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Coming Out to Faculty and Staff at Your College (sample email)

Sending your professor an email can be a good way to let them know that your preferred name and pronouns are different from the name and pronouns suggested by the class roster. Ohio U's LGBTQ Center suggests including the following sample email to use as a guide:

Professor _____,

I am a student in your (insert class name here). I am getting in contact with you to let you know that I identify as (insert identity here). My name will probably show up on your roster as (insert legal name here), but I would prefer to go by (insert chosen name here) and (insert pronouns) pronouns. I will be putting (insert chosen name here) on my assignments and would appreciate it if you called me that in class. If you have any questions for me regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is (insert email address here) and my phone number is (insert phone number here).

Thank you very much for your understanding,

(sign with chosen name)

If you don't feel comfortable communicating directly with a professor, you can contact the someone in the Dean of Students office who will send an email to the professor letting them know about your chosen name and pronoun.

Other points to potentially Include:

- Brief explanation ("I identify as transgender, which means _____ to me.")
 - "I prefer for no one to know about my transgender status" or "I would be willing to talk about being transgender as it related to class discussion" (depending on class and personal preference)
 - Provide them with relevant websites for more information
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