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Title of Proposal: Re-Introduction to BCM Pride

BCM Mission Area: Community

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Abstract:

BCM Pride is a student interest group with the goal of fostering the visibility of LGBTQ+ students and patients at Baylor College of Medicine. We work to promote peer development, professional support, community outreach, and provide input to the administration to allow our school to become more inclusive and supportive of sexual and gender minorities. Although historically BCM Pride has been a medical student organization, we recently underwent a re-organization by merging with Spectrum, the LGBT student group for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, to form a new college-wide organization that is now open to anyone and everyone affiliated with BCM. As a college-wide organization, we having three primary goals: (1) promoting the LGBTQ+ community at BCM through social events and networking opportunities, (2) providing educational material to the greater BCM community through speakers and workshops, (3) engaging in community service that aims to support the local LGBTQ+ community of the greater Houston area.