

LAVENDER GRADUATION



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**WHAT IS
LAVENDER**

Graduation?





**LAVENDER GRADUATION
IS A COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY THAT
CELEBRATES LGBTQIA+
GRADUATES.**

**IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO INTENTIONALLY
INCLUDE AND CENTER
GRADUATES WHO DON'T
ALWAYS GET TO SHOW
UP AS THEIR FULL
SELVES.**





**THE UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN
HOSTED THE FIRST
LAVENDER
GRADUATION IN
1995.**



**RONNI SANLO
CREATED THE
LAVENDER
GRADUATION
CEREMONY.**



**AFTER SHE WAS BLOCKED
FROM ATTENDING HER
CHILDREN'S GRADUATION
DUE TO HER SEXUAL
ORIENTATION.**





**TODAY, OVER 200
COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES
ACROSS THE
UNITED STATES
HOST LAVENDER
GRADUATION
CEREMONIES.**




WHY LAVENDER?



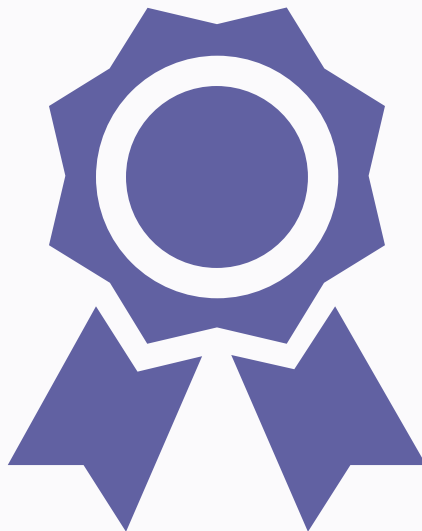
**LAVENDER HAS
BEEN USED AS A
SYMBOL OF QUEER
RESISTANCE AND
LOVE AS EARLY AS
THE 19TH
CENTURY.**

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE CEREMONY?






**THE CEREMONY
TYPICALLY
INCLUDES A
LIGHT
RECEPTION,
SPEAKER,
READING OF THE
GRADUATES'
NAMES, AND THE
CTQA PRESENTS
SCHOLARSHIPS.**



WHO CAN ATTEND?

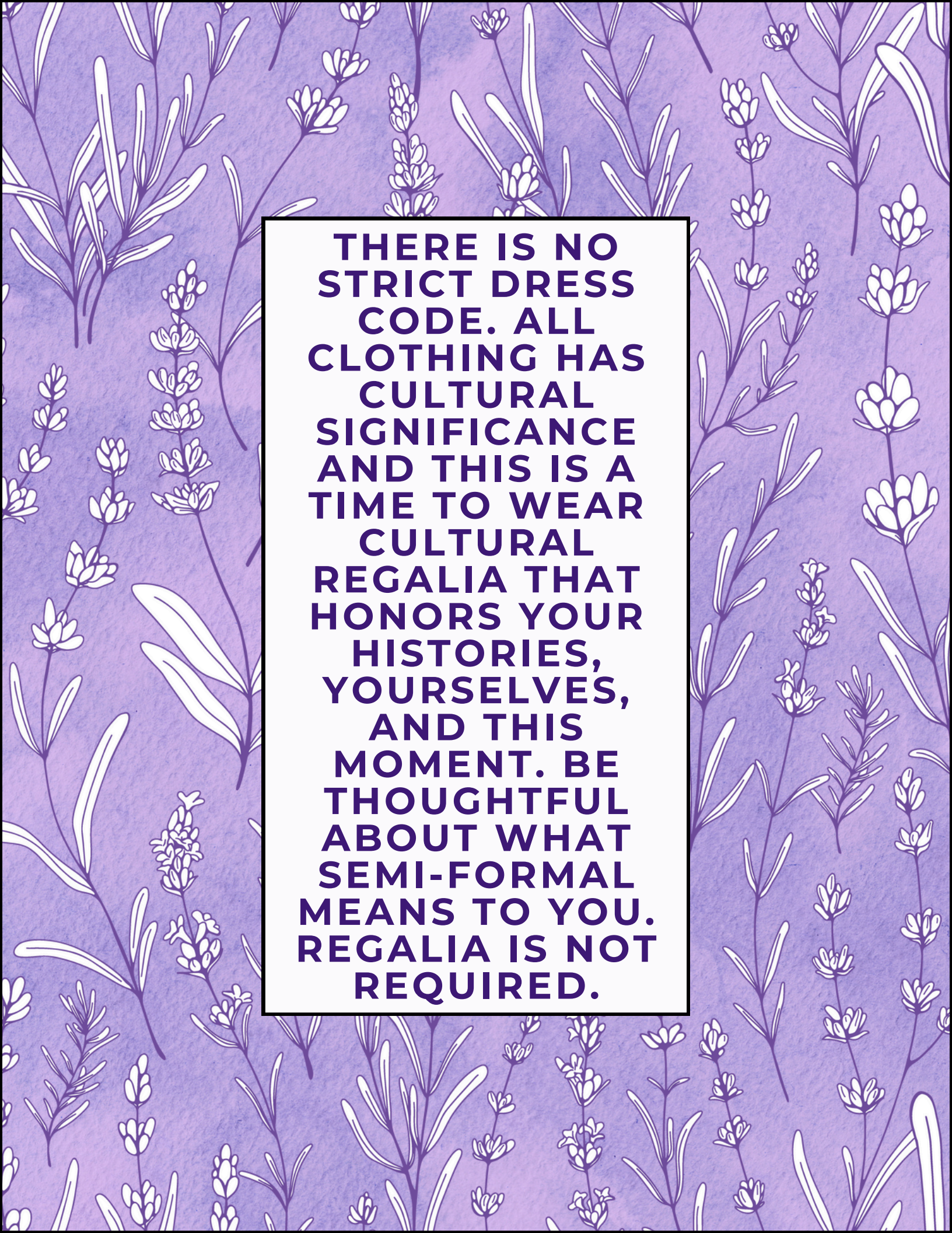




**GRADUATING SENIORS,
FROM EITHER SPRING
OR THE FOLLOWING
FALL SEMESTER, WHO
IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA+
ARE INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE
CEREMONY, BUT THE
ENTIRE COLLEGE
COMMUNITY IS INVITED
TO ATTEND AS GUESTS.
GRADUATES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO BRING
FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND
OTHER SIGNIFICANT
INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR
LIVES.**

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?



The background is a solid purple color with a repeating pattern of white line-art flowers and leaves. The flowers are small and clustered, while the leaves are long and narrow. The pattern is dense and covers the entire page.


**THERE IS NO
STRICT DRESS
CODE. ALL
CLOTHING HAS
CULTURAL
SIGNIFICANCE
AND THIS IS A
TIME TO WEAR
CULTURAL
REGALIA THAT
HONORS YOUR
HISTORIES,
YOURSELVES,
AND THIS
MOMENT. BE
THOUGHTFUL
ABOUT WHAT
SEMI-FORMAL
MEANS TO YOU.
REGALIA IS NOT
REQUIRED.**

WHERE DO I REGISTER?




**REGISTRATION IS
DONE THROUGH
OUR
RAMCONNECT
PAGE, THE
EVENT PAGE
GOES LIVE MID
NOVEMBER.**





QUESTIONS OR CONCERS?



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