

# International Pronouns Day blurb for students

International Pronouns Day takes place on the third Wednesday in October, which is Wednesday, October 21 in 2020

Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. Being referred to by the wrong pronouns particularly affects transgender and gender nonconforming people. International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Together, we can transform society to celebrate people's multiple, intersecting identities ([PronounsDay.org](https://PronounsDay.org))

As an individual, here are a few things you could do:

- Educate yourself, and practice using a variety of pronouns on your own. Visit [MyPronouns.org](https://MyPronouns.org) and deepen your learning. Be sure you know how to respect others' pronouns. Practice using they/them and other pronoun sets in sentences on your own, so you can do better in real life scenarios. Learn how to recover from mistakes.
  - [Pronouns Day Website](https://PronounsDay.org)
  - [National Advocacy Website for LGBTQ Communities](https://NationalAdvocacyWebsiteforLGBTQCommunities.org)
  - [What is Oppression](https://TheIcarusProject.org) (The Icarus Project)
  - [Gender Neutral Writing Guide](https://GenderNeutralWritingGuide.org)
- Share your own pronouns in your display name in online settings, in your email signature, when you share your name in class, etc.
- Get involved in local communities and organizations.