

STUDENT DIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Social Justice Resources at the Center for Leadership, Equity, and Excellence

The Center, through its social justice resources and first-generation programming, provides leadership, resources, and social justice educational opportunities for personal and systemic transformation. We believe that through these resources we can move our communities beyond awareness to institutional and cultural change.

As part of our ongoing efforts to engage the campus and surrounding community in the fight for equity and justice, we offer a variety of spaces and formats for engagement. Just a few of the past events we have held include:

- Social justice retreats and summits
- Mills LGBTQ2IA Pride
- Experiential workshops
- Healing circles
- Self-care spaces
- Panels with academics, activists, artists, etc.
- Conferences
- Cultural and community celebrations

We are committed to interweaving social justice through all that we do in a manner that is intentional, strategic, and sustainable. The social justice resources and programs are rooted in a strength-based and liberatory framework, which is grounded in intersectionality, practicing wellness, and nurturing affinity, allyship, and solidarity spaces.

Through our department you can get involved with issues such as:

- LGBTQIA rights
- First-generation college resources
- Disability rights
- Environmental justice
- Undocumented student rights
- Issues facing People of Color
- Issues around sizesism and body shaming
- And many more

For more information about the Social Justice Resources, check online (<https://inside.mills.edu/diversity>), like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/theCenteratMills>), or email thecenter@mills.edu.

Solidarity Lounge

The Solidarity Lounge (S-Lounge) is a space created by and for students of color. Used both formally and informally as a gathering space, the S-Lounge is the home-away-from-home for many students. The S-Lounge frequently hosts student group meetings, discussions, films, receptions, and events. A prayer/meditation room is also available in the S-Lounge for use by people of any faith, religious, or spiritual practice, as we see this as an integral part of social justice

work. The S-Lounge also houses computers and is used between meetings as a study space.

The Solidarity Lounge is open daily from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. To suggest S-Lounge programs or ideas, or for more information, check online (<https://inside.mills.edu/diversity>). Allies are also welcome.

The Solidarity Lounge was created after a year of intensive activism and broad-based alliances. It opened in September 2003 as an empowering space for students of color and their allies. Today, it remains a space where different groups and individuals can come together to build community.

For more information about the Solidarity Lounge, email thecenter@mills.edu.

In spring of 2018 the Center opened the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two Spirit Space. This new space is meant to serve as a hub for students to study, hold meetings programs, and events. As our population grows and becomes more diverse, we want to ensure our LGBTQIA2S community has a space to gather and find community.

For more information about the LGBTQIA2S Lounge, email thecenter@mills.edu