

Increasing the number of All-Gender Restrooms and Signage, Reducing Restroom Inequality

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Introduction

There is a large population of transgender, non-binary, or disabled students at Central Washington University (CWU) who use all-gender restrooms. CWU has taken steps in making these individuals more comfortable. They have included all-gender restrooms around campus (Figure 1), both single and multi-stall, however they are difficult to find. The all-gender restrooms are often located at the back of buildings, and some buildings don't have all-gender restrooms at all.



Figure 1. Example of the All-Gender Restroom Signs on the CWU Campus

The Goal:

To help improve the ability of people to locate the all-gender restrooms, signs indicating the location of the all-gender restrooms within that building will be placed by the gendered restrooms. A QR code to the campus map was also placed by the gendered restrooms to help people better locate the all-gender restrooms across campus. (Figure 3). The map updates will make it a much smoother process to locate each restroom.

What Has Been Done So Far

- I have gone around to every building on campus and identified where the gendered and all-gender restroom are located.
- I worked with Cheyanne Stilwater to update CWU's campus map to include the all-gender restrooms that were not yet put on the map (Figure 2).
- I met with ASCWU and they have agreed to help me in funding this project. I also met with the Publicity Center in moving forward with making the signs and putting them up on campus.
- I have also been emailing Cherie Wilson in SURC management to see what can be done about adding additional all-gender restrooms to two of our buildings on campus.



Figure 2. CWU's campus map, accessed by the QR code

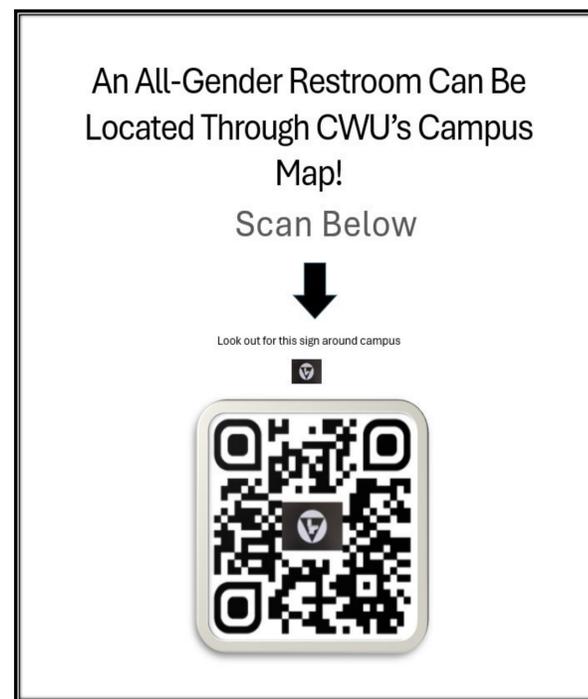


Figure 3. Example of the signs that will be put up around campus



Figure 4. Example of Gendered Restroom Signs on the CWU Campus



Figure 5. Map QR Code

CWU Inclusivity and Diversity Statement

"Diversity is critical to our academic excellence, ways of thinking, and our artistic expression and is only enhanced by a broad range of experiences and ideas. We must encourage, inspire and create spaces where all identities thrive on campus and create new ways of looking at the world through inquiry, methods, discoveries and solutions..."

Summary

- This project should help give transgender, non-binary, or disabled students better access to these restrooms. The maps will help to identify which floor and room these restrooms are located in.
- These changes will help increase the comfortability of our diverse student body. They will also help anyone previewing the school to feel like they are welcome and seen here on campus.
- Moving forward, the new buildings will have more all-gender restrooms with more updated stalls that go ceiling to floor increasing the comfortability of our students and staff. These should and will be added to any new buildings here on campus, just like they are with our new North Academic Complex.



Figure 6. The Future All-Gender Restrooms for the North Academic Complex



Figure 7. Sustainability Development Goals

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