Safe Spaces Ally Project

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Safe Spaces Ally Project educates and trains students, staff, and faculty to create a safe space/zone for sexual minorities/LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning) people at Texas A&M-Commerce. All members of the university community deserve to work and learn in an environment that is supportive and friendly, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. Often, change has to start with the grassroots effort of a group willing to initiate positive changes through support, education, and publicity. Protection of actual or perceived sexual minorities/LGBTQ individuals is the exception, not the rule, in most schools across the country.

An ally is usually a member of the majority or dominant group who works to end oppression by supporting and advocating for the oppressed population. Allies can also be from non-majority groups working to end oppression. The work of allies has been a historically effective way of changing the thinking of the dominant culture. Safe Spaces Ally training is for anyone who is interested. We encourage all faculty, staff, administrators, and students to take the ally training. The goal is to achieve a culture where any person can study and/or work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment.

Ally training is offered at least once per semester. More information, including training dates, is available on the Safe Spaces Ally Project website.