# SAGE hosts Transgender Visibility Day brunch

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Transgender Day of Visibility is a day to shine light on those who represent the 'T' in the LGBTQ+ community. To celebrate the national occasion, the Sexuality and Gender Equality Center, also known as the SAGE Center, hosted a brunch on March 31.

The SAGE Center's Graduate Intern, Serginho Walker, said he admired how supportive the environment was.

"Being able to show up in a space and be a representative of that, it allows more students that occupy other identities also feel like they're included and like they have a voice and that they're being seen," Walker said.

Walker identifies as nonbinary and goes by he/him pronouns.

"Some days I may feel more masculine and more of a male, but other days I may feel more female and wear makeup," Walker said. "I express myself in a way that makes me happy."

While Walker said he has been supported as nonbinary on campus, other situations outside of the university have not always been so kind.

"It's been difficult, especially in the workplace," Walker said. "I was asked to leave my place for employment because of how I showed up, was compared to that of a typical cisgender male and really was humiliated."

Communication and history major Jace Flanagan-Bonilla, a freshman, said he feels unsupported outside of the university as a transgender man.

"Everything going on in politics is terrifying for me," Flanagan-Bonilla said. "I was in the middle of changing my gender marker when Social Security said they are not accepting that anymore."

Flanagan-Bonilla knew since he was 5-years-old that he was a boy. He would wear more masculine clothing and express himself in a way that truly reflects how he feels.

"I always grew up different, like before I even came out, I was sort of like a tomboy," Flanagan-Bonilla said. "I feel like this event is very beneficial for the people in the transgender community."

Another student who resides in the LGBTQ+ community who attended the brunch was psychology major Patrick Burden, a senior. Trans acceptance is very important to Burden.

"That voice needs to be amplified because we're here, we've been here, we're always going to be here," Burden said. "I go by all pronouns: he, him, she, her, they and them."

There were not just LGBTQ+ students that attended the Transgender Day of Visibility brunch. Allies showed their support of the community too.

Psychology major Thomas Robertson, a senior, said he attended the brunch to encourage his friend Burden to be whoever they want to be.



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**A student grabbing a pastry at the Transgender Day of Visibility brunch in the Adanti Student Center.**

"The point of me coming to events like this is so I can consolidate who's a safe person for my friends and know who would accept them," Robertson said. "That's something important to me."

Robertson also said he was shocked to realize how awful others can treat those in the LGBTQ+ community.

"I guess I was just raised right, but I thought that everyone should accepted as they are," Robertson said. "We should be judging people by their character, not by how they choose to identify."

# Ultimate Frisbee team hosts bake sale in Engleman Hall

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The sweet smell of home-made goodies filled Engleman Hall as the ultimate frisbee team hosted a bake sale on April 3.

The team's captain, physical education major Zach Chittenden, a junior, said the proceeds of the bake sale would go towards paying for new equipment and tournament expenses.

"If we have tournaments out of state, we are going to need funds for staying in a hotel," Chittenden said. "Even if the tournament is in the state, we still have to pay a fee to enter."

Chittenden described ultimate frisbee as a mix of football and soccer. He said players need to pass the frisbee to each other when running to make a goal on the field.

"It's a great way to stay active," Chittenden said. "There are a lot of people on our team that never played before college and we get to teach them the ways of the game."

Chittenden has been playing ultimate frisbee for seven years now and this is his first season being captain of the team at the university.

"I love being able to share my knowledge of the game and spread the sport around campus," Chittenden said.

One member of the team who was taught by Chittenden was environmental systems and sustainability major Emma Josmith, a sophomore. She has been on the team for only one semester.

"I was always nervous to do sports and I never did them in high school," Josmith said. "It's nice to get out of my comfort zone and having the team help me."

Josmith baked two different types of cookies for the bake sale: pineapple pistachio and chocolate walnut. Other team members provided home-made cakes, chocolate covered strawberries, cupcakes and more.

"I haven't been playing super long, but the team's funding is important to me," Josmith said. "I can improve my skills with the equipment we can buy from the sale."

Exercise science major Will Chiero, a senior, is another member of the ultimate frisbee team who helped to host the bake sale. He said that he has been playing for four years at the university.

"Being on the team benefits me because I have an outlet of people that I know I can be myself around," Chiero said. "It's a lot of fun having a second family here on campus."

The team practices on Mondays and Wednesdays behind the football field at the James Moore Field House. Chiero said they try to enter at least two tournaments every semester.

"It's hard to do more without funding and that's why we're here doing this fundraiser," Chiero said. "Hopefully we can make enough to enter another tournament."

Chiero said the team did not think of an end goal for proceeds from their bake sale.

"We will be happy with whatever we make, anything can help us," Chiero said.

Biology major Beatrice Dessejour, a senior, stopped by the tabling event to grab a sweet treat in between classes. She said the goodies looked delicious.

"I think it's important for us to support each other on campus and I'm glad I got to help out the team," Dessejour said.

# Owls Decide: What is your favorite study snack?

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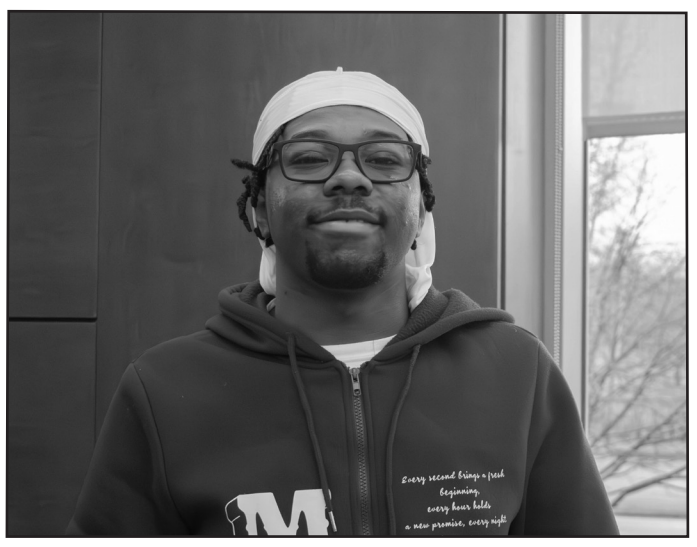
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**"Trolli Gummy Worms because they make me feel energized."**
**-Studio art major Raiden Coupe, a senior**

**"Any type of chocolate because it gives me that sweet energy."**
**-Nursing major Masreen Ahmed, a sophomore**

**"If I really need to lock into my work, I'll make some ramen."**
**-Psychology major Cole Frawley, a sophomore**









**"Sour gummy worms and salt-and-pepper chips because it gives me something to focus on."**
**-Earth science major Reilly Greene, a freshman**

**"Cheez-Its because it's a nice way to lock-in."**
**-Computer science major Jayden Turner, a junior**

**"Jalapeno chips because I like spicy stuff and it helps me focus on my work."**
**-Nursing major Kaede Deitz, a freshman**