



WELCOME TO MERCER

We at the Rainbow Alliance, our campus's premier LGBTQ+ student club, welcome anyone from our diverse campus body to join us on Discord this Fall semester. We opened a test Discord to the campus in the summer and it went better than we had expected. It has been a valuable tool for keeping students close in these uncertain and socially distanced times, and has helped give us a platform to drive the club forward even in the absence of official meetings and events.

After the prototype server was proven a success, we moved all active members to a new and somewhat improved server, which you can join by clicking this link here:

<https://discord.gg/23qaXZD> . If you don't have a Discord account already, here are some reasons to consider making one and joining:

- 1) Discord is free and available on a wide range of devices, including mobile and home devices.**
- 2) Discord can be accessed even without installing the application, though any accounts made this way are temporary unless registered via email.**
- 3) Discord is extremely flexible and can accommodate upwards to thousands of members without a paid service plan.**
- 4) Discord is especially popular with our campus's average age group, as well as being rated one of the top social media applications on iOS or Android.**

There are many other advantages to an online community like ours, such as making the club more accessible for students to follow with online or conflicting schedules. You can view our community by joining our server and going to the designated "why-discord" channel. Our server has a variety of chat rooms for introducing yourself, discussing topics in the news or simply getting to know one another, and will be updated with information related to events and activities when those resume following the COVID-19 lockdown procedures.

Please note that you are not required to be an LGBTQ+ individual to join the server and can join either as an ally or someone who simply needs a place to talk about life and the lockdown with other people! Remember to refer to our "server-info" channel for rules and guidelines regarding use of the platform when you arrive, as you will be expected to follow those rules to remain on the platform.

Hope to see you there!

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Acting President of the Rainbow Alliance