

Participant Profiles

“Putting My Man Face On:” A Grounded Theory of College Men’s Gender Identity Development

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Kumar

Kumar is a 20 year old Asian Indian heterosexual man from an upper-middle class background who is agnostic. He is in a leadership position with a University honor society, a national leader with a national organization focused on children in war torn regions globally, works in a lab on campus, and is a member of the University’s research living and learning community. He is an honors neurophysiology and psychology major who is currently applying to medical schools.

Noah

Noah is a 21 year old White heterosexual man from an upper-middle class background who is Roman Catholic. He has played football throughout his time at the University and is now on scholarship during his final season. He is a U.S. history major who plans on working for the CIA, NSA, or Department of Defense after graduation.

Frank

Frank is a 21 year old White heterosexual man from an upper-class background, who is a non-denominational Christian. He is actively involved in his fraternity, works at a residence hall front desk, serves in a leadership position with the Student Government Association, is President of both a campus health advisory group and a peer leadership organization, has participated in the University’s leadership institute, and is a member of the Senior Council. He is a criminal justice major who plans on working full-time after graduation.

Jason

Jason is an 18 year old Black heterosexual man from an upper-middle class background who is a non-denominational Christian. He is involved with the Black Student Union and University’s NAACP chapter. He has worked at a residence hall front desk and is applying to be a resident assistant. He is a criminal justice major who plans to work for a governmental agency or go to law school after graduation.

Nicholas

Nicholas is a 21 year old Latino heterosexual man from a working class background who was raised Catholic but is currently not religious. He has been highly involved in several Latino organizations on campus and very proud of creating change for Latinos on campus. He is a political science major and after graduation plans on going to law school so that he can make meaningful social change for his community.

Chet

Chet is a 21 year old White heterosexual man from a middle class background who is Methodist. He played soccer at another regional university until he injured his ankles and transferred to the University where he has been highly involved in his fraternity where he is now president. He was partly motivated to run to be president of his fraternity after hearing stories from survivors who were assaulted by members of his fraternity. Shortly after becoming president he expelled five members of his fraternity related to these assaults. He is a criminal justice major with an internship with the Department of Homeland Security. After graduation he would like to serve his country in some way by working for Homeland Security or other governmental agency.

Robert

Robert is a 22 year old White gay “trans” man (biologically female but identifies and lives his life as man) from a middle class background who was raised Eastern Orthodox but now identifies as non-religious. He has been actively involved in the LGBT organization on campus, a Greek ethnic organization, and a mechanical engineering honor society. He is a mechanical engineering major. After graduation he plans on working as a mechanical engineer for a year or two before potentially going to graduate school.

Daniel

Daniel is a 21 year old White gay man from a middle class background who was raised Presbyterian but now identifies as a non-denominational Christian. After coming out in high school he decided he couldn't join the Marines immediately after graduating from high school as he had committed to and instead went to a community college for a year and then another regional university before transferring to the University. He was briefly involved in the Pride Alliance after arriving at the University but found the group "too proud" or that being gay was too much of a focus of their lives and relationships. He has also worked at the outdoor recreation center and has been a resident assistant. He is a communications major and has an internship with a Washington DC public relations firm. After graduation he plans to go into public relations consulting and pursue his entrepreneurial interests.

Sean

Sean is a 23 year old White heterosexual man from a middle class background who is Christian. At the age of 13 he was repeatedly raped by a male peer. He also comes from a home where his mother was verbally abusive for much of his life. He has been involved with a sexual assault prevention peer education group and is currently a peer advocate doing service and outreach for victims of sexual assault and relationship violence on campus. He is a criminology and criminal justice major who plans to work in the social work field after graduation and eventually go to graduate school. He is also an aspiring actor and screenplay writer.

Chauncey

Chauncey is a 22 year old African American heterosexual man from a lower-middle class background who does not practice any religion. He is an African American studies and political science major. He has been involved in campus leadership through the Black Student Union and as President of the University NAACP Chapter. He has taken several intergroup dialogue courses which have helped raise his consciousness on several issues. After graduation he plans to work for a while before going to law school. He wants to be a lawyer to create some social change in this country.

Participants' Social Group Identities

Participants	Race-Ethnicity	Sexual Orientation	SES/Class	Age	Disability	Religion
Kumar	Asian Indian	Heterosexual	Upper-Middle	20	None	Agnostic
Noah	White	Heterosexual	Upper-Middle	21	None	Roman Catholic
Frank	White	Heterosexual	Upper-Middle	21	None	Non-Denominational Christian
Jason	African American	Heterosexual	Upper-Middle	18	None	Christian
Nicholas	Latino	Heterosexual	Working	21	None	None
Chet	White	Heterosexual	Middle	21	None	Methodist
Daniel	White	Gay	Middle	21	None	Non-Denominational Christian
Robert	White	Gay (Trans)	Middle	21	None	None
Sean	White	Heterosexual	Middle	23	None	Christian
Chauncey	African American	Heterosexual	Lower-Middle	22	None	None