As we celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month it is important to first recognize the outstanding contributions that the LGBTQIA+ community has made to the Athletic Training Profession. LGBTQIA+ athletic trainers are not only dedicated healthcare professionals; they are leaders, educators, and mentors of our youth and young professionals. They are lawmakers and activists, our neighbors, our family members, and trailblazers who have advanced athletic training as a healthcare profession. We must ensure that all people have an equitable opportunity to live freely and successfully, and we must demand respect and dignity for all. We can do this by standing in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community and combats all forms of discrimination, heterosexism, cissexism, harassment, intolerance, hate, and violence. Such acts are antithetical to the core values of the CAATE and healthcare in general.

The CAATE recognizes and advocates for the inherent dignity, worth, unique attributes, and human rights of all individuals as a fundamental principle of society. We as a profession, must advocate for human rights and social justice, especially for those whose rights may be more easily violated or not fulfilled. As we examine our institutions, systems, organizations, and hearts, we must address oppression and intolerance in all forms, affecting all people.

The CAATE and the CAATE's new Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Leadership Development Committee is committed to:

1. Developing and managing a board approved and supported diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative with specific goals to enhance diversity of our volunteers at all levels (e.g., board, committees, peer reviewers)

2. Conducting leadership trainin<mark>g on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (e.g., biases, cultu</mark>ral proficiency, LBGTQIA+, etc.) to support and enhance organizational diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

3. Promoting and ensuring that a culturally proficient environment permeates throughout the CAATE and our stakeholder programs.

We are actively seeking individuals interested in contributing to the advancement of education in athletic training by serving on the CAATE Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Leadership Development committee.

Please see below several educational resources that you might find helpful in your journey.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Historical Perspective: https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/

Provider Resources and CE Opportunities-many which are free

The National LGBT Health Education Center https://www.lgbthealtheducation.org

LGBTQ+ Echo https://redcap.uits.iu.edu/surveys/index.php?s=TR4LW4LH4W

Gay and Lesbian Medical Association http://www.glma.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=1025&grandparentID=534&parentID=940

Center for Excellence in Transgender Health https://prevention.ucsf.edu/transhealth

Human Rights Campaign https://www.hrc.org/hei/hei-training-on-the-cal#.VXcWglnBzGc

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention https://afsp.org/lgbtq-suicide-and-suicide-risk