



Affinity Groups at St. Andrew's

Affinity Groups at St. Andrew's are smaller communities made up of students connected by a shared salient social identity. Created and led by students with support from the Diversity Education Office and faculty advisors, affinity groups are fluid, reflecting the diversity, interest, and needs of our student body from year to year. These groups provide opportunities for students to explore their identities in relation to their experience at St. Andrew's, other communities they are a part of, and within a national and global context. Affinity groups exist to give students a space where they can be their full selves, be supported by those who share similar experiences, and engage in personal identity exploration. Affinity groups also actively engage with our full school community by promoting awareness and understanding of the diversity of cultures, experiences, and perspectives at St. Andrew's.

Affinity Group	Description of Group
Asian Affinity Group/ Asian Student Union	Our main purpose of the Asian Affinity Group is to share our experience and discuss issues of being Asian in both the context of the U.S. and within St. Andrew's.
Atheist Affinity Group	The Atheist Affinity group is a space for Atheist students to explore their worldview.
Casa Latina	Casa Latina is an affinity group that embraces, celebrates, and empowers people with Hispanic heritage and roots. Casa Latina is a home away from home, where we will discuss the challenges that face a multiplicity of cultures, races, and ethnicities surrounding Hispanic heritage that exists within and outside St. Andrews. Being in Casa Latina helps you explore your Hispanic background while simultaneously adjusting to your life at St. Andrew's.
Essence	Essence aims to empower women who fall under the African diaspora and help them not only feel comfortable in their own skin but also help them develop a deeper sense of pride and love for their culture. Our desire is to educate ourselves and the St. Andrew's community about the problems faced by black girl/women in and out of our school environment.
Girls Collaborative	This is a discussion-based club that meets weekly to wrestle with issues surrounding what it means to be female in the SAS community and beyond. We work to make SAS more aware and active about issues involving gender inequalities. Girl Collaborative aims to create a brave space for women in the St. Andrew's community while also serving the greater world.
Guys Group	Guys Group is a male affinity group that asks questions to explore what it means to be a man in the 21st century.

Affinity Group (CONTINUED)	Description of Group
Jewish Affinity Group	A group for people who identify as Jewish, culturally, or religiously. On important holidays, we offer celebrations for anyone interested.
International House	An affinity group for students who live abroad, experience a different culture, and may experience other challenges due to the distance of their home and/or their unfamiliarity with American culture. The group also works to promote understanding and education regarding their culture and homeland through events and announcements and any other avenues of sharing. Our goal in this club is to make sure all international students are well adjusted to the community. During meetings, we have snacks and will discuss issues one might face as an international student.
LGBTQ	A confidential, safe space for LGBTQ+ students to connect with each other in a supportive setting. Gather bi-weekly to both discuss LGBTQ+ life at SAS and in general, and also to socialize.
ONYX	A group for Black males on St. Andrew's campus. We discuss issues of race, masculinity, and what it means to be a man of color at St. Andrew's and in the United States. We also work in close tangent with our sister group Essence to conduct greater conversations and to expand our reach to the rest of St. Andrew's.
MENA (Middle Eastern Affinity Group)	A place for students to explore their Middle Eastern identity.
Opal	Opal is a safe and welcoming space for multiracial identifying students to delve deep into their roots. We discuss the intricacies of our identities and relate to each other in the joys and challenges of being Multiracial.
Sapphire	Sapphire is an affinity group for women of color on campus. Our goal is to educate and empower each other through our St. Andrew's experience as women of color.
Southeast Asian Student Group	Our mission is to create a space where the Southeast Asian and Southeast Asian-American community of St. Andrew's can share their stories, express themselves through their ethnicity and culture, and listen to others who share this common thread. We hope to cultivate a community where we all feel heard and celebrated, while also exploring our identity and place in the world as Southeast Asians.