



RUSGA News, November 2022

Hello!

My name is Madelaine and I am the elected Student Body President for the academic 2022/23 year. Below, I have included some RUSGA updates and statements from your representatives, so be sure to check them out!

### ***RUSGA Statement for Queer Solidarity***

The Regis University Student Government Association does not stand for hateful or discriminatory thoughts, behaviors, or groups that seek to harm the human dignity of any particular group. No group, ideology, or practice has superiority over the undeniable right and existence of an individual's value and identity. All students, including Transgender and LGBTQIA+ students are worthy and deserving of a Jesuit education. In light of recent events, RUSGA affirms the Regis University queer community and beyond, and is committed to upholding the Jesuit values of: "Cura Personalis", "Men and Women For and With Others", and "Unity of Heart and Mind". What Regis needs to do now, is take a stand for basic human rights. We all have a personal responsibility to be inclusive, thoughtful, and in community with diverse and intersecting groups, and in this specific moment, our queer peers. Therefore, RUSGA is calling on all Regis members to provide grace and acceptance of our most marginalized communities. What that can manifest as, is: valuing and creating safe and inviting spaces for these students, being respectful of pronouns and diverse backgrounds, holding accountability in the face of injustice and discrimination, and standing for values of human worth. Student voices matter, and there are ways to make our voices heard. If you would like to personally get involved in service and advocacy work within the Denver community, please reach out to Madelaine Johnson at [rusgaprs@regis.edu](mailto:rusgaprs@regis.edu).

Additionally, the RUSGA Mission Statement is as follows: The Regis University Student Government Association seeks to represent, empower, and advocate for the diverse needs of all students and community members by promoting inclusion, student leadership, transparency and well-being. By ensuring equal access to students, RUSGA strives to build a successful and involved student body that is on the forefront of social justice and dialogue. Through collaborative action, our organization is dedicated towards the fulfillment of the University policy and intersectionality of student experiences, providing rewarding pursuits in community strength.

### ***Helpful Links***

\*\*\*Would you put the links for the student summit survey questions and answer page here please?

### ***Upcoming Events***

We hope that students, staff, and faculty can join us for these upcoming events!

November 15th from 4pm-5:15pm is the Queer Solidarity March

November 16th from 5:15pm is the Christmas tree lighting ceremony

November 17th from 4pm-5pm is the First Generation campus tree remembrance program

November 17th from 4:30pm-6pm is the RUSGA Town Hall meeting with the office of Title IX and Code of Conduct.

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We encourage you to reach out and we want you to know your voice does matter and we, as your student government, are working to make your Regis experience not only fun, but successful! Your student government has an open door policy and we want you to reach out with your ideas and concerns. We are excited to have you all get involved this semester and build a stronger Regis community.

With gratitude,

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