



Rainbow Group
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We wanted to give a big thank you to those who were able to join us at Apex in celebrating Pauline's 20th anniversary with MASS and the creation of the Rainbow Group. We had a great time with games and cake, and hope to have 20 more years of advocacy with Pauline!



We were also approached by the [Autistic Self-Advocacy Network](#) (ASAN), because they learned of Pauline's advocacy work, and wanted to offer her the Creating Community Together Award. It was an online presentation, so I recommend watching the whole video to learn about what other organizations are doing for the I/DD and autism communities! You can view the video here:

2024 ASAN Gala Awards Ceremony



On November 7th, Pauline presented at Boston University and made quite an impact on the class! They left some kind messages below:

Thank you for taking the time to come talk to our class. You have a lot of knowledge that helps open people up to new perspectives. It was very eye opening.

Thank you,
Paige

Thank you for coming in and speaking to our class. I cannot speak for everyone but I know I learned a lot ! Thank you for your time

Sincerely ,
Nyssa

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to come speak to our class, your lecture was really informative and really made me think about issues I didn't even know existed previously. It was great to gain exposure and have this newfound awareness

Thank you so much for coming in and sharing your experiences with us!

Hey Pauline, I wanted to say thank you so much for coming into the class and enlightening us on your journey of intersectionality between intellectual disabilities and sexuality!

Take care!
Jonas Dorsett

Thank you for the wonderful lecture about supporting LGBTQ+ people with I/DD. I learned a lot and loved hearing about your 20+ years of advocacy!

Thank you so much for sharing today! While the election result may be disappointing, I'm truly heartened to hear that you are still committed to fighting for LGBTQ+ rights.

Hi Pauline! I wanted to thank you for coming to speak to our class. Especially after this week, it is more important than ever that we have strong, unafraid people who live in their truth regardless of how the world feels about LGBTQ+ people and people with IDDs. As an LGBTQ+ person who was affected by the election this week, having the space in class on Thursday to celebrate our identities and recognize community was very meaningful.

Thank you again!

Katrina

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 **We are skipping the Rainbow Group for December, so please join us for the next meeting on January 28th, 2024 - 5:30pm-7pm**

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