

Whereas, the Trump administration has engaged in an unjustifiable crackdown on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs across the country; and

Whereas, Georgia Southern was the first to give in and roll back their DEI programs, including the Lavender Graduations celebrating the LGBTQ+ community; and

Whereas, Georgia Tech has closed the LGBTQIA+ Resource Center, the Women's Resource Center, and the Black Culture, Innovation, and Technology team; and

Whereas, Kennesaw State University has closed the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, Black Resource Center, and Women's Resource Center, and is set to end the Black Studies, Technical Communications, and Philosophy degree programs; and

Whereas, the University of Georgia has removed sexual orientation and gender identity from its anti-discrimination policy; and

Whereas, the University System of Georgia under Chancellor Sonny Perdue has deliberately forced the end of these and other programs at state universities, including a policy that allowed transgender students to use their preferred name on all student records without fear of being outed to other students; and

Whereas, the principles of basic human dignity and respect are the bedrock of a just and fair society; and

Whereas, the Gwinnett County Young Democrats represent both alumni and current students from University System of Georgia institutions, including Kennesaw State University, Georgia Southern University, and Georgia Gwinnett College; and

Whereas, the Gwinnett County Young Democrats recognize the need for solidarity in the face of discrimination, hate, and fascism;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Gwinnett County Young Democrats:

1. We condemn the University System of Georgia for forcing universities and colleges to shut down programs that served marginalized students and demand an immediate reversal of course.
2. We condemn the administrations of KSU, Georgia Southern, Georgia Tech, and the University of Georgia for their decisions to throw marginalized students under the bus and call on them to stand with their students.
3. We stand in solidarity with the student bodies of the University System of Georgia against this attack against LGBTQ+ visibility and inclusion.
4. We congratulate the Kennesaw Pride Alliance for their opening of an independent resource center at First United Lutheran Church that will continue to proudly serve the Kennesaw State University student body.
5. We encourage all marginalized students at state colleges and universities to refuse to be silenced in the face of such adversity.

6. We express the need for Young Democrats and College Democrats to publicly and loudly stand with queer students during an especially challenging time.
7. We affirm the necessity of the Democratic Party, at all levels, to support and defend the LGBTQ+ community.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution will be published on social media and distributed to the Young Democrats of Georgia, University System of Georgia, and Democratic elected officials on the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and representing Gwinnett County in the Georgia General Assembly.