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LBTQ Women’s Group It Gets Better Seeking Interviews

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We would like to invite you to help us identify members of the URI LBTIQQ community and their allies who would like to provide hope and support to others by being a part of URI's own *It Gets Better* video.

The *It Gets Better* Campaign emerged in response to the rash of suicides by gay, lesbian, and transgender youth in the Fall of 2010. The campaign is a nationally recognized video production designed to provide hope to youth struggling with their sexuality or gender identity by sending the message that life can get better.

We are a group of undergraduate and graduate women who have been meeting at the Women's Center for the past year to discuss LGBT issues. Our goal for the *It Gets Better* video is to allow students to identify supportive faculty, staff, alumni, and graduate students on campus, establish a welcoming and safe campus environment, and raise awareness so that students feel they are not alone.

In order to make this video a success, we need faculty, staff, students, graduate students and alumni who are willing to share their positive, and inspirational stories. If you are an ally, you can encourage a more accepting and inclusive campus environment by sharing how you came to be a supporter of the LBTIQQ community. If you identify as LBTIQQ, you can share your story to empower other members of the URI community to feel more comfortable expressing themselves. Overall, your participation in the URI *It Gets Better* video will help demonstrate the prevalence of LBTIQQ people allies on campus and help bring together the URI community. Most importantly, by working together we will facilitate a positive outlook for the future of LBTIQQ individuals on this campus.

Don’t let this opportunity to be an inspirational role model pass you by! We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

The URI Women's LBTQ Group

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*Video taping of 2-5 minutes segments will take place the weeks of May 2nd and May 9th.*  
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