This list provides a brief overview of notable and influential lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender artists, activists, politicians or celebrities. Each page has a picture of the person with a short description attached.

Here are ways to consider using this list or individual profiles:

✓ Print all or selected pages and use them in a bulletin board, exhibit or hallways displays that highlight:
  - National Latina/o History Month (Sept 15th – Oct 15th)
  - National LGBTQ History Month (October)
  - National African-American History Month (February)
  - National Women’s History Month (March)
  - SFUSD LGBTQ Pride Month (April)
  - National Asian Pacific History Month (May)

✓ Use to education on historical or significant figures in social studies, ethnic studies, language arts classes, or student clubs (e.g., GSA, BSU etc.)

Sample Activity:
  - Print pages on which you would like to focus
  - Have students sit in small groups
  - Distribute several pages to students in groups
  - Have students report back to the class on the facts of the persons.
  - Use as starting point for further research or activities

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Resources: Transgender 100 List: [http://thetrans100.com/](http://thetrans100.com/)
            LGBTHistory Month: [http://www.lgbthistorymonth.com](http://www.lgbthistorymonth.com)
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AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) is an international direct action advocacy group working to improve the lives of people with AIDS and the AIDS pandemic to bring about policies, medical research and treatment to bring an end to the disease by mitigating loss of health and lives.

Since its formation in March 1987 at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York City, ACT UP grew into having thousands of members in more than 70 chapters in the U.S. and worldwide. ACT UP's non-violent direct action, often using vocal demonstrations and dramatic acts of civil disobedience, focuses attention on the crucial issues of the AIDS crisis. The history and successes of ACT UP were the subject of a recent documentary, *How to Survive a Plague*. 
Paula Gunn Allen (October 24, 1939 - May 29, 2008) was a Native American poet, literary critic, lesbian activist, and novelist. Born Paula Marie Francis in Albuquerque, Allen grew up in Cubero, New Mexico, a Spanish-Mexican land grant village bordering the Laguna Pueblo reservation. Of mixed Laguna, Sioux, Scottish, and Lebanese-American descent, Allen always identified most closely with the people among whom she spent her childhood and upbringing.
Kyler Kelcian "Kye" Allums (born October 23, 1989) is a former college basketball player at George Washington University (GWU) and a transgender man. He is now a transgender advocate, public speaker, and mentor to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. In 2010, Allums became the first openly transgender NCAA Division 1 college athlete.

Kye graduated from Centennial High School in Circle Pines, Minnesota. He played three seasons as a guard at GWU. In May 2011, it was reported that Allums decided to leave the GWU basketball team.
John Amaechi

John Ekwugha Amaechi (born November 26, 1970) is a retired American-born British NBA basketball player who currently works as a psychologist, educator and political activist in Europe and the United States. In February 2007, after his retirement from the NBA, Amaechi became the first openly gay NBA player after coming out in his memoir, *Man in the Middle*. 
Tom Ammiano (born December 15, 1941) is an American politician and LGBT rights activist from San Francisco, California. He is a Democrat who has served as a member of the California State Assembly since 2008. He had previously been a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and a former SFUSD school teacher. In 1975, he became the first public school teacher in San Francisco to make his sexual orientation as a gay man a matter of public knowledge. He worked with Harvey Milk against the Briggs Initiative (California Prop 6) that aimed to ban all gay people from teaching in California. They were successful in defeating the initiative in 1978.
Gloria E. Anzaldúa

Gloria Evangelina Anzaldúa (September 26, 1942 – May 15, 2004) was a Chicana lesbian scholar of Chicana cultural theory, feminist theory, and queer theory. She loosely based her best-known book, *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza*, on her life growing up on the Mexican-Texas border and incorporated her lifelong feelings of social and cultural marginalization into her work.

Her book, scholarship and writing continue to be used in many high school and college ethnic, LGBT, and Chicana/o studies classes.
Billie Joe Armstrong (born February 17, 1972) is an American rock musician and occasional actor, best-known as the lead vocalist, main songwriter and lead guitarist for the American punk rock band Green Day. Armstrong has identified himself as bisexual, saying in a 1995 interview:

"I think I've always been bisexual. I mean, it's something that I've always been interested in. I think people are born bisexual, and it's just that our parents and society kind of veer us off into this feeling of 'Oh, I can't.' They say it's taboo. It's ingrained in our heads that it's bad, when it's not bad at all. It's a very beautiful thing."
Amelio Robles Ávila

Amelio Robles (November 3, 1889 - December 9, 1984) was a transgender masculine officer in the Mexican Revolution. He joined the Emiliano Zapata’s army in 1912 and served as an officer. In 1970 he was awarded the medal as a veteran of the Mexican Revolution and Honorary Legionnaire of the Mexican Army. In 1973 he received the Merit award revolutionary. He has had several songs written about him and there is a museum with pictures and information about him in Guerrero, Casa Museo Amelia La Güera Robles.
Josephine Baker (June 3, 1906 – April 12, 1975) was an American-born dancer, singer, and actress who came to be known in various circles as the "Black Pearl," "Bronze Venus" and even the "Creole Goddess". She was fluent in both English and French.

Baker was the first African-American woman to star in a major motion picture, Zouzou (1934) and a world-famous entertainer. Baker is known for her contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. She was offered unofficial leadership in the movement in the United States by Coretta Scott King in 1968, following Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination. Baker, however, turned down the offer. She was also known for assisting the French Resistance during World War II. Baker was a known bisexual, and had men and women as lovers.
James Arthur Baldwin (August 2, 1924 – December 1, 1987) was an American novelist, writer, playwright, poet, essayist and civil rights activist.

Most of Baldwin's work deals with racial and sexual issues in the mid-20th century in the United States. His novels are notable for the personal way in which they explore questions of identity as well as the way in which they mine complex social and psychological pressures related to being black and gay well before the social, cultural or political equality of these groups was improved.
Chaz Bono (born Chastity Sun Bono; March 4, 1969) is an American transgender man, advocate, writer, and musician. He is the only child of famous American entertainers Sonny and Cher.
Glenn Lawrence Burke (November 16, 1952 (Oakland, California) - May 30, 1995 (San Leandro, California) was a Major League Baseball player for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland Athletics from 1976 to 1979. Burke was the first, and as of 2013, the only MLB player known to have come out as gay to teammates and team owners during his professional career and the first to publicly acknowledge it.
Carmen Carrera (born April 13, 1985) is an American transgender woman, model, showgirl, and reality television personality. She first gained fame as a contestant on the third season of _RuPaul’s Drag Race_, a competition reality show. She began transitioning after filming and revealed her transgender identity on television. Carmen has gone on to perform across the country. She is an Elite model, and continues to make appearances to promote Transgender equality, and HIV/AIDS awareness. She is of Puerto Rican-Peruvian ancestry.
Margaret Cho (born December 5, 1968) is an Asian American comedian, fashion designer, actress, author, and recording artist. Cho is best known for her stand-up routines, through which she critiques social and political problems, especially those pertaining to race, sexuality, and sex. She has also directed and appeared in music videos and has her own clothing line. She identifies as bisexual, and has frequently supported LGBT rights and has won awards for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of women, the transgender community, Asians, and the LGBT community.
Daniel "Dan" Choi (born 1981) is a former American infantry officer in the United States Army who served in combat in the Iraq war during 2006-2007. He became an LGBT rights activist following his coming out as gay on The Rachel Maddow Show in March 2009 and publicly challenged America's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, which forbid lesbian, bisexual and gay (LBG) service members from serving openly. Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell policy was overturned in 2011.
George Choy (1960-1993) was a gay activist born in San Francisco and attended Mission High, then San Jose State University. He was a board member of Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA), a member of ACT UP and an activist for AIDS awareness. One of George’s lasting legacies was persuading the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution for Project 10, the counseling program for LGBT teens in public high schools.
Christopher Paul "Chris" Colfer (born May 27, 1990) is a gay American actor, singer, author and producer best known for his portrayal of Kurt Hummel on the television series *Glee*. He has been the recipient of Best Supporting Actor in a Series, Miniseries or Television Film at the 2011 Golden Globe Awards and two People’s Choice Awards. In April 2011, Colfer was named one of the 2011 Time 100, Time's list of the 100 most influential people. He is also a New York Times number-one bestselling author of *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*, the first novel in his middle-grade reader trilogy.
Jason Collins

Jason Paul Collins (born December 2, 1978) is an American professional basketball center for the Brooklyn Nets of the National Basketball Association (NBA). Collins attended Stanford University, where he was an All-American in 2000–01. He was selected in the first round with the 18th overall pick in the 2001 NBA Draft.

After the 2012–13 NBA season concluded, Collins publicly came out as gay. He became a free agent and did not play again until February 23, 2014, when he signed with the Nets and became the first publicly gay athlete to play in any of four major North American pro sports leagues.
The Compton's Cafeteria Riot occurred in August 1966 in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco. This incident was one of the first recorded transgender riots in US history, preceding the more famous 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City.

The riot marked a turning point in the San Francisco LGBT movement. In the 1960’s the Compton’s Cafeteria staff called police to crack down on transgender individuals frequenting the restaurant. In the 50's and 60's police officers were known to mistreat transgender people. In response, the transgender community launched a picket of Compton’s Cafeteria. It was one of the first demonstrations against transgender violence in San Francisco. Soon Tenderloin street people and other members of the LGBT community joined the picket.
Anderson Cooper (born June 3, 1967) is an American gay journalist, author, and television personality. He is the primary anchor of the CNN news show *Anderson Cooper 360°*. 
Laverne Cox is an actress, producer and transgender advocate. She is the first African American transgender woman to produce and star in her own television show, VH1’s critically acclaimed TRANSForm Me. Laverne is costars in the popular Netflix original series Orange is the New Black. Laverne is committed to telling diverse transgender stories in the media. She is also a regular contributor to the Huffington Post and is the first transgender woman to be on the cover of Time magazine.
Ellen DeGeneres (born January 26, 1958) is an American lesbian stand-up comedian, television host and actress. She hosts the syndicated talk show *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, and was also a judge on *American Idol* for one year, having joined the show in its ninth season.
Stacy Ann Ferguson (born March 27, 1975), better known by her stage name Fergie, is an American singer-songwriter, rapper, fashion designer and actress. In May 2009, Ferguson officially came out as bisexual during an interview with The Sun newspaper.
Stormé DeLarverie (December 24, 1920 – May 31, 2014), who was born to a white father and black mother, was a lesbian whose fight with police was one of the defining moments of the Stonewall Riots, spurring the LGBT community to action. Some have referred to her as "the gay community’s Rosa Parks". During the 1950s and '60s she toured the black theater circuit as the only drag king of the Jewel Box Revue, America’s first racially integrated female impersonation show.

She has been given numerous community honors, and was the subject of a recent documentary, Stormé: The Lady of the Jewel Box. She passed away on May 31, 2014 in Brooklyn.
Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta (born March 28, 1986), better known by her stage name Lady Gaga, is an American pop singer. She began performing in the rock music scene of New York City's Lower East Side in 2003 and enrolled at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. She soon signed with Streamline Records, an imprint of Interscope Records. After her album, *The Fame* was released; she revealed that the song "Poker Face" was about her *bisexual* identity.
Robert Garcia (born December 2, 1977) is the Mayor of Long Beach, California. Garcia became the youngest person, the first Latino male, and the first openly gay person of color ever elected to the Long Beach City Council, and as mayor of Long Beach.
Derrick Gordon

Derrick Robert Gordon (born December 12, 1991) is an African American college basketball player. A point guard, Gordon attends the University of Massachusetts and plays for the UMass Minutemen basketball team. Gordon used to attend Western Kentucky University, where he played for the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. In 2014, he became the first men's basketball player in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division I to come out as gay.
Miss Major Griffin-Gracy

Miss Major is an African-American, and formerly incarcerated, transgender woman, elder, trans-activist and community leader for over forty years. She was at the Stonewall Riots in 1969, became politicized in September 1971 at the four-day uprising in New York’s Attica State Prison, was an original member of the first all-transgender gospel choir, and is a father, mother, grandmother, and grandfather to her own children, and to many in the transgender community. She has become a recognized human rights activist. Now in her 70s, Miss Major serves as Executive Director of the Transgender Gender-Variant Intersex Justice Project.
Britney Yevette Griner (born October 18, 1990) is an American professional basketball player who currently plays for the Phoenix Mercury of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She was the first NCAA basketball player ever to score 2,000 points and block 500 shots. In 2012, the three-time All-American was named the AP Player of the Year and the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. On April 17, 2013, Griner publicly came out as lesbian. She revealed in the interview that she was bullied as a child, being picked on for being different. She said she is very passionate about working with children in order to bring attention to the issue of bullying, particularly against LGBT people.
Lorraine Hansberry (May 19, 1930 – January 12, 1965) was an African American playwright and author of political speeches, letters, and essays. Her best known work, *A Raisin in the Sun*, was inspired by her family's legal battle against racially segregated housing laws in the Washington Park Subdivision of the South Side of Chicago during her childhood. Hansberry has been identified as a lesbian, and sexual freedom is an important topic in several of her works.
Keith Allen Haring (May 4, 1958 – February 16, 1990) was a gay American artist and social activist whose work responded to the New York City street culture of the 1980s. He was one of the most influential visual artists of the late 20th century. His bold, cartoon-like images are icons of American art and popular culture.

After Haring was diagnosed with AIDS in 1988, he established the Keith Haring Foundation to provide funding to AIDS organizations and children's programs. Near the end of his life Haring used his imagery to promote AIDS activism and awareness.
Neil Patrick Harris (born June 15, 1973) is an American gay actor. Prominent roles of his career include the title role in *Doogie Howser, M.D.*, Colonel Carl Jenkins in *Starship Troopers*, the womanizing Barney Stinson in *How I Met Your Mother*, a fictionalized version of himself in the *Harold & Kumar* series, and the title role in Joss Whedon's musical web series *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*. 
James Mercer Langston Hughes (February 1, 1902 – May 22, 1967) was an American novelist, playwright, short story writer, and columnist. He was one of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form called jazz poetry. Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance. Hughes' life has been portrayed in film and stage productions since the late twentieth century. In *Looking for Langston* (1989), British filmmaker Isaac Julien claimed Hughes as a black gay icon — Julien thought that Hughes' sexuality had historically been ignored or downplayed.
Kim Coco Iwamoto (born May 26, 1968) is a commissioner on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to serve the four year term from 2012-2016, and served on the Hawaii Board of Education. She is a Japanese-American born transgender woman on the island of Kauai, making her the highest ranking openly transgender elected official in the United States and the first openly transgender official to win statewide office in 2006.
Jazz is a 13-year-old young transgender woman cofounder of the Transkids Purple Rainbow Foundation. She speaks nationally on behalf of transgender youth to spread her message of acceptance, tolerance, and unconditional love. She has appeared on multiple TV news shows, and was the subject of a documentary by Oprah Winfrey. Jazz also loves soccer, and was successful in getting the United States Soccer Federation to pass a trans-inclusive policy that allows transgender players of all ages to join.
Marsha P. Johnson (June 27, 1944 – July 6, 1992) was an African American transgender woman, trans activist, and was a popular figure in New York City's gay and art scene from the 1960s to the 1990s. Johnson was a leader in clashes with the police during the Stonewall Riots. She was a co-founder, with Sylvia Rivera, of Street Transgender Action Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R.) in the early 1970s. She helped support the young drag queens and trans women living in shelters.
Barbara Charline Jordan (February 21, 1936 – January 17, 1996) was an American politician and a leader of the Civil Rights movement. She was the first African American elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction, and the first southern African American woman female elected to the US House of Representatives. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, among numerous other honors.

Jordan's partner of close to 30 years was Nancy Earl, an educational psychologist and occasional speech writer. Jordan never publicly came out as lesbian, but her Houston Chronicle obituary, mentioned her long relationship with Earl.
Frida Kahlo de Rivera (July 6, 1907 – July 13, 1954) was a Mexican painter, born in Coyoacán. Perhaps best known for her self-portraits, Kahlo's work is remembered for its "pain and passion", and its intense, vibrant colors. Her work has been celebrated in Mexico as emblematic of national and indigenous tradition, and by feminists for its uncompromising depiction of the female experience and form. Frida was bisexual, and had affairs with both men and women, including Isamu Noguchi and Josephine Baker.
Billie Jean King (born November 22, 1943 in Long Beach, California) is a former professional tennis player from the United States. She won 12 Grand Slam singles titles, 16 Grand Slam women's doubles titles, and 11 Grand Slam mixed doubles titles. King has been an advocate against sexism in sports and society. She is known for "The Battle of the Sexes" in 1973, in which she defeated Bobby Riggs, a former Wimbledon men's singles champion. King is the founder of the Women's Tennis Association, the Women's Sports Foundation, and World Team Tennis, which she founded with her former husband, Lawrence King. She realized she was bisexual in 1968.
Isis King (born October 1, 1985) is an American fashion model and a fashion designer. She was a contestant on both the eleventh cycle and the seventeenth cycle of the reality television show America's Next Top Model. She was the first transgender woman to compete on the show, and became one of the most visible transgender people on television.
Mark Leno (born September 24, 1951) is an American politician, representing California's 3rd Senate district, which includes parts of San Francisco and Sonoma County, as well as the entirety of Marin County. He was elected in 2008 and is the first openly gay man to serve in the Senate. Leno was previously one of the first two openly gay men (along with John Laird) to serve in the Assembly. He also served as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors between 1998 and 2002 after being appointed by Willie Brown.
Donald Davis Lemon (born March 1, 1966) is an American journalist and television news anchor, best known as the host of the prime-time weekend edition of CNN Newsroom, based in New York. In his memoir, *Transparent*, released in 2011, Lemon came out publicly as gay and discusses colorism in the black community, and homophobia. Lemon won an Emmy Award for a special report on the real estate market in Chicago. He received an *Edward R. Murrow Award* for his coverage of the capture of the D.C. area sniper, and a number of other awards for reports on Hurricane Katrina, and the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

Lemon was voted as one of the 150 most influential African Americans by *Ebony* magazine in 2009.
Audre Lorde

Audre Lorde (1934-1992) was a Caribbean-American writer, radical feminist and civil rights activist, published fifteen books during her lifetime. She identified herself on personal and artistic levels as a lesbian and poet. During her time at Tougaloo College, Lorde met her partner of many years, Frances Clayton. Lorde died on November 17, 1992, in St. Croix. She was 58. In her own words, Lorde was a "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet." In an African naming ceremony before her death, she took the name Gambda Adisa, which means "Warrior: She Who Makes Her Meaning Known".
Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon

Dorothy Louise Taliaferro "Del" Martin (May 5, 1921 – August 27, 2008) and Phyllis Ann Lyon (born November 10, 1924) are an American lesbian couple known as feminist and gay-rights activists.

They founded the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) in San Francisco in 1955, which was the first social and political organization for lesbians in the United States. They worked to form the Council on Religion and the Homosexual (CRH) to persuade ministers to accept LGBT people into churches.

They married on June 16, 2008, in the first same-sex wedding to take place in San Francisco after the California Supreme Court overturned Prop 8 which banned Gay Marriage. Martin passed away in 2008 in San Francisco.
Alejandro "Alec" Mapa (born July 10, 1965) is a Filipino American actor, comedian and writer. He was born in San Francisco and attended George Washington High School. His film credits include parts in *Bright Lights, Big City*, *Playing by Heart*, *Connie and Carla* and *Marley & Me*, among others. He had a recurring role on the 2006-2010 series *Ugly Betty*. Mapa is openly gay and lends his support to various projects supporting the gay, lesbian, and Asian American communities. In 2008, he legally married Jamison 'Jamie' Hebert, after dating since 2002.
Enrique "Ricky" Martín Morales (born December 24, 1971), is a Puerto Rican pop singer, musician, songwriter, actor and author who achieved prominence, first as a member of the Puerto Rican boy band *Menudo*, and as a solo artist since 1991. Throughout his career, he has sold more than 60 million albums worldwide. He came out as gay in 2011.
Sir Ian Murray McKellen, (born 25 May 1939) is an English openly gay actor, recipient of six Laurence Olivier Awards, a Tony Award, a Golden Globe Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award, a BIF Award, two Saturn Awards, four Drama Desk Awards and two Critics' Choice Awards. He has also received two Academy Award nominations, eight BAFTA film and TV nominations and five Emmy Award nominations. His notable film roles include Gandalf in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies and Magneto in the *X-Men* films.
Freddie Mercury (September 5, 1946 – November 24, 1991) was a gay British musician, record producer, and singer-songwriter, best known as the lead vocalist and lyricist of the rock band Queen. He had powerful vocals over a four-octave range. He composed many hits for Queen, including "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Killer Queen", "Somebody to Love", "Don't Stop Me Now", "Crazy Little Thing Called Love", and "We Are the Champions". As a member of Queen, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001, the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2003, and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2002.

He continues to be voted one of the greatest singers in the history of popular music.
Harvey Milk

Harvey Bernard Milk (May 22, 1930 – November 27, 1978) was an American politician who became the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California, when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Politics and gay activism were not his early interests; he was not open about his homosexuality and did not participate in civic matters until around age 40, after his experiences in the counterculture of the 1960s.
Janet Mock (born March 10, 1983) is a biracial American transgender woman, writer, activist, and the former staff editor of People magazine's website. Her essays, speeches, media criticism, activism, and memoir, *Redefining Realness*, is about living visibly aim to expand our limited idea of womanhood, reclaim our stories, celebrate femininity in all bodies, and take an intersectional approach to any social justice movement. She was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii and Oakland, California.
Cherríe Lawrence Moraga (born September 25, 1952) is a lesbian Chicana writer, feminist activist, poet, essayist, and playwright. She is part of the faculty at Stanford University in the Department of Drama and Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. Her works explore the ways in which gender, sexuality and race intersect in the lives of women of color. She is perhaps best known for co-editing, with Gloria Anzaldúa, the anthology of feminist thought *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color* in 1981; which was one of her most successful books that won the Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award in 1986.
Ellen Page (born February 21, 1987), is a lesbian Canadian actress. She started her career in Canada with roles in the television shows *Pit Pony*, *Trailer Park Boys*, and *ReGenesis*. Page ventured into films, winning attention after starring in 2005 drama *Hard Candy*, before her breakthrough role as *Juno* (2007). Her other notable film roles have been in *Smart People* (2008), *Whip It* (2009), *Super* (2010), *Inception* (2010), and *X-Men: The Last Stand* (2006), as well as providing the voice acting, motion capture and likeness for Jodie Holmes in the video game *Beyond: Two Souls* (2013).

Page has won more than 25 awards, and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress, a Golden Globe Award, and a BAFTA for *Juno*. 
Annise Danette Parker (born May 17, 1956) is an American politician, who has been elected Houston Mayor three times, serving since January 2, 2010. She also served as an at-large member of the Houston City Council from 1998 to 2003 and city controller from 2004 to 2010.

Parker is Houston's second female mayor (after Kathy Whitmire), and one of the first openly **lesbian** mayors of a major U.S. city, with Houston being the most populous U.S. city to elect an openly gay mayor.
Paris Is Burning is a 1990 American documentary film directed by Jennie Livingston. Filmed in the mid-to-late 1980s, it chronicles the ball culture of New York City and the African-American, Latino, gay, and transgender communities involved in it. Many members of the ball culture community consider Paris Is Burning to be an invaluable documentary of the end of the "Golden Age" of New York City drag balls.

Decades later, Paris Is Burning remains an organizing tool for LGBTQ youth; a way for students to examine issues of race, class, and gender; a way for younger ball participants to meet their ancestors; and a portrait of several remarkable Americans.
John A. Pérez (born September 28, 1969) is a union organizer and politician from Los Angeles, California, who has been the Speaker of the California State Assembly since March 1, 2010. A Democrat, he represents the 46th district in the California State Assembly. Pérez is openly gay – he is the first openly LGBT Speaker of the California State Assembly and, after Minnesota's Allan Spear, only the second LGBT person to be elected to lead a state legislative chamber.
Megan Rapinoe (born July 5, 1985) is an openly lesbian professional soccer midfielder who currently plays for Olympique Lyonnais in the French League and is a member of the United States women's national soccer team. She is widely known for her crafty style of play.
Sylvia Rae Rivera (July 2, 1951 – February 19, 2002) was a Latina-American bisexual activist, and transgender woman. She was a founding member of both the Gay Liberation Front, and the Gay Activists Alliance and helped found Street Transgender Action Revolutionaries (STAR), a group dedicated to helping homeless young street drag queens and trans women, with her friend Marsha P. Johnson. She was also active in the 1969 Stonewall Riots that lead to the modern LGBT movement.
Robin René Roberts (born November 23, 1960) is a *lesbian* American television broadcaster. Roberts is the anchor of ABC's morning show Good Morning America. After growing up in Mississippi and attending Southeastern Louisiana University, Roberts was a sports anchor for local TV and radio stations. Roberts was a sportscaster on *ESPN* for 15 years (1990–2005). She became co-anchor on *Good Morning America* in 2005.
Geena Rocero is a transgender woman, model and founder of *Gender Proud*, an advocacy and aid organization that stands up for the right of transgender people all over the world. She was born in Manila, Philippines to a working-class family. She started competing in beauty pageants at age 15. She immigrated to San Francisco at the age of 17.

Rocero was discovered by a fashion photographer in a restaurant in New York City, and then signed to top agency NEXT Model Management, and spent 12 years modeling for international swimsuit and beauty editorials, earning herself a large fan base.
RuPaul

RuPaul Andre Charles (born November 17, 1960), is an out and proud biracial gay man, best known as RuPaul, is an American actor, drag queen, model, author, and recording artist, who first became widely known in the 1990s in a variety of television programs, films, and musical albums. He hosted a short-running talk show on VH1, and currently hosts the reality television show RuPaul's Drag Race. RuPaul is also known for his hit song "Supermodel (You Better Work)".

Bayard Rustin (March 17, 1912 – August 24, 1987) was an American civil rights activist, important largely behind the scenes in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and earlier. He is credited as the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He counseled Martin Luther King, Jr. on the techniques of nonviolent resistance. As a gay man he became an advocate on behalf of gay and lesbian causes in the latter part of his career. Homosexuality was criminalized at the time, which made him a target of suspicion and compromised some of his effectiveness.
Michael Alan Sam, Jr. (born January 7, 1990) is an American football defensive end. He attended the University of Missouri, where he played college football for the Missouri Tigers football team for four years. After completing his college football career, Sam publicly came out as gay. If he were to be signed by a National Football League (NFL) team, which analysts think is likely, he would become the first active NFL player to have come out publicly.
Raven-Symoné (born December 10, 1985), is an American actress and singer. She first appeared on television in 1989 on The Cosby Show, and in Hangin' with Mr. Cooper, and That's So Raven. She also starred in the film, Dr. Dolittle (1998), and successful TV films, including Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century (1999), The Cheetah Girls (2003), and more. Raven has also voiced Monique in the animated series Kim Possible.

In 2013, she came out on twitter while supporting the US Supreme Court decision allowing gay marriage. She is currently attending the San Francisco Academy of Art University.
José Sarria

José Julio Sarria (December 12, 1922 or 1923 – August 19, 2013) was a Latino-American LGBT activist. He became the first openly gay candidate for public office in the United States when he ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1961. In 1964, Jose declared himself "Empress José I, The Widow Norton" and founded the Imperial Court System, which grew to become an international association of charitable organizations.
Brian Sims (September 16, 1978) is a Democratic member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in the 182nd district. Sims is also a lawyer and activist on LGBT civil rights. Sims is the first openly gay elected state legislator in Pennsylvania history.

He is also a former NCAA Football Captain and National Championship Runner-Up. In 2000, Sims was the captain of the Bloomsburg University football team in northeast Pennsylvania, and following the greatest season in the Division II School’s history he came out as gay! In doing so, the regional All-American and team captain became the only openly gay college football captain in NCAA history.
THE PROTESTORS AT THE
STONEWALL RIOTS

The Stonewall riots were a series of violent protests by the LGBT community against a police raid on June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. The protests are considered to be one of the most important events leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBT rights in the United States.

President Barack Obama referenced the Stonewall riots in a call for full equality during his second inaugural address on January 21, 2013:

"We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths—that all of us are created equal—is the star that guides us still; just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall. . . . Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law—for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."
Sheryl Swoopes

Sheryl Denise Swoopes (born March 25, 1971) is an American lesbian professional basketball player who played most recently for the Seattle Storm in the WNBA. She was the first player to be signed in the WNBA when it was created. She has won three Olympic Gold Medals and is a three-time WNBA MVP. She is frequently referred to as the "female Michael Jordan."
Wanda Sykes (born March 7, 1964) is an American writer, stand-up comedian and actress. She earned the 1999 Emmy Award for her writing on *The Chris Rock Show*. In 2004 *Entertainment Weekly* named her as one of the 25 funniest people in America. In November 2008, she publicly came out as lesbian while at a gay marriage rally in Las Vegas regarding Proposition 8, which forbade new marriages of LGBT couples in California.
Sylvester

Sylvester James, Jr. (September 6, 1947 – December 16, 1988), better known as Sylvester, was a gay American disco and soul singer-songwriter. He was known for his androgynous appearance and a string of hit singles in the late 1970s. Sylvester became known in the United States as the "Queen of Disco."

In 2004, Sylvester's "You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real)," was inducted into the Dance Music Hall of Fame. A year later, Sylvester was inducted into the Dance Music Hall of Fame for his achievement as an artist.
Mark Allan Takano (born December 10, 1960) is an American politician who has been the United States Representative for California's 41st congressional district since 2013. A member of the Democratic Party, Takano has served on the Riverside Community College Board of Trustees since 1990. Upon taking office, Takano became the first non-white openly gay member of Congress.
George Hosato Takei Altman (born April 20, 1937) is an American gay actor of Japanese descent, best known for his role in the television series *Star Trek*, in which he played Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the USS *Enterprise*. He is an outspoken proponent of LGBT rights and active in state and local politics as well as continuing his acting career. He has won several awards and accolades in his work on human rights and Japanese-American relations, including his work with the Japanese American National Museum.
Jose Antonio Vargas (born February 3, 1981) is a journalist, filmmaker, and immigration activist. Born in the Philippines and raised in the United States, has also worked for *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Philadelphia Daily News*, and *The Huffington Post*. In a June 2011 essay in The New York Times Magazine, Vargas came out as an "undocumented immigrant" to promote dialogue about the immigration system and advocate for the DREAM Act. Vargas came out as gay while he was a student at Mountain View High School in 1999.
Activists of the
UndocuQueer Movement

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_I AM UNDOCUQUEER!_  
La intersección de la comunidad indocumentada y LGBTQ.  
The intersection of the undocumented and LGBTQ community.

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_UndocuQueers have been, and continue to be, at the forefront of the immigrant youth movement_  
– Jorge Guttierez

As of 2012, notable immigrant reform and undocuQueer activists, such as José Antonio Vargas, Jorge Guttierez, Julio Salgado, and Yosimar Reyes, have emphasized the leadership roles young undocumented LGBTQ immigrants have played in the immigration reform movement. Sometimes called "DREAMers," these individuals might qualify for citizenship status under the DREAM Act. UndocuQueer activists have been at the forefront in acts of disobedience that bring attention to need for inclusive and comprehensive immigration reform that address the needs foreign-born LGBTQ people and bi-national families.

_These young activists fight against human rights abuses in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) systems, and alliance building between the LGBTQ and the immigrant rights movements._
Isabel Vargas Lizano (17 April 1919 – 5 August 2012), better known as Chavela Vargas, was a Costa Rica-born Mexican singer. She was especially known for her rendition of Mexican rancheras, but she is also recognized for her contribution to other genres of popular Latin American music. The Latin Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences presented her with a Latin GRAMMY in 2007 after receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award. At age 81, she publicly declared on Colombian television that she was a lesbian.
B.D. Wong

Bradley Darryl "B.D." Wong (born October 24, 1960) a Lincoln High School alum, is an Chinese American openly gay actor, best-known for his roles as Dr. George Huang on Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, a lead in the Jurassic Park film series, as Father Ray Mukada on HBO's Oz, and for his starring role as Song Liling in the Broadway production of M. Butterfly.
Jason Wu (born September 27, 1982) is a gay Taiwanese-Canadian fashion designer based in New York City. He is most famous for designing the dresses of Michelle Obama on several occasions, including during first and second inauguration of American President Barack Obama.
Fredrick "Fred" Douglas Rosser (born November 2, 1979), better known by his ring name Darren Young, is an American professional wrestler signed to WWE. He is the first WWE performer to come out publicly as gay while active as a wrestler with the company. Darren Young was in the Nickelodeon show iCarly. Prior to signing with WWE, Rosser competed in Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic independent promotions including Chaotic Wrestling, East Coast Wrestling Association, Independent Wrestling Federation and the National Wrestling Alliance.
Pedro Zamora (February 29, 1972 – November 11, 1994) was a Cuban-American AIDS educator and reality TV star. As one of the first openly gay men with AIDS to be on TV, he brought international attention to HIV/AIDS, LGBT issues and prejudices through his appearance on MTV's reality TV show, The Real World: San Francisco.

U.S. President Bill Clinton credited Zamora with personalizing and humanizing those living with HIV—especially to Latino communities—with his activism, and his testimony before Congress. His personal struggle with AIDS is credited with helping to make The Real World a hit show. His life and time on The Real World: San Francisco was recently depicted in the 2008 film, Pedro.
Helen Zia (born 1952) is an Asian American lesbian journalist and scholar who has covered Asian American communities and social and political movements for decades.