

# OUR ALLIES

## FULFILLING OUR VISION: THE INTERSECTIONS OF DIVERSITY



Socially, we tend to discuss diversity in ways that give the impression that certain types of diversity occur in exclusive categories. However, diversity is a beautiful, complex phenomenon. Diversity with regard to race, gender, sexuality, nationality, and socio-economic status does not exist in discrete categories in the real world. A person who identifies as a poor African American gay male will experience oppression differently when compared to someone who identifies as an Asian intersexed woman.

This intersection of diversity creates a complex society in which different people have different needs. It creates a community in which different people have different experiences, voices, and talents. As such, we aim to train individuals from around the area that represent this diversity in its full form. From community members in various sectors of the Tri-State to students, faculty, and administrators, our allies represent diversity. And within that diversity, they represent unique strength and powerful voices. Please explore our warriors who have, in a display of visibility, agreed to have their names and email addresses on our site. Just click on the tabs for the different groups we train.



USI faculty member showing a little Safe Zone pride

# Faculty & Staff Allies

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Working on a college campus places us in a unique position to encounter many people from diverse backgrounds. As allies, we sometimes need the help of someone with a different level of experience and expertise. In a show of visibility, our faculty, staff and administrator allies have agreed to have their names and email addresses listed on our site. Check out these amazing warriors. Have you completed one of our Safe Zone trainings? Would you like to add your name to the list? Has your email address changed? Send an email to Dr. Amie McKibban at [armckibban@usi.edu](mailto:armckibban@usi.edu).

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Pat Aakhus, a woman who stole our hearts (1952 - 2012).

