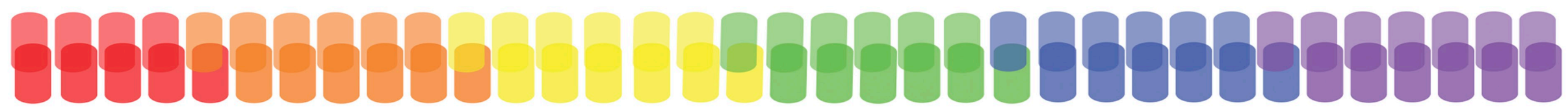




As a nonbinary lesbian, I do my best to impact positive change for the LGBT community by living my life without shame. Often, we are told to tone it down and make ourselves more palatable for a hetero- and cisnormative society. This is especially true in STEM fields, where scientists and engineers are forced to hide a key aspect of their identify that enriches their life and everything they touch. I am working together with other LGBT STEM majors on campus to establish an oSTEM chapter at ECU to provide a community for LGBT students pursuing STEM-related degrees across campus.



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