

Broad Spectrum VSA's Executive Board includes students from across North America. We welcome all who wish to advance our mission and vision, including individuals from the LGBTQ+ community and allies.

Benefits of Leadership Positions:

- Foster relationships with others from across North America
- Receive mentorship from partner organizations
- Opportunities to travel and to practice public speaking
- Strong addition to your resume
- Most importantly, make a difference in your community and our beloved profession!

If interested in a leadership position on the Broad Spectrum VSA Executive Board, contact us at broadspectrumoutreach@gmail.com

BSVSA is the student arm of the Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medical Association (LGVMA).

The LGVMA fosters acceptance and inclusivity for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities within the veterinary profession. LGVMA offers support and mentorship to Broad Spectrum.

www.lgvma.org



We thank you for your interest and hope you will help us to create an inclusive academic veterinary community where sharing experiences and educational opportunities inspires community engagement and equity so that LGBTQ+ people and allies are able to contribute to and thrive within a diverse veterinary profession.

Any questions or comments, please email us at broadspectrumoutreach@gmail.com

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Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association (BSVSA)

The North American LGBTQ+ Advocacy Organization for Veterinary Students and Allies

Mission

BSVSA serves to connect, support, and empower LGBTQ+ people and allies within the academic veterinary community through:

- Fostering an understanding of what it means to be an LGBTQ+ person within the veterinary profession
- Educating veterinary students on the importance of and contributions made by the LGBTQ+ minority within the veterinary profession
- Encouraging healthy, supportive relationships between LGBTQ+ people and allies, including pre-veterinary and veterinary students, interns, residents, faculty, staff, and administrators
- Advocating for the respect and equity of seen and unseen LGBTQ+ people

Contributing to the development of safe and welcoming veterinary academic environments for all students, especially LGBTQ+ students, by providing resources, educational opportunities, and support to student leadership in veterinary schools that wish to start up LGBTQ+-oriented organizations or to LGBTQ+-oriented student organizations that have already been established, as well as helping to facilitate the transition from veterinary school to a career in the veterinary profession through education, outreach, and providing networking opportunities

Vision

BSVSA envisions an inclusive academic veterinary community where sharing experiences and educational opportunities inspires community engagement and equity so that LGBTQ+ people and allies are able to contribute to and thrive within a diverse veterinary profession.

Sample BSVSA-Approved Events:

- Hosting speakers focused on LGBTQ+ issues
- Wellness events, including mental health events
- Socials for LGBTQ+ students and allies
- Letter-writing campaigns to enact change
- Diversity panels including LGBTQ+ vet professionals
- Events that help LGBTQ+ students identify safe preceptorships or job offerings

For additional ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Becoming a BSVSA Chapter

We encourage all veterinary students whose schools are without a LGBTQ+ club or diversity support structure to come under our umbrella and start a new chapter. Existing LGBTQ+ or VOICE organizations may adopt the mission and vision of BSVSA as a part of their organizations.

Below are the requirements for BSVSA chapters:

- Adopt the mission and vision statements of Broad Spectrum VSA
- Adopt the organization's name as a chapter of Broad Spectrum VSA
- Have an official faculty advisor on campus
- Set up a bank account for the chapter (cannot be a personal account)
- Register as an official group on campus or through SCAVMA, depending on your school's requirements
- Host at least 2 lecture/educational events per year, along with an outreach event at school or in the community that addresses LGBTQ+ issues
- Report to Broad Spectrum VSA after each event with photos and a small blurb to submit to our sponsors/donors