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Fiona Miller ’09 isn’t wasting a minute of her time at Princeton.

Before her freshman year began, Miller dove into the Princeton community on an Outdoor Action trip that took her and other incoming freshmen to the Shenandoah Mountains of Virginia. Her OA experience meant so much to her that the following summer she helped lead a trip for the Class of 2010 — this time in the Berkshires in Massachusetts — and she plans to continue leading them.

On campus, Miller joined the Black Student Union, and for a while she danced with the Black Arts Company. She pours most of her energy into Princeton’s LGBT community as co-vice president of the Pride Alliance and LGBT peer educator, speaking on panels in Princeton’s residential colleges to raise awareness for the LGBT campus community and address related issues.

“The Princeton community in general is really accepting of LGBT students,” says Miller, a comparative literature major. She and other students of color also hope to “start communication across communities” on campus, particularly between communities of color and the LGBT community. She and four other Princeton students also attended the national LGBT conference Creating Change, where they learned about activism and organizing.

Since then, Miller has worked with Princeton’s Student Volunteers Council to organize a weekly service project that would give Princeton students the chance to mentor and encourage homeless LGBT youth at Anchor House, a shelter in Trenton. She’s found strong support for this and her other efforts from Princeton’s LGBT center, where the University’s various student groups and programs converge, and to which students can go for resources or simply to hang out.

Miller is enthralled with the opportunities Princeton has given her so far. “Being busy takes time-management skills, but it’s okay when what you’re doing is so exciting,” she says.