Affinity Spaces at SSA

Q. What is an affinity space at SSA?

A. We hold affinity spaces for students who share marginalized or minoritized identities to share space with each other.

Q. Why do we hold affinity spaces?

A. As a Private White Institution we recognize that there are many students with identities that may lead them to not feel comfortable in this space. Though we think it is a community effort, we want to do our part in enabling students to find sources of support with their peers.

Q. When do we hold affinity spaces?

A. We have held some affinity spaces throughout the year in collaboration with students. We will begin to hold a greater variety of affinity spaces in the Spring Quarter. Please look at the MySSA schedule or DOS Digest for updates.

Q. What is the structure of the affinity spaces?

A. We have some students who have offered to be points of contact to lead a specific affinity space and some spaces that students have expressed interest in, however no point of contact. For the spaces that students are taking a lead on, we schedule the spaces based on their availability. For the spaces that don’t have a student lead we are creating days and times and will adjust based on feedback from the participants. We will schedule spaces during either break times, evenings, or Saturdays.

Q. What spaces have been requested so far? Note: an asterisk is by in spaces that have a student point of contact.

- Queer Students
- Trans and GNC Students
- QTPOC Students
- Asian/Asian American Students
- Black/African American Students
- Latinx Students
- Women of Color
- Students of Color in General
- Multiracial Students
- 1st Generation Students
- International Students
- Mental Health
- Disability
- Spirituality*
- Muslim Students/Islam
- Christian Students
- Interfaith

Q. What if I want to lead a space I see above or lead one I don’t see?

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