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### **LIFE UNIVERSITY TO HOST CAMPUS EVENTS TO CELEBRATE LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**

**Marietta, Georgia, June 2, 2021** – [Life University](#) (LIFE) will hold a series of events during the month of June to celebrate National LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Pride Week will be celebrated on campus from June 7-11, with informational tables about campus resources set up in the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies (CGUS).

"Celebrating Pride at Life University is very important to our community. Although we don't have a very active club on campus currently, it is important that we remain visible," said Javier Del Hoyo, Co-President of the Gay Straight Alliance and President of Student LIFEforce. "Members of the LGBTQ+ community are very active in our LIFE community as students, faculty and staff, and they contribute greatly to our future as an institution. Planning and coordinating Pride activities is not easy during the pandemic, but it's more vital than ever. This year we will be hosting an array of events that promote visibility, history and self-acceptance."

On Tuesday, June 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the Life University [Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#) (ODEI) will hold the next event in its yearlong "[With Liberty and Justice for All](#)" symposium series. "With Liberty and Justice for All: Out and Proud" will focus on advances in equity and inclusion made by people who represent gender and sexual diversity in U.S. culture. The conversation is open to the public and will take place on the [Zoom virtual meeting platform](#).

The discussion about the constitutional, legal and social history of the movement for LGBTQ+ equity and inclusion will be led by Life University's Title IX Coordinator Ms. Leigh Parker and Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Mitch Ferguson. The panel will include Samantha Clark, Women's Soccer Head Coach; Rebekka Logan-Drayton, Executive Office Administrative Support; Dr. Cynthia Boyd, Director of Special Projects; Dr. Adaris Mas Rivera, Assistant Professor in the CGUS Division of Natural Sciences; and Dr. Jennifer Valtos, CCISE Director of Training.

Two events for the LIFE community will take place on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. From 2:00-3:00 p.m., the Student Success Center will hold a virtual forum called "[Finding Me: Self-Exploration & Self-Acceptance](#)." That evening, the LIFE Campus Activities Board will host "[Desserts, Divas & Drag](#)" from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Socrates Café. On Thursday, June 10, Student LIFEforce will host a Spread the Love ice cream social from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Lyceum Park.

Founded in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its [Doctor of Chiropractic \(D.C.\) program](#), the largest single-campus chiropractic program in the world. LIFE also offers [14 undergraduate degrees](#), as well as a pre-chiropractic, degree-



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seeking pathway. [Three graduate degrees](#) are available, encompassing areas of sport health science, clinical nutrition and positive psychology. Some degree programs are offered to distance learners through the [College of Online Education](#).

Life University [strives to empower its students](#) to succeed both professionally and personally. LIFE advances a leading-edge approach to higher education while also remaining true to [the University's philosophical commitment](#) to produce informed leaders who exemplify humanistic values in their professions. To achieve this goal, LIFE recognizes and demonstrates its dedication through three official Life University Values: [Lasting Purpose](#), [Vitalism](#) and [Integrity](#).

[LIFE's 110-acre campus](#) just northwest of Atlanta is home to more than 2,800 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who come from all 50 United States and more than 45 countries.

For more information on Life University, please visit [LIFE.edu](http://LIFE.edu).

### **About Life University**

Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills, and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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