



JUNE NEWSLETTER

The Women's Health Advocacy Club aims to raise awareness and break the stigma surrounding health issues faced by individuals who are female-identifying.

**INTERESTED IN WOMEN'S
HEALTH ADVOCACY?**

Stay tuned to learn about
how to get involved!

WHAT IS QWHA?

Women's health is a sector that greatly suffers from social, cultural, and religious influences, preventing female-identifying individuals around the world from seeking the support that they need. From taboos around menstruation leading to women without access to hygiene products, the prevention of health education to teach young minds about venereal diseases (i.e. HIV, STIs) to the lack of health services for trans women as well as women with disabilities shows how the stigma severely affects the role of women in society. Thus, the Women's Health Advocacy Club was born.

It was founded by five BIPOC women to raise awareness and break the stigma surrounding health issues faced by female-identifying individuals of all ages domestically and globally. We particularly focus on women's reproductive and mental health, as these sectors have been historically vulnerable to stigmatization.

Through our initiatives, we hope to normalize discussion about women's health and provide a safe space to support each other in the movement to erase gender-specific discrimination.

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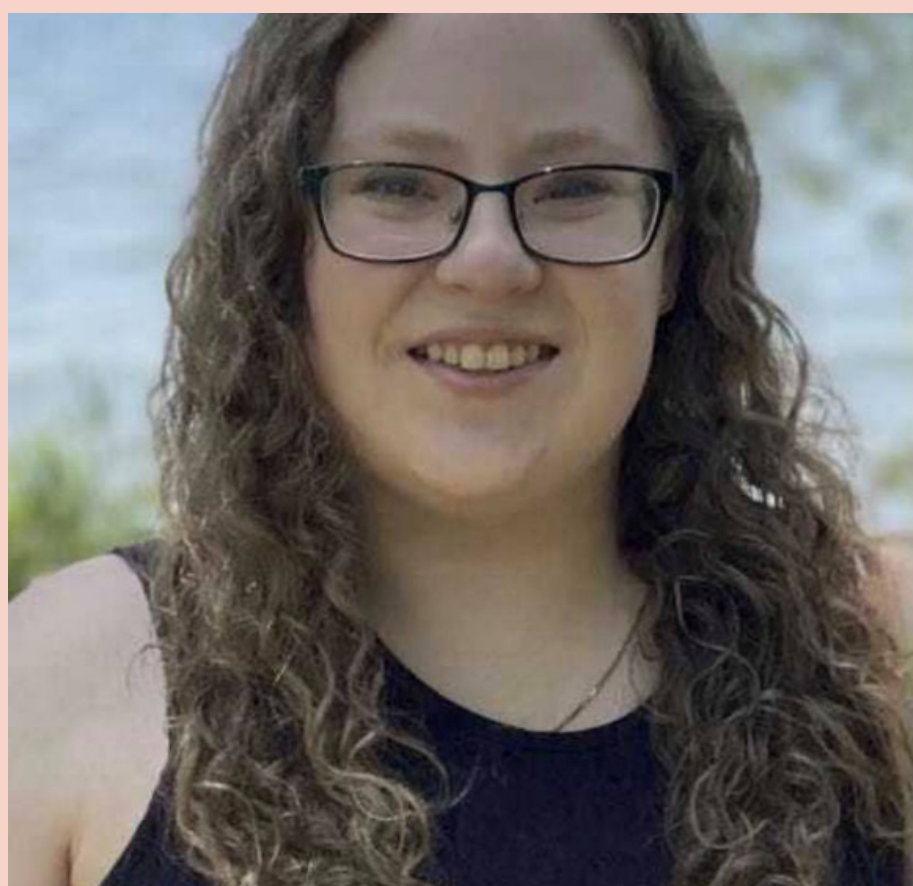
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THIS MONTH QWHA
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*Pride
Month*

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*National
Indigenous
Month*

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES FOR PRIDE MONTH



Josephine Baker

- Baker was an entertainer, performer, and LGBTQ activist.
- Baker was one of the first African-American women, within entertainment, who became controversial after publicly announcing her sexuality.
- Despite the numerous hardships, Baker was awarded her own show and later a channel to share her experience and journey.



Dr. Makokis

- Dr. Makokis is a Cree and Two-spirited family physician from Saddle Lake First Nation in Alberta.
- Dr. Makokis leads one of North America's most progressive and successful transgender-focused medical practices wherein he specializes in transphobia and homophobia, both of which are colonial social constructs.
- Dr. Makokis has helped thousands of indigenous and LGBTQ2+ patients by providing quality care.

SIGNIFICANT FEMALE FIGURES FOR INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

Dr. Castleden



- Former Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Queen's University.
- Dr. Castleden's research focuses on mending the damage of climate change and reducing the negative impact of human contributions to the environment.
- Dr. Castleden's research involves regular interactions with Indigenous knowledge-holders to better understand environmental issues.

Cortney Clark



- Cortney is the Queen's Indigenous Access and Recruitment Coordinator for the FHS.
- As a Mohawk woman and member of the Bear Clan of the Wahta Mohawk Territory, Cortney understands and hopes to minimize the obstacles Indigenous people in Canada face regarding education.
- Cortney has traveled to over 55 different Indigenous communities to build connections and connect indigenous youth with sustainable educational resources.

SOME INTERESTING READS

check them out below!

Assessment of health conditions and health service use among transgender patients in Canada (2020)

A systematic review and thematic synthesis of Canada's LGBTQ2S+ employment, labour market and earnings literature (2019)

Extraordinary acts to “show up”: Conceptualizing resilience of LGBTQ youth (2019)

Much to be desired: LGBT health inequalities and inequities in Canada (2015)

Social status, opportunity and repeat victimization: The unequal distribution of safety (2014)

The opportunity of social ecological resilience in the promotion of youth health and wellbeing: A narrative review (2021)



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