Respect Existence or Expect Resistance: Fundraising for Trans Law Center

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As Officers of Fusion: Queer Student Union we held a benefit dinner to raise funds for the transgender law center and express our disagreement as a community with the Trump administration’s intention to erase trans identity. As a result we raised $570 for the center.

**How we were impacted**

This event allowed us to feel proud of a tangible piece of action that fostered community. We learned that what is most valuable is creating a space for passionate people to come together and connect. By making this space, we created something significant that the community responded to without much need for prompting. This has been a foundational part of what is important to us: Communal advocacy.

We were able to connect to other students, faculty, and staff and learned more about how to hold real conversations. This allowed us to get to know each other and we learned about our passion for advocacy and how that is shared amongst community members.

**Our flier from the event**

Respect Existence or Expect Resistance: A Night of Trans Support
Enjoy a pasta buffet and activities!

Thursday, December 6
5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Jonasson Hall
$5.00 per plate
All proceeds benefit the Transgender Law Center
Sponsored by Fusion and SAGE

**WE LEARNED**

- How to take a stand on an important issue
  - To spread our values of inclusivity and human rights
  - The importance of celebration of diverse gender identities
  - How to encourage active allyship in the Linfield community
  - How to support a cause that promotes justice and equality
- How to talk about issues that are important to us and connect them to the Linfield community

We are proud that we donated time, attention, passion, and voices to an important cause. We grew from the conversations we had, which were spontaneous and fulfilling for both us and the community. We now have connections to Linfield community members that hadn’t previously existed.