

2026 Accomplishments & Projects

National Student Council

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**The work of talented young
activists across the U.S.**

We are excited to share the final
and continuing projects by the
members of the 2025-2026
Glisten National Student Council.

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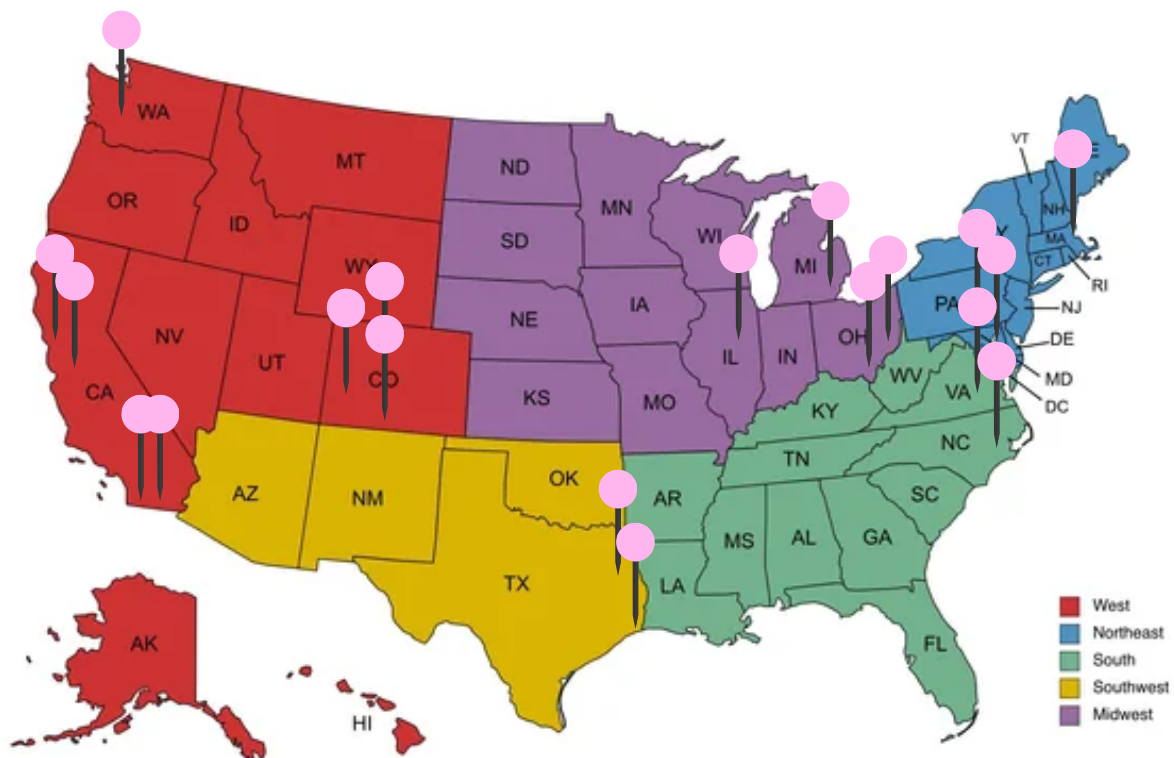
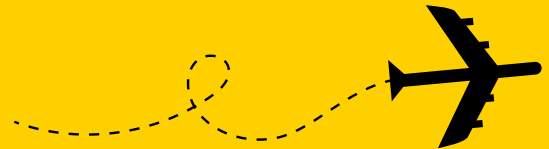


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NSC ACROSS THE COUNTRY

National Student Council aims to select students from cities across the entire U.S. in order to represent the needs of multiple communities. NSC members are passionate about advocacy work that benefits their local areas, as well as projects that better the school lives of intersectional LGBTQ+ youth nationally. In this cohort, members represented 13 states and covered every region of the continental United States.



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ABOUT THE NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL (NSC)

The NSC is a dynamic and empowering youth leadership and engagement program for high school students, proudly sponsored by Glisten, a leading organization advocating for LGBTQ+ rights and inclusivity in schools.

The NSC is a platform for LGBTQ+ youth to cultivate their leadership potential, amplify their voices, and actively contribute to creating more inclusive and equitable environments for all students. The NSC plays a pivotal role in providing feedback on Glisten's processes, programs, resources, and overall strategy. As youth representatives, they offer their unique perspectives and insights, ensuring that Glisten's initiatives remain relevant and impactful. NSC members are passionate about social justice and actively seek to deepen their knowledge and practice around racial justice, gender justice, and disability justice.

DISCLAIMER ABOUT THE WORK

Content created below and linked resources were created by NSC Students during the 2025-2026 program year. Because of the rapid shifts that occur within movement spaces and our current political climate, we suggest a quick fact check before using to ensure materials are most up to date with the current moment.

Queer Youth Anthology

A collection of prose and poetry collected from LGBTQ+ students.

[Read the anthology here.](#)

Stark County Queer Youth Art Gallery

Associated with their local Pride, one student shares how and why they created their community's first queer youth art gallery.

[Learn more about this project here.](#)

Queer-Focused Theater GSA Discussion Guide

A lesson about queer life in rural communities presented through the shows *Almost, Maine* and *The Prom*.

[View this free curriculum here.](#)

Queer History Lesson Plan

Learn about key executive orders, the Stonewall riots, and the creation of the rainbow flag.

[View the lesson plans here.](#)

The Politics of Social Movements Curriculum Guide

Learn about the history of the LGBTQ+ social movement in the U.S. along with the importance and impact of policymaking.

[Read the ongoing curriculum here.](#)

Always Here and Always Queer

a database of educational resources about LGBTQ+ individuals throughout history in different fields.

[Begin your journey of queer historical discovery here.](#)

Know Who You're Voting For

Learn more about political candidates all in one place.

[Peruse the educational website here.](#)

Student Letter Writing Template to School Board and Admin

Inform school administration and other officials of repeated instances of deadnaming and misgendering students by using this template.

[Start writing your letter today with the template linked here.](#)

[Download this promotional poster to encourage other students to fill out more letters.](#)

Inclusion Policies for Safe Learning Environments

A comprehensive guide for substitute teachers on how to build spaces of inclusion and effective learning.

[Read the guide here.](#)

Understanding Divisive Speakers

Participate in an ongoing research project surrounding divisive speaker rhetoric.

[Learn more here.](#)

Civics Lantern

A nonpartisan civic platform that brings voter guidance, civic education, candidate research, and participation tools together in one place.

Start exploring [here.](#)

Identity Definitions Zine

Dive deeper into exploration of common terms and identities.

[Read the zine here.](#)

Gender Theory 101

Learn about gender theory, an interdisciplinary academic framework that seeks to understand how society conceptualizes and constructs ideas about gender and sexuality.

[Begin an introduction to this academic theory here.](#)

Maryland Trans Youth Support Group

Calling all Baltimore, MD trans youth-- a new support group will launch in your area in fall 2026.

[Read further details about the program here.](#)

THE IMPACT OF DISABILITY ON QUEERNESS

Read original research on the intersection of disability and LGBTQ+ identity.

[Read the research here.](#)

REUNITING TEXAS GSA GROUPS

A response to their state's Senate Bill 12, this student worked to reunite clubs that uplift conversations on student gender and sexuality.

[Read the research here.](#)

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