

**PFLAG is creating a caring, just,
and affirming world for LGBTQ+
people and those who love them.**



**P.O. Box 617 Buffalo 14207
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Helpline 716.883.0384**

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WHY WE MEET



We meet because someone close to us has come out as LGBTQ+.

We share our feelings and experiences in a small group setting.

We meet with openness and understanding.

Though we may not always agree, we meet with support and help in mind so that families can remain close.

We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a comfortable level.

We encourage people to attend not just for their benefit but for the benefit of the group.

It is our hope that when people reach understanding and acceptance, they realize that is when they are needed the most.



SHARING MEETING

Sunday, May 18th

1:00-2:00

We will meet virtually.

Please call the Helpline (716.883.0384) for Zoom codes. If you have joined virtually before, the same codes will give access.



Kenilworth United Church of Christ, our longtime meeting space, recently consolidated with another faith group and closed its Tonawanda church site. We are looking for a new in-person home for our meetings. Our thanks to Kenilworth UCC for always being a welcoming and affirming space and having a comfortable place for our attendees to share.

We wish the Kenilworth congregation all the best in their new home.

LAST CALL



Applications for PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara must be received at our P.O. box **BEFORE** May 1st. **DO NOT DELAY!**

Share with high school seniors and have them act **NOW!**

Visit:

<https://www.pflagbuffalo.org/scholarships-and-grants>

We have 4 scholarships available this year thanks to funding from Buffalo Bears!

We know there are many deserving seniors and hope to hear from them **SOON!**

LEADING WITH LOVE

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SCHOOL GRANT USED FOR ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON



Dear PFLAG:

Thank you for all that you have given to the Charter School for Applied Technology's GSA. On March 19 our GSA hosted a Tea Party/BINGO/Drag Show. It was attended by 70 students from our high school and middle school, neighboring schools, their parents, grandparents, and siblings.

With the full support of our building and district level administrators our GSA was allowed to welcome 4 drag kings/queens into our school building enthusiastically to emcee our BINGO and perform for our audience. It was a proud moment for our GSA because it was the largest and most inclusive event we have held in our building.

There are a few reasons I want to share this information with you. First, we are all aware that not every school welcomes our community openly. More exposure given to young people and schools can lead to normalizing acceptance. Secondly, in our current political climate it is important to let children and their families know that there are safe spaces available to celebrate uniqueness, authenticity, and tolerance.



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Thank you for your generous grant that helped make this event possible. You have helped us build an incredible foundation at our school. Without your help our GSA would not be as popular, well attended, and welcoming. Your difference goes beyond the singular events that your support.

You may use the attached photos of our club's amazing young people. They deserve the spotlight and are so capable of leadership.

Thank you for everything in the past, present, and future,

Nate Monaco
Charter High School for Applied Technologies
GSA Advisor



**Student alliance grants of up to \$500.00 are available at www.pflagbuffalo.org.
Requests must be received 30 days prior to scheduled events or use of funds.**



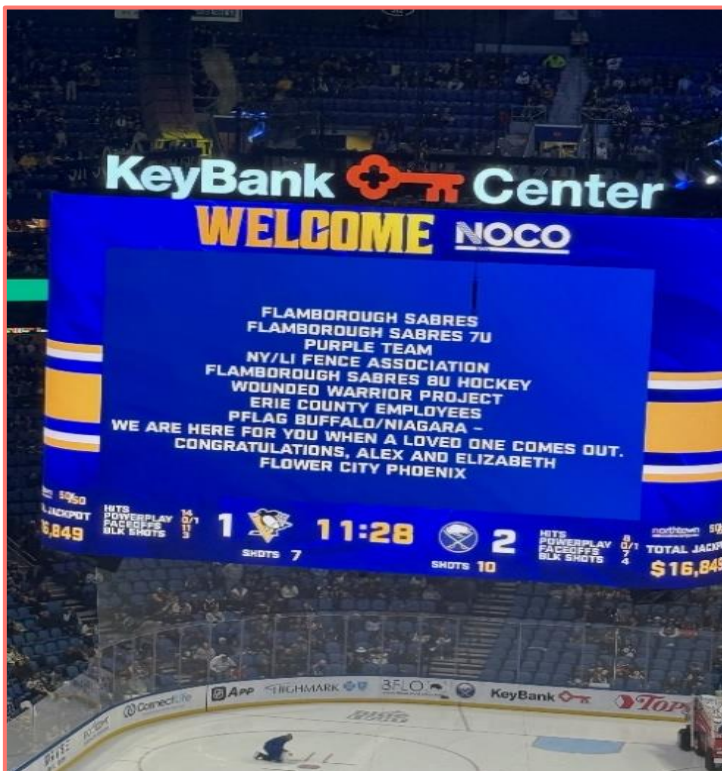
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PRIDE NIGHT AT BUFFALO SABRES GAME



On Thursday, March 27th, PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara participated in the Buffalo Sabres Pride Night event. PFLAG B/N sponsored seats for friends and family members to proudly attend the game against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Pride was everywhere and the Sabres were victorious in a 7-3 rout. Now that is a win-win!



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PRIDE ON ITS WAY



Buffalo's Pride Month and events are coming soon. Follow <https://buffalopride.org/> to learn of the all that is planned for this year. We need to gather more than ever and hope you can join us in these Pride community events for fun and support.

PFLAG will be at the Buffalo Pride Flag raising ceremony at Buffalo City Hall, Niagara Square at noon on Monday, May 27th at noon. Join us there to kick off Buffalo Pride Month. We will have an individual PFLAG flag for you to raise!

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara plans to be part of this year's Buffalo parade on Sunday, June 1st at noon. If you would like to meet with us and be a part of our Pride delegation, let us know via the hotline 716-883-0384 or email info@pflagbuffalo.org.

Other towns and counties are having Pride celebrations as well; please use the links below to find events planned by our friends and partners across Western New York.

<https://www.niagarapride.org/seasonofpride2025>

<https://www.facebook.com/rainbowcollectivewny>

<https://rochester.lgbt/community-calendar/rochester-pride-parade-festival/>

<https://www.ourchautauqua.com/events/jamestown-pride>



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