Bio: Hi everyone! My name is Madison Kelly and I'm a senior Legal Studies major with a minor in creative writing and poetry. I am currently applying to MFA programs to pursue writing and teaching as a career, and am interested in going to law school someday as well.

I have always been inspired by the way that members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to be resilient through matters of political instability and resource inequality. Partnering with Persad Center, I wanted to help further their mission of providing support to members of the LGBTQ+ community in a way that is safe and welcoming. My project focuses on extending Persad Center's reach to surrounding counties in Pennsylvania, and ensuring that anyone who needs the resources that Persad Center provides can have access to them. I am specifically focused on extending their reach to communities with a lack of LGBTQ+ resources and a lack of access to education, so that we can help individuals and their loved ones through the coming out process and beyond.

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