

## **General History of the Group**

QuEST has been an established organization since 1999. It originated as a support group for Gay/Lesbian/Bi-sexual/Transgendered/Questioning (GLBT) people. The organization quickly branched out to include education, support, and social activities for the campus at large.

## **Budget History of the Group**

This is the first year that QuEST spent all of the money allocated to it. The group didn't go over budget and has never gone over budget.

## **Role/Scope**

QuEST is important to the GLBT community on campus. It provides a place for them to get together and talk about issues concerning them. The group is comprised of many straight allies who support the GLBT community and also support Gay Rights. QuEST provides a place for them to express their support and act out.

## **Program Activities**

QuEST provided many programs and services this year. QuEST holds a National Coming Out Day Festival every fall which makes the GLBT community visible on campus, a support group that is run with the help of the counseling center, Judy Shepard the mother of a gay man who was killed just because he was gay came to speak to the campus, her speech was held on Colton Chapel and was attended by at least 400 people. QuEST also participated in United Against Hate Week, ComeUnity Week, Wellness Day, and co-sponsored several events with SSJ, ALF, LINC, and many other organizations. QuEST also does a floor program called Safe Zones for RA's who desire the program to be run.

## **Membership**

Members of QuEST become better educated on GLBT issues and are encouraged to interact with other members through social events, discussions, and lectures, which furthers their social and political awareness. Anyone can be a member of QuEST, we have many faculty and administration that are members of the group.

## **Constitution/Mission Statement**

Our mission is to provide Lafayette students, faculty, and staff with a neutral environment in which to discuss issues concerning sexual orientation; to offer support to anyone struggling with these issues; to help educate members of the Lafayette community and surrounding areas on topics dealing with sexual orientation.

## **Budget Request**

All of QuEST's expenditures are clearly identified below.