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Dear Lafayette Faculty and Staff,

The on-campus organization QuEST (Questioning Established Sexual Taboos) is now in its fourth year of support of and education about sexual minorities at Lafayette. Last year the organization sponsored and co-sponsored many events that encouraged enlightenment and open-mindedness on campus. These events included United Against Hate Week, development of the Safe Zones project, and a poster and mailer statistics campaign. We hope to continue to expand our presence on campus this academic year.

To start the year, QuEST is celebrating National Coming Out Week from Friday, October 11. This event will include posters around campus with statistics concerning the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community, a display in the atrium of the Farinon Center, and a "Wear jeans to support GLBT rights" campaign.

Once again QuEST is requesting the support of the Lafayette faculty and staff. By wearing the attached rainbow "Support Ribbon" on National Coming Out Day, you will assist us by showing your open-mindedness and compassion. We feel that the best way for students to accept and support sexual minorities is to view a good example. Your backing of this week is part of a larger effort to create a supportive atmosphere for all minorities at Lafayette.

Statistically, one in ten Americans is a member of the GLBT community. There are probably several sexual minority students in each classroom at Lafayette. It is especially important to these students to know that it is acceptable to be who they are.

Our deepest thanks to all faculty members and staff who showed their support the last two years by wearing the ribbons and to all those who will support us this year.

Sincerely,  
Alanna Cleary, Member of QuEST

P.S. Don't miss Alix Olson, a slam poet, in the Farinon Snackbar at 9 PM on Thursday, November 14.

