



June 18, 2016:

A Message in Solidarity with the LGBTQ+ Community from the Undergraduate Student Government

Dear Students,

The Ohio State University Undergraduate Student Government was incredibly saddened to learn of the tragedy that took place at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida on Sunday June 12. It is with heavy hearts that we extend our most sincere condolences to those impacted by this horrific act of violence and hatred. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families.

Pulse Nightclub was a place full of love, life, celebration, and acceptance. For many, it was a sanctuary. Targeted attacks against the LGBTQ+ community are far too commonplace and will not be tolerated. As leaders of the undergraduate student body, we stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community and offer support to all of our LGBTQ+ peers.

Pride celebrations will take place across the country throughout the month of June, including a celebration in Columbus this weekend. At a time when it is most difficult, we must, as a community, show that in the face of violence and hatred, we respond with love and support. We want to wish all of our Buckeye peers and the Columbus community a safe, happy, and enjoyable Pride weekend.

Regardless of race, religion, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, nationality and culture we are all members of the Buckeye community, and we must support and protect one another in times of violence. As leaders and representatives of the Ohio State undergraduate student body, we promise to never allow such acts of hatred to prevent us from moving our campus and community forward.

The Ohio State University Counseling and Consultation Services will be available for those affected by this tragedy. If support is needed, please contact CCS at (614) 292-5766.

Sincerely,

The Undergraduate Student Government
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