

Pride Month



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What is Pride Month?

Pride Month is a time to promote self affirmation, dignity and equality.

The month of June was chosen for Pride Month to honor the events that took place in New York City in 1969. A series of riots followed a police raid of a gay bar known as the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969. This is one of the most important events leading up to the modern fight for LGBTQIA+ rights in the United States.

Pride Month is also a time to increase LGBTQIA+ visibility and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance

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DID YOU KNOW?

The acronym LGBTQIA+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual and more.

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RAINBOW

The rainbow has been associated with the LGBTQIA+ community since the 1970's. It was first used in San Francisco by a man named Gilbert Baker.

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TODAY

7.1% of adults identify as LGBTQIA+ in the US. There has been a marked increase as younger generations are readily embracing their identity.



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BRENDA HOWARD

Brenda Howard is known as the "Mother of Pride" she coordinated the first LGBTQIA+ Pride March.

Howard was born in NYC and a lifelong activist. One year after the Stonewall Riots she and a committee planned the Gay Pride Parade and week to commemorate the event.

As the parade started there were only a few people present but as they continued more and more people trickled in to join until there were thousands of people marching through NYC.

This parade and week long celebration evolved into the annual New York City Pride March and the celebrations we now see worldwide.

People to Know

Michael Sam- the first openly gay man to be drafted in the NFL by the St. Louis Rams.

Elliot Page- one of the most visible transgender actors in Hollywood today. He speaks openly about his gender identity and is an inspiration to other transgender and non-binary people.

JoJo Siwa- entertainer who is a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. She has been quoted as telling her fans that she does not label her sexuality as she “doesn’t really know the answer.”

Brittany Griner- an openly gay basketball player in the WNBA Brittany was the first openly gay athlete to sign an endorsement with Nike.

Mrs. Kasha Davis- is a Drag Queen from Rochester who competed on the show *RuPaul’s Drag Race*. She also hosts a show on YouTube for kids called Imagination Station..

Montero Lamar Hill: a singer, songwriter and rapper better known as Lil Nas X who is openly gay. He has been the first LGBTQIA+ person to win many prestigious awards in the music industry.

Pride Flags

There are many different flags to represent a variety of Pride beyond the well known rainbow flag. Below are only a few.



Progress Pride Flag- This flag was created in 2018 to specifically honor Queer People of Color and the Transgender community.



Transgender Pride Flag- Created in 1999 this flag represents people who’s gender identity does not align with the sex they were assigned at birth.



Bisexual Pride Flag- This flag was unveiled in 1998 and was created to differentiate the Bisexual community from the rest of the LGBTQIA+ community.



Ally Pride Flag- This flag is for people who are not members of the LGBTQIA+ community but support them and the fight for equal rights.

DIG DEEPER



Attend: One of the many Pride Events in the Rochester Area.



Join: Roc Pride Fest on Saturday July 16th



Read: Talking to Young Children about Pride Month



Watch: Imagination Station on YouTube with Mrs. Kasha Davis



Read: 20 Picture books to help you raise kind, tolerant kids: These books celebrate pride

