facebook.com/bxpop/</a></p>	<p>Jerry Goodman , Ma, Pd is a longtime activist for marriage equality and LGBTQ + rights. He was the founder of the Rockland Stonewall Democratic Club , past president of the NY State Council of Pflag chapters , a school counselor at the Harvey Milk HS, a member of the Pflag Rockland Executive board , and co-president of Bronx Parents of Pride . He is the proud father of a gay son and non-binary adult child</p>	
<p>Mimi Goodman She/her  <a href="mailto:mimigood1@gmail.com">mimigood1@gmail.com</a>            Bronx Parents of Pride, co-president ,PFLAG Rockland , Vice President  <a href="http://pflag-rockland.org">pflag-rockland.org</a>  <a href="http://www.pflag.org">www.pflag.org</a>;  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bxpop/">https://www.facebook.com/bxpop/</a></p>	<p>Mimi Goodman , LCSW, was a school counselor for 25 years . She was co advisor to the GTSA for many years. She was president of Pflag Rockland, and is currently vice president. Along with her husband she is co-founder and president of Bronx Parents of Pride. Together they have been activists for LGBTQ + rights and have presented many , many times in schools, libraries , conferences etc.</p>	
<p>Morgan Kennedy She/her  <a href="mailto:kennedypsychotherapy.mlk@gmail.com">kennedypsychotherapy.mlk@gmail.com</a>            The Teal Door Counseling Center  <a href="https://www.thetealdoor.com/">https://www.thetealdoor.com/</a></p>	<p>I am a therapist at the Teal Door Counseling Center as well as a clinical supervisor. I have been a social worker for over 15 years and graduated from Columbia University's School of Social Work. I specialize in working with the LGBTQ+ population of all ages and run an ongoing support group for LGBTQ+ adolescent to young adult people.</p>	
<p>Sophia Kumar She/her, They/Them  <a href="mailto:Sophiakumar2008@gmail.com">Sophiakumar2008@gmail.com</a>            Edgemont High School GSA</p>	<p>My name is Sophia Kumar, and I am a ninth grader at Edgemont Jr/Sr High school. I joined the GSA because some of my friends were in it, but it's now become one of my favorite things in life. Last year, I became treasurer— and I have to say, being an officer is a very different experience. There are so many fun opportunities and I love finding problems in the system and working to fix them, especially when everyone cooperates and supports our cause. I really hope we can build on our community even further in the future!</p>	
<p>Z Paige Lerario They/Them  <a href="mailto:mackenzie.lerario@greenburghpride.org">mackenzie.lerario@greenburghpride.org</a>            Fordham Graduate School of Social Service</p>	<p>Z Paige Lerario, MD is a board-certified neurologist and transgender activist. They are currently a graduate student of social service at Fordham University and the Vice-Chair of the LGBTQI Section of the American Academy of Neurology. Their blog can be followed at: greenburghpride.org.</p>	

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<p>Jacqueline Mamorsky      She/her  <a href="mailto:jmamorsky@mspny.org">jmamorsky@mspny.org</a>            My Sisters' Place  <a href="http://www.mspny.org">www.mspny.org</a></p>	<p>Jacqueline was born and raised in Westchester County, and is Deaf. Her pronouns are she/her. She graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS, cum laude, in Criminal Justice, and then attended SUNY Binghamton for the Master of Public Administration. She had a graduate fellowship in the New York State Assembly and a graduate internship at the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (ODTA)'s Human Trafficking program. It led her to her work in My Sisters' Place (MSP) as the Project Coordinator and working on improving services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing survivors and the Deaf Community. Jacqueline is also an activist for social justice and disability justice. She is on the NonProfit Westchester's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.</p>
<p>Allee Manning      She/her  <a href="mailto:amanning@wlsmail.org">amanning@wlsmail.org</a>            Hastings Public Library  <a href="https://hastingslibrary.org/">https://hastingslibrary.org/</a>  <a href="https://www.westchesterlibraries.org/">https://www.westchesterlibraries.org/</a></p>	<p>Allee Manning is a librarian at two libraries in Westchester County, where she works with teens/pre-teens and adults. She identifies as a femme, a nerd, a gay cisgender woman, and a bookworm (among other things). She has worked in both school and public libraries and obtained her Master's in Library Science from Pratt Institute in 2020. Prior to that, she worked with young people in a variety of educational settings. She obtained her BA at SUNY Purchase in gender studies and journalism. Her passions include LGBTQ+ history, literacy, and flavored seltzer water.</p>
<p>Sue Maxam      She/her  <a href="mailto:smaxam@pace.edu">smaxam@pace.edu</a>            Pace University  <a href="https://www.pace.edu/">https://www.pace.edu/</a></p>	<p>Dr. Maxam is the Assistant Provost for Special Projects and Retention Initiatives and has worked at Pace for the past 34 years in a leadership roles relating to student success, advising, academic enrichment/support, and career services. She teaches courses on peace, justice, sustainability, cultural intelligence, and mindfulness and co-leads a number of initiatives and programs at Pace on social justice and mental health/wellness. She holds a doctorate in Higher Education Leadership with a focus on Social Justice and has done extensive volunteer and educational outreach work in Latin America and Africa, which aligns with her life's mission, which is to "be the change" she wants to see in the world! Sue is the proud recipient of regional, statewide, and national women's leadership, social justice, and DEI awards for her advocacy work.</p>
<p>Kym McNair      She/her  <a href="mailto:kmcnair@mspny.org">kmcnair@mspny.org</a>            My Sisters' Place  <a href="http://www.mspny.org">www.mspny.org</a></p>	<p>Kym McNair stands at the intersection of being Queer, Black, and Faith-filled as an anti-racist community organizer, educator and preacher. She is the descendant of like-minded individuals who fought against and survived racial oppression. She finds joy in the memories she has of her upbringing in the Black Church tradition and leans on that joy to sustain, empower and ground her in the work. Believing another world is possible in the soon-to-come and right now, she dreams of a world where Black lives are protected, their experiences are respected and their leadership is no longer neglected. Kym enjoys working in her vegetable and flower gardens and morning walks with her rescue dog, Simba. Finally, Kym is the Director of Social Transformation at My Sisters' Place where she oversees two youth programs and organizes staff trainings.</p>


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Ava Min <a href="mailto:avamin2005@gmail.com">avamin2005@gmail.com</a> Edgemont High School GSA	She/her, They/Them, Xe/Xem	Hi! I joined my high school's GSA approximately two years ago, and I am the former president. Our group is going 100+ members strong, and we host events throughout the year to raise inclusivity on campus. I was a sophomore when I joined the GSA -- now, as a senior, seeing the undergraduates I met years ago grow into driven, passionate individuals gives me so much joy. I hope they continue to do the fantastic work even after I graduate.	
Tom Muniz <a href="mailto:tommymuniz@icloud.com">tommymuniz@icloud.com</a>	He/him	Tom Muniz is an artist and public high school art teacher living in Putnam County, NY. He holds a BA from The School of Visual Arts, during which he participated in a residency in Italy, and a Masters from the College of New Rochelle.	
Robyn Ochs <a href="mailto:robyn@robynochs.com">robyn@robynochs.com</a> <a href="http://www.robynochs.com">www.robynochs.com</a>	She/her They/Them	Robyn Ochs is an educator, speaker, grassroots activist, and editor of Bi Women Quarterly and two anthologies: the 42-country collection Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World and RECOGNIZE: The Voices of Bisexual Men. An advocate for the rights of people of ALL orientations and genders to live safely, openly and with full access and opportunity, Robyn travels the world as a speaker, and her work focuses on increasing awareness and understanding of complex identities, and mobilizing people to be powerful allies to one another within and across identities and social movements. Robyn was recently named by Teen Vogue as one of 9 Bisexual Women Who are Making History.	
Pastor Jim O'Hanlon <a href="mailto:johanlon.stpauls@gmail.com">johanlon.stpauls@gmail.com</a> St. Paul's Lutheran Church <a href="https://stpaulsryebrook.com/">https://stpaulsryebrook.com/</a>	He/him	Since 2000, Jim has been a Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) of St. Paul's Church in Rye Brook since 2010. Raised in a large, Irish, Roman Catholic family "Pastor Jim" has a keen interest in the liturgical, social, and church reforms of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. After college he earned a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in NYC and subsequently a Master of Sacred Theology from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He completed several graduate courses in Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in New Jersey and enjoys collaborating with colleagues of various faiths and other community leaders. Pastor Jim and his wife, Lorna, have two grown, female identifying children.	




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<p>Christina Picciano  <a href="mailto:christina@loftgaycenter.org">christina@loftgaycenter.org</a>            The LOFT LGBTQ Center  <a href="http://www.loftgaycenter.org">www.loftgaycenter.org</a></p>	<p>Christina (she/her) is a queer songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. As a recipient of the Artist Employment Program grant from Creatives Rebuild New York, she works with The LOFT LGBTQ Center to use music and advocacy to empower the community and address social justice issues. Connecting, uplifting, and advocating for the LGBTQ+ community while providing accessibility has been her mission. Merging performance, activism, and free events for the community, Christina has also volunteered her time, working together with municipalities, local businesses, and grassroots organizations to promote LGBTQ+ inclusivity within her hometown. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Studio Production from The Music Conservatory at SUNY Purchase.</p>	
<p>Chaz Plumley  <a href="mailto:Chaz.Plumley30@gmail.com">Chaz.Plumley30@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Chaz is an LGBTQ advocate from Arizona, focused on making sure companies cultivate an inclusive culture. He holds a BS in Hospitality from UNLV and is finalizing his studies on his MA in digital marketing from SNHU. Chaz has an extensive career in hospitality, and was the youngest operations manager for the Cosmopolitan and Bellagio Hotels in Las Vegas while also teaching for several years at the Las Vegas School of Hospitality. He is a Senior Market Manager at Booking.com. He currently resides in Norwalk CT with his partner and 4-year-old daughter.</p>	
<p>Sarah Rubin  <a href="mailto:srubin@wjcs.com">srubin@wjcs.com</a>            WJCS Center Lane  <a href="http://www.wjcs.com/centerlane">www.wjcs.com/centerlane</a></p>	<p>Sarah (she/her) is a Program Specialist at WJCS Center Lane. She came to the Center Lane community as a parent and was so positively impacted that she jumped at the chance to become a staff member a few years later. With a background in teaching and facilitating, Sarah loves working with queer youth and their families and engaging the wider community in LGBTQ+ education through Center Lane's many programs. As a late-blooming queer person, she is thrilled to be offering her gifts and talents to this community. She lives in Yonkers with her sweetheart, two kids and two hilarious dogs.</p>	
<p>Emmanuel Segarra-Otero  <a href="mailto:eseg90@yahoo.com">eseg90@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p>Emmanuel has been an LGBTQ advocate since he was 14, including assisting WJCS Center Lane, and being the youngest service Secretary to the Yonkers LGBTQ Board. He also served as a Fair Housing Investigator within the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. Over the years, he has advocated for and educated youth, facilitated groups, and informed the public for a better understanding of the LGBTQ community. Emmanuel holds a Master's in Public Relations from Quinnipiac University and resides in Norwalk, CT with his partner and 4-year-old daughter. His career involves being a Regional Market Manager for the 6th largest telecommunications company in the United States where he oversees the marketing strategy and community engagement for the entire East region of the U.S.</p>	

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<p>Rachel Simon  <a href="mailto:rsimon@pace.edu">rsimon@pace.edu</a>  PrideWorks Board  Pace University</p>	<p>She/her, They/them</p> <p>Rachel Simon (she/they) is the Associate Director of the Office of Gender and Sexuality at Pace University in Pleasantville, NY. She serves on the Westchester County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board, on NY State Assemblymember Chris Burdick's Inclusion Advisory Committee, and as the Vice President of PrideWorks. They teach in the Women's and Gender Studies program at Pace University, are a poet, a dog person, and prefer milk chocolate.</p>	
<p>Juliann Snyder  <a href="mailto:snyderj@hohschools.org">snyderj@hohschools.org</a>  Hillside Elementary School – Hastings, NY</p>	<p>Juliann is the K-4 school counselor in the Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD. Her role is to support all students as they develop their social and emotional skills. Juliann works with teachers to ensure the needs of the whole child are met. She has worked with the gender team to develop curriculum on gender identity, staff training, and host parent learning sessions. Juliann has been the lead learner and champion of the school's work around gender. She facilitates K-4 class lessons on gender identity and provides individual support to students and their families.</p>	
<p>Bryan Stanton  <a href="mailto:bryanestanton@gmail.com">bryanestanton@gmail.com</a>  Educational Theatre Association, National Education Association, Texas Educational Theatre Association, Texas Computer Education Association</p>	<p>He/him, They/Them</p> <p>Bryan (he/they) is a trailblazer in theatre education and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He has worked with four of the top educational associations like Texas Thespians, Texas Educational Theatre Association, and American Alliance for Theatre Education to enhance the classroom experience for both teachers and students. With a MA in Theatre Education and 15 years of live entertainment experience with SeaWorld, Disney, Legoland, and regional theatre companies he is widely regarded by theatre educators. He has been heard on TheTalks, a podcast about educational theatre, and the Character.org blog focusing on building character in students through the arts. As a consultant he can help any theatre teacher with building a curriculum that meets state standards but engages their students in rigorous, yet creative, theatre making. He hosts Teaching While Queer Podcast, which amplifies the stories of LGBTQIA+ educators.</p>	



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Jim Stenerson They/them <a href="mailto:jstenerson@gmail.com">jstenerson@gmail.com</a> LGBTQ Advisory Board	Dr. Stenerson is a member of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board and is the retired founding director of the Center for Innovative Teaching and Professional Development at Pace University. He is on the Board of Trustees for the Charter School of Educational Excellence in Yonkers and served on the board of directors for SAGE (Services & Advocacy for LGBT Elders). His list of achievements includes papers, presentations, lectures, on faculty development, information technology, and LGBTQ issues. Jim holds a Ph.D. in Information Science, with a concentration in the philosophy of technology.	
Debbie Stromes She/her <a href="mailto:dstromes@pace.edu">dstromes@pace.edu</a> Pace University Counseling Center <a href="https://www.pace.edu/counseling">https://www.pace.edu/counseling</a>	Debbie (she/her) is the Senior Staff Clinician at the Pace University Counseling Center for the Westchester Campuses. Debbie is driven to work with students to help them recognize their abilities and thrive through emotional struggles, in an encouraging and validating environment. In her role at Pace University, Debbie is also the liaison to the Office of Gender and Sexuality, the Honors College, as well as the Townhouses. Additionally, Debbie is trained in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) and Emotional Intelligence (EI). During her free time, Debbie enjoys llamas, decorating, being in the sun, and eating as much sushi as possible!	
Randi Teplow-Phipps, MD She/her <a href="mailto:randi.teplowphipps@purchase.edu">randi.teplowphipps@purchase.edu</a> SUNY Purchase College Health Center <a href="https://www.purchase.edu/offices/health-services/index.php">https://www.purchase.edu/offices/health-services/index.php</a>	Randi Teplow-Phipps, MD has been a medical provider since 2014 at the Student Health Services at SUNY Purchase. She received a BA Emory University and attended medical school at New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Teplow-Phipps then went on to train in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore and continued to a sub-specialty in adolescent and young adult health at Columbia University. She is passionate about providing health care for the college population with special interests in reproductive health, LGBTQ healthcare, and eating disorder management. When not at Purchase, her hobbies include running, hiking, reading books, travelling, and spending lots of time with her really cute kids.	
Jay Tyler they/he <a href="mailto:jtyler@msnpy.org">jtyler@msnpy.org</a> My Sisters' Place <a href="https://msnpy.org/">https://msnpy.org/</a>	Jay is a queer trans masculine humanist and a big fan of the Hudson Valley. He is currently the Manager of Youth Education and Prevention at My Sisters' Place. A 2020 graduate of the Masters in Professional Studies Program in Humanistic/Multicultural Education (newly named Social Justice Educational Studies) program at SUNY New Paltz, their personal educational philosophy and approach is focused primarily on making it accessible to everyone.	

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