

# PRIDE MONTH AT EINSTEIN

In June 1969, the Stonewall riots in Manhattan were a turning point for the Gay Liberation movement. This June, we stand up against discrimination and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex and asexual (LGBTQ+) people and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variation. Below, members of the Einstein community contribute valuable perspectives.

**EINSTEIN PRIDE:**  
**DANIEL BAGHDASARIAN**  
**WESLEY THORNE**  
**KRISTIN WILLIAMS**  
**DANIEL EGUCHI**

"Einstein Pride seeks to enhance our inclusive community through medical student education, community outreach and addressing the LGBTQ+ concerns of students, faculty, and staff. Our campus social events are welcoming to both LGBTQ+ students and allies. The attendance and enthusiasm at these events are a testament to our community's celebration of diversity—something we can all take pride in."



**DANIEL MYERS, M.S.W.**  
Principal Associate, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
Assistant Professor of Family and Social Medicine

"Einstein was founded, in part, in defiance of the unconscionable discrimination experienced by medical student applicants in the 1950's. Over the past quarter century, while on the Einstein faculty, I have witnessed seismic environmental changes in diversity and inclusion. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I take great pride in both institutional and individual progress. One particularly striking change is the number of students who are 'out and proud' at Einstein."

**SHERRY DOWNIE, PH.D.**  
Professor of Anatomy and Structural Biology  
Professor, Arthur S. Abramson Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

"I've been at Einstein since 2000 and have always found the students, the staff and my colleagues to be warm and open. Over the years, my partner has come with me to many Einstein functions—skit nights are a must—and everyone seems to enjoy meeting her. I'm proud to have served on the LGBTQ+ Steering Committee and conducted several Safe Zone workshops, where I learned more than I taught."



**PABLO JOO, M.D.**  
Associate Dean for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs  
Associate Professor of Family and Social Medicine

"LGBTQ+ communities face disparities in access to care and disease burden. One contributor to this national health outcome is the lack of LGBTQ+ health education in medical schools. Einstein's Office of Medical Education, our faculty and our LGBTQ+ students are building a longitudinal LGBTQ+ health curriculum. The goal is for all Einstein students to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge they need to deliver high-quality, patient-centered care of LGBTQ+ patients, families and communities."



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