

## Lavender Graduation



Lavender Graduation is a commencement ceremony honoring Sexuality Studies minors, graduating LGBTIQ+ identified students, and their allies. It is a cultural celebration that acknowledges the achievements and contributions that students of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions have made. Recipients of the LGBTIQ+ Advocacy Award are announced during the ceremony. A catered reception will follow.

The 2018-2019 Ceremony will be Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 4:00 pm in Sonja Haynes Stone Center.

Register to participate by Sunday, April 21st.

## Keynote Speaker



We are honored that Joy Messinger has accepted our invitation to address over thirty graduating LGBTIQ+ or allied students, their affirming loved ones, and friends of the LGBTQ Center at Carolina's 14th annual Lavender Graduation.

Joy Messinger, MSW, MPH is a Chicago-based reproductive, birth, and social justice advocate who earned her MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership from the UNC School of Social Work in 2010.

[Read the full announcement here.](#) [1]

## Eligibility

In keeping with UNC policy, you are eligible to participate in the 2019 ceremony if you graduate in December 2018 or May 2019. We encourage graduates to invite their friends, families and loved ones. Everyone is invited to attend this celebratory ceremony.

## Register for Lavender Graduation

Participant registration (for those who are graduating) is now closed.

Audience members are not required to have tickets or advanced registration, but RSVPs on [Facebook](#) [2] and Heel Life are encouraged.



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**Links**

[1] <https://lgbtq.unc.edu/news-and-events/news/announcing-2019-lavender-graduation-keynote-speaker-joy-messinger-unc-2010>

[2] <https://www.facebook.com/events/280899782832457/>