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+++++ **GSA NETWORK HIGHLIGHT** +++++

Working to End Gender Segregation at Graduation!

Here at the GSA Network we try to make campaigns as easy as possible. After all, fighting oppressions on a daily basis is hard work! That's why GSA Network has handy-dandy resource sheets, campaign manuals (Beyond the Binary: A Toolkit for Gender Identity Activism in Schools, Make it Real: AB 537 Student Organizing manual, and Take it Back: A Manual for Fighting Slurs on Campus), easy to read curriculum guides that break down the campaign manuals, and staff who are willing to offer campaign support at a moments notice.

However, some GSA members start their own campaigns that the GSA Network doesn't have manuals or guides. For instance, Lyla Foley at Albany High School, found it incredibly messed up that her school color-coded graduation gowns on the basis of sex- white for girls and red for boys.

As a member of GSA Network Youth Council, all youth must engage in campaign work that will positively affect their campus. Lyla, a Northern California Youth Council member, decided to take her school head on and campaign for gender-neutral graduation gowns.

Lyla states, "I am campaigning in my school to get the grad robes to be gender neutral, and have made some serious progress."

Although the GSA Network doesn't have campaign guides that readily address graduation gowns and color-coding on the basis of sex, we do have four campaign guides that GSAs can easily use to start raising awareness about LGBTQ issues on their campuses.

For a list of GSA Network campaigns and helpful resource sheets, please visit this link: <http://www.gsanetwork.org/resources/index.html>.

Keep in mind that all of the GSA Network Program Coordinators are more than happy to help with input, ideas, and suggestions for your campaigns! Give us a call at the office (415.552.4229) or shoot us an email.

Lyla wasn't about to let her school regulate graduation gowns on the basis of the gender binary system and she decided to do something about it. What are you going to do to change the climate of your school?

+++++++ **GSA NETWORK ANNOUNCEMENTS** ++++++

1. Apply for GSA Activist Camp This Summer!!

It's that time of year again! GSA Network Activist Camp is happening in Northern California and Southern California.

Who's excited? We are!

The GSA Activist Camp is a youth-planned and youth-led 3-day event that features intensive community building, skill-building, political education, and leadership training for GSA members and potential members. All LGBT and straight ally youth from California can apply. Youth who will be in a high school or middle school GSA next year will be given priority.

APPLY ONLINE:

<http://www.qsanetwork.org/camp/camp2007.html>

Southern California

On June 20-22 youth from all over Southern California and the Central Valley will be flocking to beautiful Cal State Northridge. Application deadline is May 30.

Questions? <mailto:Daniel@qsanetwork.org>

Northern California

On August 15-17 youth from all over Northern California and Central Valley will be heading to the Marin Headlands in Sausalito. Application deadline is July 25.

Questions? <mailto:Kiely@qsanetwork.org>

For questions, call 415.552.4229

2. Get Ready for the 2008 Pride Parade!

GSA Network invites GSAs all over California to participate in the 2008 Pride Festivities.

To join us for Pride 2008, contact the GSA Network Program Coordinators:

San Francisco Pride Parade, Sunday, June 29th

Check www.qsanetwork.org for exact location and time

Kiely Hosmon, Northern California Program Coordinator

415-552-4229 <mailto:kiely@qsanetwork.org>

Fresno Rainbow Pride, Saturday, June 7th

Meet at the NE corner of Palm and Olive at 9:30am - look for the GSA Network banner

Robin McGehee, Central Valley Program Coordinator

559-268-2780 <mailto:robin@qsanetwork.org>

Los Angeles Pride Parade, Sunday, June 8th

Check www.qsanetwork.org for exact location and time

Daniel Solis, Southern California Program Coordinator

<mailto:daniel@qsanetwork.org>

3. Southern California Youth Council Meeting (Los Angeles)

Date: Tuesday, May 27th

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: new GSA Network office

1145 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 100

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Food & Refreshments provided

We will reimburse you for your travel costs & if you need help getting to the meeting, please let Daniel know ASAP.

Join SoCal GSA Network for our monthly youth council meeting. We'll be discussing the upcoming LA Pride march, checking in about your GSA, and making plans on how to pass the leadership torch at your school.

If you'd like to add something to the agenda, please let Daniel know.

Please RSVP to Daniel by Friday, May 23rd

<mailto:Daniel@gsanetwork.org>

4. Fill out the GSA Network Evaluation - Win \$100 for your GSA

Calling all GSA advisors, presidents, and active members! We want your feedback. Tell us what worked this year, where you had challenges, and how GSA Network can help your GSA more in the 2008-2009 school year.

Fill out the evaluation online: <http://www.gsanetwork.org/yearendeval/>

If you fill out the evaluation by June 1st, you could win \$100 for your GSA!

5. Apply to Join the GSA Network Board of Directors

Are you...

- Passionate about GSA Network and our mission of empowering youth activists to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools?
- Able to commit to attending 4 board meetings a year (in person) plus committee calls by phone?
- Interested in learning about fundraising and helping raise funds for GSA Network?
- Wanting to learn how a nonprofit organization works?
- 19 years old or younger, and in high school or just recently graduated?

If you answered yes to these questions, you should consider applying to GSA Network's Board of Directors.

GSA Network's Board of Directors is a partnership between adults and youth leaders who govern the organization. Board members are responsible for organizational planning, evaluating, fundraising, and setting policies for GSA Network. The board meets four times a year in person. Youth board members' travel expenses are paid. Youth board members' terms are for 1 year.

To apply, email <mailto:carolyn@gsanetwork.org> to request an application. Applications will be due by June 16, so don't delay!

All youth from California are welcome to apply. People of color, female and transgender people, and straight allies are especially encouraged to apply!

6. GSA Network Rallies Against State Education Budget Cuts

On Thursday, May 15th, GSA Network staff travelled to Sacramento to attend and support the Campaign for Quality Education's Student Rally! More than 2,000 students and supporters rallied against the state education budget cuts at the State Capitol.

As a youth leadership organization, GSA Network feels strongly about working to fight the school budget cuts, which impact our LGBTQ and allied youth, just as it affects all youth in California. In particular, if schools don't have adequate funding, it makes it even more difficult for them to implement the laws that protect LGBTQ youth.

It was exciting to see the number of LGBTQ and allied youth, including those who just recently attended Queer Youth Advocacy Day, who attended the rally against the education budget cuts.

Students, parents, teachers and community members from Southern California (South Los Angeles, Orange County, Long Beach, and San Diego), the Bay Area (Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley), West Contra Costa (Richmond, Pinole and San Pablo), the South Bay (San Jose), and the Central Valley (Fresno and Stockton) kept the energy up during the rally despite 100-degree weather.

There were amazing student emcees and speakers from across the state who represented unified youth, parent and teacher voices. And both State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and Senate President Pro-Tem Darrell Steinberg-who's made high school reform his highest priority, spoke as well.

Student delegation teams, along with allies, conducted over 40 delegation visits with staff of key legislators to share our concerns about the budget and share CQE's three long-term education finance principles:

- Adequate funding for all students to meet high standards.
- Targeted funding to provide more funding to the students who depend most on our education system.
- Stable funding to ensure the quality of education does not fluctuate.

GSA Network encourages each and everyone of you to contact your legislators and let them know that budget cuts in schools are not good for California students!

Check out the news coverage:

Sacramento Bee

<http://www.sacbee.com/111/story/943244.html>

Contra Costa Times

http://www.contracostatimes.com/bayandstate/ci_9275723?nclick_check=1

7. The Northern California GSA Network region now has a myspace page!

Here's the link for all NorCal GSA members or those who are interested in GSAs:

<http://www.myspace.com/norcalgsanetwork>

Keep in contact with other GSA members, network with one another and exchange ideas, and keep updated on things happening in NorCal!

8. BURROUGHS HIGH GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE TO STAGE PRODUCTION OF THOUGHT-PROVOKING PLAY, "THE LARAMIE PROJECT" (Burbank)

Production of play part of students' efforts to create local dialogue around Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgendered issues in the City of Burbank.

Burbank, Calif., May 12, 2008 - The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) of John Burroughs High School is staging the thought-provoking play *The Laramie Project* by Moises Kaufman. The *Laramie Project* deals with the 1998 hate-driven murder of openly gay Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming by two young men. Burroughs High's GSA is staging *The Laramie Project* to begin a dialogue in the city of Burbank around issues of violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered youth.

The initiative for staging *The Laramie Project* came from a group of students in Burroughs High School's Drama program and Gay-Straight Alliance who wanted to perform *The Laramie Project* as the annual spring play. Their hope was to use the beautiful and inspirational story to start conversations between students and teachers at their school. Unfortunately, school administrators felt that the play would be divisive and create controversy. With that justification, school administrators prevented the Drama program and the GSA from staging *The Laramie Project* at Burroughs High School. Four students - Nicole Carothers, Madison DiNapoli, Amanda Stone, and Jenna Tamimi - refused to be silenced and decided to stage the play on their own outside of school. They received a grant, held auditions, and found a theatre generous enough to share its facilities. The process however has been a challenge. Since the school administration is not supporting the play, the students have been left on their own to direct and produce the play. They are determined not to allow ignorance to hinder art and dialogue. The students putting on the play hope to show school administrators that *The Laramie Project* will actually bring the community together in a constructive way. They feel that they have the right and an obligation to put on the play and the people of their community have the right to see it. The students are using the stage to spread tolerance and unity.

Burroughs High's Gay-Straight Alliance is receiving support in staging *The Laramie Project* from LifeWorks Mentoring, GSA Network, Gay and Lesbian Allied Administrators, and Parents, Friends of Lesbians And Gays.

The Laramie Project will be staged on Thursday, May 29th & Friday, May 30th at 8 pm. General Admission is \$10 and Student Admission is \$7. It will be performed at the Colony Theatre, 555 N. 3rd Street, Burbank, CA 91502.

+++++ **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS** +++++
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Statewide

9. COLAGE Releases Groundbreaking Resource on Transgender Families

Exclusive Guide for People with Transgender Parents

San Francisco, May 18, 2008 - COLAGE is proud to announce the release of its Kids of Trans Resource Guide, the first of its kind, which was written by and for people with transgender parents. While many transgender people have children, very few resources exist for transgender parents and their families. Having a transgender parent can often feel isolating or challenging. This crucial resource will provide the growing community of children, youth, and adults with one or more transgender parent(s) much needed information about their experience.

"When my father explained that (s)he was becoming a woman, (s)he handed me a pamphlet about transgender issues," says Monica Canfield-Lenfest, COLAGE Kids of Trans Fellow. "I really wanted a pamphlet for me. Ten years later, that resource finally exists."

The Kids of Trans Resource Guide offers a range of perspectives with valuable quotes from the experts themselves - people of all ages with transgender parents. This invaluable guide seeks to provide an understanding of transgender issues specifically for the children of transgender people with basic vocabulary and concepts, frequently asked questions, and what to expect during a parent's gender transition. We have included these additional resources: Transition Tips for Parents, Finding Support and Community, Legal Q&A for Kids of Trans Parents, and an expanded Transgender Family Resource List. In addition, the guide features frank discussions about family changes, challenges to acceptance, and the benefits of having a trans parent.

"Even if my family structure is a little bit different from the average family (MTF transgender parent and a biological mom), we still do everything other families do. We enjoy each other's company, eat dinner together, talk, and go out to eat, among much more," says 13-year old Gretchen C. "The way my family is does not change who I am. Though, it does make me more accepting of different types of people and situations."

The Kids of Trans Resource Guide was authored by Monica Canfield-Lenfest and is the culmination of her eight-month Kids of Trans Fellowship at COLAGE from October 2007 through May 2008. Copies are available by donation from COLAGE. An electronic version will also be available at <http://www.colage.org>.

Transgender and gender non-conforming parents, family members, people with transgender parents, teachers, therapists, and LGBT community centers are all encouraged to read this valuable new resource.

About COLAGE

COLAGE is a national movement of children, youth and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer parent(s). We build community and work toward social justice through youth empowerment, leadership development, education and advocacy. <http://www.colage.org>

Interviews and review copies available by request.

Central Valley

10. Help organize Salinas Valley Pride Parade (Monterey County)

The Salinas Valley Pride committee is looking for LGBTQI youth and youth allies to help organize the second annual Salinas Valley Pride Parade, scheduled for early August. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Cisneros at 831-595-0904.

Here's a video of our first ever Salinas Valley Pride parade:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4eFbYl2RaU>

11. Bi-weekly Youth Alliance Meetings (Fresno)

We meet every Friday Evening at 6:30 pm at the Fresno Center for Non-Violence at 1584 N. Van Ness, on the corner of McKinley Ave. Look for the Peace symbol in the window!

The meeting at this time is for teens only.

<http://www.fresnorainbowpride.com/youthalliance.html>

Northern California

12. Summer Programs from Oasis for Girls (San Francisco)

We are excited to announce that applications are now available for two exciting summer programs that offer stipends and exciting opportunities for young women ages 14-20.

Applications are downloadable on our homepage <http://www.sfoasis.org>

Please pass along this info to young women and youth workers.

Performance & Activism Project

An 8 week program for young women to:

- *learn aerial (off the ground) dance
- *Make friends
- *Take action
- *Earn \$400

RISE Life Skills Program

An 8 week program that offers a safe forum to talk about and get information on physical, emotional, and mental health needs of young women. This is an 8-week program. Girls will be awarded \$400 upon completion.

Questions? Contact Tina Bartolome at Oasis for Girls: (415) 701-7991 or <mailto:arts@sfoasis.org>.

13. Straightlaced Rough Cut Screenings

Rough cut screenings of Straightlaced with youth will be used to gather feedback about the content of the film, which features teenagers talking about the limitations of strict gender roles and the underlying homophobia at the heart of it all. Rough cut screenings can take place in high school classes, afterschool programs, community gatherings, religious youth groups etc. If you work with youth or know of other adults who do and can help us arrange for a screening, please contact Sue Chen, producer, at 415-641-4616 ext 304 or <mailto:schen@groundspark.org>. Screenings will take about 2 hours, which includes viewing the film as well as time for feedback and discussion with the filmmakers. This is a great opportunity for youth to be involved in the filmmaking process and have a dialogue about gender roles and homophobia.

GroundSpark
2180 Bryant St. Ste. 203
San Francisco, CA 94110
Tel: 415-641-4616 Fax: 415-641-4632
<http://www.groundspark.org>

<mailto:info@groundspark.org>

14. Queer Prom - Midnight Masquerade (San Francisco)

June 21st Saturday

QUEER PROM-Midnight Masquerade
(2nd annual SF Queer Prom)

8pm-Midnight

The SF LGBT Center
1800 Market St @ Octavia

Free for youth 24 & under (ID & dress code required)
RSVP for VIP List 415.865.5633

15. LGBT Elders Dialogue with Teens (Oakland)

The Lavender Scrolls Project portrays the lives of eight lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders. It features photographs, life-story excerpts and quotations that defy stereotypes about being old and gay, while also demonstrating the realities common to all elders. The project is presented by Oakland personal historian Cathy Cade. The scrolls will be on exhibit at the Main Library in June.

Come meet with the subjects of The Lavender Scrolls. This is your chance to ask LGBT seniors those questions you've always wanted to ask. Refreshments will be served. Saturday, June 14, from 12 to 2

West Auditorium, Main Library, 125 14th Street, Oakland
See <http://www.lavenderseniors.org> and click on "scrolls".
Call 238-4974 for more information.

16. YouthAware Educational Theatre at the New Conservatory Theatre Center Presents The Other Side of the Closet (Northern CA)

The Other Side of the Closet
by Ed Roy Directed by Sara Staley

A Safe Schools Educational Play for Teens
Touring Northern California Schools and Communities from
October 27th- December 11th 2008
Book now for the best selection of dates!

Harassment based on actual or perceived sexual orientation remains persistent in schools all over the country. The Other Side of the Closet by Ed Roy is a drama for teens that is produced by the New Conservatory Theatre Center's Youth Aware Educational Theatre program, based in San Francisco. This program has been touring to Northern California middle and high schools every fall, since 2000, to educate young people about homophobia, diversity, discrimination, hate crimes, verbal & physical harassment, and about the California School Safety Act (AB-537). The Other Side of the Closet supports a safe school curriculum where students, teachers and parents can learn about acceptance and respect in an innovative and engaging format. This is a great program for your GSA or other diversity based club to sponsor on campus. We are also available to present community performances of this program on Monday and Tuesday evenings during the run of the tour.

You may download a preview copy of the script at
<http://www.nctcsf.org/other.html>

For more information or to book a tour date for your school,
email <mailto:sara@nctcsf.org> or call (415) 694-6149.

17. Making Our Dreams Come True (San Francisco)

San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus presents the greatest hits from the old masters and stunning new works by today's modern maestros: a night of glamour and gaiety at San Francisco's most elegant concert hall.

Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.
Info & tickets: (415) 865-2787 <http://www.sfgmc.org>
May 16 @ 8:00pm \$20 and up.

There is a 50% discount available for students. This discount is only available in person, upon proof of status (student ID card) in person at the Box Office: (415) 865-2787
1800 Market Street, SF. The 50% discount applies to 2nd Tier (\$20) and Premium 2nd Tier (\$25) tickets only, making these tickets available to students at \$10 and \$12.50. The box office is adjacent to the \$3 Cafe on the 1st Floor of the LGBT Community Center. It is staffed, next week, Monday through Thursday between the hours of noon

and 6 p.m.

Southern California

18. Models of Excellence Scholarship Ceremony (Riverside/San Bernardino)

MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY
DATE CHANGE
SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008

TO ALL OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS
A BIG THANK YOU
Notifications of award recipients will be going out in the
next few weeks.

TO ALL OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS
We thank you for your generous support of our youth.
EVERYONE, PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY
SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008.

PERSONAL INVITATIONS WILL BE GOING OUT BY MAIL TO RECIPIENTS AND TO OUR
SPONSORS.

Friends of Project 10 Inc. invites you to support our programs through gifts,
sponsorships of scholarships and the MOP 16 conference, and through volunteering.

Visit <http://www.project10.org> for more information or contact us directly at
<mailto:project10@hotmail.com> or 626.577.4553 to find out how you can help support
our LGBTQ youth.

19. LifeWorks Valley Group Monthly Social (North Hollywood)

A monthly social group for LGBTQ youth ages 14-24
Saturday, May 24 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm
*food *games *cake *fun new people
Held at MCC, 5730 Cahuenga Blvd, North Hollywood 91601
Questions? Go to <http://myspace.com/lifeworksmentoring> or call 310-724-6300

20. The 3rd Annual Joteri~a Conference (Northridge)

The 3rd Annual Joteri~a Conference Planning Committee, a Chicana/o and Latina/o
political student-lead organization, is pleased to present the 3rd Annual Joteria
Conference, "Transformando nuestra canci~on: Celebrating the Spirit of Our Colors.
The conference will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at California State University
Northridge.

The conference brings together a unique coalition of college students, high school
students, community leaders, and family members to acknowledge and invigorate our
collective and individual struggles to end all forms of oppression and exploitation:
social, ideological and economic. This year's conference is dedicated to the
transformation of our families as we share spaces for celebration, social change, and

consciousness-raising.

Please join us as we celebrate the power and diversity of our collective voices as *joter* and familia in resistance against racism, anti-immigrant sentiments, elitism, patriarchy, homophobia, and other forms of discrimination.

This year we will also be awarding two scholarships, so if you are a queer high school student who is planning to attend college in the fall or if you're a queer AB450 student currently enrolled, please apply!

Registering early helps us determine how many people are coming & help you find transportation to the conference.
Several buses have been generously donated - so please remember to indicate your transportation needs.

to register please visit: <http://www.joteriaconference.org>

21. MY Event - Mobilizing LGBTQ youth for the 2008 election (Los Angeles)

As we mentioned previously, we are presenting "MY Event" on May 31st, and we have a very special announcement regarding the event!

We will be giving away 100 tickets to the 2008 LA Pride festival at our event as an incentive for getting LGTBQ youth involved in the 2008 election.

Youth can win a ticket in the following ways:

- 1) Register to vote @ the event
- 2) Participate in our special election documentary @ the event
- 3) Write a short essay on any of the election topics listed on our web site
- 4) Sign up to give a 2 minute speech @ our event
- 5) Show up to the event for other fun ways to win

EVENT INFO

MY Event

Saturday, May 31, 2008

6:00pm-9:00pm

Plummer Park @ 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.

More Info: (310) 712-3918 <http://www.cityx1.com/myevent>

Attractions: A live DJ & Dance, Free Food, Voter Registration, Giveaways, Community Resources, Participate in a Special Documentary, and more!

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our event web site.

22. Models of Pride Conference (Save the Date)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

The annual Models of Pride (MOP 16) is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008,

at Occidental College in Eagle Rock. This is a free one-day conference for youth, ages 14 to 23. The focus of the conference is on LGBTQ youth interests and issues. Applications for workshop proposals, volunteers, and the resource faire will be posted in the next few weeks (a reminder will be sent out).
SAVE THE DATE!

23. LGBT Community Collaborative of the Central Coast wants your input! (Santa Barbara area)

LGBT Community Collaborative of the Central Coast wants your input!
La Colaborativa de la Comunidad LGBT de la Costa Central quiere su aporte!

We want your input!

We are a collaborative project with representation from Pacific Pride Foundation, Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast, UCSB, and community members. We are members and allies of the local lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, and are working to improve community support for LGBT individuals in Santa Barbara County and nearby areas.

We are looking for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and same-sex attracted individuals who live, work, or socialize in Santa Barbara County or nearby areas to complete an anonymous and brief (10-15 minute) survey. You received this email because you are on an email list of an LGBT-related agency or organization in Santa Barbara County or nearby areas.

If you choose to participate, you will be asked to answer questions about issues, concerns, and strengths of the Central Coast LGBT community. The first 300 people who take the survey will receive a \$5 coupon for [online merchant] or have the option to make a donation to the charity of their choice.

If you are interested in participating, please follow this link

<https://survey.ucsb.edu/communitysurvey>. From this secure website you can read about the survey, complete the survey, and get your coupon.

Let your voice be heard! Please feel free to forward this message to other members of the local LGBT community.

LGBT Community Collaborative of the Central Coast

ÂiQueremos su aporte!

Somos un proyecto colaborativo con representaci3n de Pacific Pride Foundation (la Fundaci3n Orgullo Pac3fico), Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast (la Alianza Homosexual y Lesbiana de la Costa Central), UCSB (la Universidad de California en Santa Barbara), y miembros de la comunidad. Somos miembros y aliados de la comunidad local lesbiana, homosexual, bisexual, y transg3nero (LGBT) y estamos tratando de mejorar el apoyo comunitario para personas LGBT en el Condado de Santa Barbara y 3reas cercanas.

Estamos buscando lesbianas, homosexuales, bisexuales, transg3neros, e individuos atra3dos por el mismo sexo que viven, trabajan, o se socializan en el Condado de Santa Barbara o 3reas cercanas para completar una encuesta an3nima y breve (de 10 a 15 minutos). Recibiste este correo electr3nico porque est3s en una lista electr3nica de una agencia o organizaci3n relacionada con LGBT en el Condado de

Santa Barbara o áreas cercanas.

Si usted decide completar esta encuesta anónima, se le pedirá que responda a preguntas relacionadas a los temas, preocupaciones y puntos fuertes de la comunidad LGBT de la Costa Central. Las primeras 300 personas que completen esta encuesta recibirán un cupón de \$5 dólares para Amazon.com o tienen la posibilidad de hacer una donación a una organización benéfica de su propia elección.

Si está interesado en participar, por favor siga esta conexión <https://survey.ucsb.edu/communitysurvey>. Desde este sitio web, el cual es muy seguro, puedes encontrar más información sobre la encuesta, completarla, y obtener su cupón.

¡Haga que su voz se escuche! Por favor, sientase libre de reenviar este mensaje electrónico a otros miembros de la comunidad LGBT local.

La Colaborativa de la Comunidad LGBT de la Costa Central

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<mailto:tisrael@education.ucsb.edu>

Scholarships/Jobs

24. COLAGE Scholarship

Scholarships for students with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent(s), sponsored by COLAGE with generous support from the Horizons Foundation Joseph Towner Fund.

COLAGE is pleased to announce a continued partnership with Horizons Foundation to award four \$1,000 scholarships to support the undergraduate studies of students who have one or more LGBTQ parent(s)/guardian(s) and have demonstrated ability and commitment to effecting change in the LGBTQ community and the community at large.

The application deadline is Monday, June 2, 2008.

Lee Dubin Memorial Fund

Some of the most powerful members of the LGBTQ community are the children of LGBTQ parents who have grown up being nurtured and supported by this community and are now part of a whole generation of people who have the power to create dramatic change in the world. The fund was named for the father of COLAGE founder Ali Nickel-Dubin and through college scholarships, aims to honor our collective power and celebrate the unique experiences and achievements of our families. Students who are actively working to combat homophobia and or transphobia/ gender-based discrimination and increase positive awareness of LGBTQ families are strongly encouraged to apply.

Requirements

Applicants must:

Have one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/ or queer parent(s)/guardian(s).

Be enrolled in an accredited postsecondary institution. No graduate level or higher applicants please.

Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Guidelines for consideration

Four grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded.

Awards will be granted by the COLAGE Scholarship Committee, which is made up of volunteers who are LGBTQ parents and adult children of LGBTQ parents.

Applicants of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. COLAGE does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, physical dis/ability, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, immigration/refugee status, age, gender, or type of LGBTQ family. Board or staff members of COLAGE, and their immediate family members, are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be willing to be named publicly in association with COLAGE, Horizons Foundation, and the Scholarship Program.

Applicants with demonstrated economic need are encouraged to apply.

To learn more and download the application, please visit

<http://www.colage.org/programs/academic/leedubin.htm>

If you are unable to download the application online, contact us for a paper copy.

Questions?

Contact COLAGE at 415-861-KIDS (5437) or <mailto:scholarship@colage.org>

COLAGE is a national movement of children, youth and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer parent(s). We build community and work toward social justice through youth empowerment, leadership development, education and advocacy.

25. GALAA Scholarships

This year the Gay and Lesbian Allied Administrators (GALAA) will award scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 to any Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) graduating seniors who have demonstrated the following criteria for eligibility:

- * Academic Excellence or Progress
- * Excellent School Attendance
- * Participation in Extra-Curricular Clubs or Activities
- * Participation in Community Service
- * A Commitment to Advance the Civil Rights of the LGBT Population

For consideration of a scholarship award, please fill out the application. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 30, 2008.

Please mail your application to:

GALAA

3510 Garden Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90039

Download the application at:

<http://galaonline.org/docs/GALAAScholarshipApplication2008.pdf>

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