

# Fact Sheet: Campus Pride LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index

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*The LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index is a vital tool for assisting campuses in learning ways to improve their LGBT campus life and ultimately shape the educational experience to be more inclusive, welcoming and respectful of LGBT and Ally people. The index is owned and operated by Campus Pride, the leading national nonprofit organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create safer, more LGBT-Friendly learning environments at colleges and universities. The index is supported under the Campus Pride Q Research Institute for Higher Education as well as benefits from strategic partnerships with professional organizations in higher education and related LGBT nonprofit organizations.*

## Primary Goals:

- Set forth a national standard of LGBT and Ally inclusive policies, programs and practices.
- Offer an ongoing, effective measurement tool to improve the quality of life for LGBT and Ally people on college/university campuses and to assist campuses in becoming more LGBT-Friendly.
- Advocate nationally for further LGBT and Ally progress by highlighting positive efforts.

## Background:

In development since 2001, the Campus Pride LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index is in response to the increasing demand for tools and resources to support campuses in assessing LGBT-Friendly policies, programs and practices. The index was developed by Campus Pride with a team of national LGBT researchers which included Brett Genny Beemyn, Ph.D, Susan R. Rankin, Ph.D. and Shane L. Windmeyer, M.S, Ed.

## Participation & Assessment:

As of Spring 2012, more than 330 colleges and universities across the U.S. have participated. Of them, 33 scored a perfect five-star ranking in the assessment, which includes examination of:

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| 1. LGBT Policy Inclusion    | 2. LGBT Support & Institutional Commitment |
| 3. LGBT Academic Life       | 4. LGBT Student Life                       |
| 5. LGBT Housing             | 6. LGBT Campus Safety                      |
| 7. LGBT Counseling & Health | 8. LGBT Recruitment and Retention Efforts  |

## An Educational Initiative of Campus Pride – [www.campuspride.org](http://www.campuspride.org)

Campus Pride is the leading national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students. The organization is a volunteer-driven network "for" and "by" student leaders. Campus Pride's primary objective is to develop necessary resources, programs and services to support LGBT and ally students on college campuses across the United States.