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Campus Pride ranks best colleges for LGBT students

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Campus Pride on Aug. 21 released its 2012 "Top 25 List of LGBT-Friendly Colleges & Universities" in association with Huffington Post.

The list is based on data from the Campus Pride Index, which rates colleges and universities based on LGBT-friendly policies, programs, and practices.

Questionnaire responses from students, faculty and staff are factored into the colleges' one- to five-star ratings.

The list, in alphabetical order, includes:Carleton College; Cornell University; Emory University; Indiana University; Ithaca College; Oberlin College; Portland State University; Stanford University; The Ohio State University; The Pennsylvania State University; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Riverside; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Chicago; University of Illinois at Chicago; University of Maryland, College Park; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; University of Michigan; University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; University of Oregon; University of Pennsylvania; University of Utah; University of Vermont; and University of Washington.

"Praise and accolades are deserved for these 'Top 25' colleges and universities. Each has demonstrated in policy, program and practice inclusion and safety for LGBT and ally student populations," said Campus Pride executive director Shane Windmeyer. "It is also important to recognize the 300 plus additional colleges that have 'come out' as LGBT-friendly on the Campus Pride Index, regardless of their star-rating. Every student deserves to feel safe on campus, and all of these colleges are committed to creating a more LGBT-friendly campus."

The Campus Pride Index lists nearly 350 publicly available campus climate reports online at www.campusprideindex.org.

In addition to the partnership with Huffington Post for the "Top 25 LGBT-friendly List," Campus Pride recently partnered with The Advocate to release the first list of the "Top 10 List of Trans-Friendly Colleges and Universities."