

What is a Living-Learning Community?

- Living-learning communities offer students with similar interests, majors, or lifestyles, the opportunity to live together in the same residence hall.

The Cornerstones of Rivera House are:

- Developing a safe and supportive environment for all people at SUNY New Paltz.
- Improving the campus climate around LGBTQA+ concerns and for the LGBTQA+ community.
- Addressing issues of equity and social justice from an intersectional perspective.

Where Will You Live?

- Students participating in the program will be housed in Lenape Hall.
- All Lenape Hall rooms are designed triples. They consist of a large L-shaped room with a bathroom shared by the three students living in the room.

Who is Eligible?

- First year students and current students still living on campus. (note: if you have moved off campus, you are not eligible to return).
- Identify as LGBTQA+ or Ally.



Rivera House

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About Rivera House

The LGBTQA+ Living-Learning Community at SUNY New Paltz is named after Puerto Rican and Venezuelan-American transgender activist Sylvia Rae Rivera (b 1951- d 2002). Rivera, NYC born and raised, was a devoted social justice activist and fierce advocate for LGBTQ youth of color. Rivera's activism in relation to homelessness and poverty, racism, transphobia and heterosexist discrimination was extensive. She was involved in a variety of grassroots organizations and movements including the Puerto Rican Young Lords and the Black Panthers. She was also a founding member of the Gay Liberation Front, the Gay Activists Alliance, and co-founder of STAR (the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries).

Rivera was committed to changing conditions and the quality of life for those who, like her, were on the margins of not only mainstream society but also the mainstream LGBT rights movement. Taking our cue from Rivera—an inspirational revolutionary figure from right here in New York—residents of the Rivera House are committed to an intersectional social justice approach to learning and living.



What are the Benefits of our Living-Learning Community?

- Be a part of an active network of change agents working on anti-racist, feminist, and queer projects on campus and in the community.
- Have access to community events, a speaker series, and entertainment programs geared toward LGBTQA+ individuals and their allies.
- Participate in an LGBTQA+ peer mentorship program and develop strategies to improve lifelong social and physical health.
- Be part of a support network of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

How to Apply:

Contact the Department of Residence Life for an application.

www.newpaltz.edu/reslife/housing.html

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