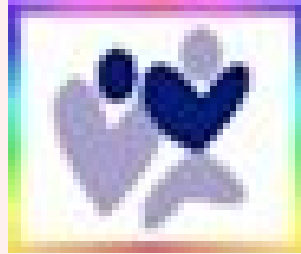




The TC Times



New Additions to True Colors Staff

Welcome back for the new school year. We have several new people here at the office who you will be seeing around. There is a new Public Ally who will be the GSA co-ordinator, as well as interns Kathleen, Emily, Leslie, and Matt. Emily and Leslie are currently working on a film project showcasing True Colors. If there is anyone willing to be part of this film, please contact us.

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Sarah GSA Coordinator
2007-2008 school year

"A Global Perspective on Queer Youth"

The 15th annual True Colors conference will be held at a NEW LOCATION this year, University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus, from March 13th to 15th. Get involved in the organizing! You can help in every facet of the weekend from dealing with the presenters to setting up for the event. You can also receive a certificate in leadership!

Please contact Matt at 1-888-565-5551 for more info

GSA's can go to the conference for free if they sell double the amount that it costs for them to attend in ads!!

Be our Friend!

If you want to stay in the know about the Conference or anything else that has to do with True Colors Inc. Add us as a friend on myspace!

[www.myspace.com/
ourtruecolors](http://www.myspace.com/ourtruecolors)

Showcase your GSA!



This year True Colors Inc is going to try something new by having a monthly e-newsletter to see what is going on in GSA's throughout the state.

Your Advisors should be receiving a mailing soon about all the forums and summits taking place this year and once all that is finalized I will make that information widely available.

If any of you have an event, announcement, or piece of work please share it! I would like to know and it would be beneficial for everyone to know!

I would like to have several pieces written by you in this newsletter as well! Please submit your work by the 25th of each month so it can be included in the forthcoming month's newsletter!

Activity Ideas

True Colors has created a GSA Curriculum and here is a quick view for this month:

Discussion

Where did the pink triangle come from?

What are the similarities and differences between racism and homophobia?

What do Lorraine Hansberry, James Baldwin, and Tennessee Williams have in common?



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Movies

A Question of Equality: www.COLAGE.org

Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community: www.amazon.com

Screaming Queens: <http://www.screamingqueensmovie.com/>



Fundraising Idea

Sponsor a play, concert, or other cultural event to benefit your GSA. A few years ago, Drake High School in Marin, CA teamed up with their school's Drama Department to put on a play that dealt with issues of homophobia and stereotyping in a school setting. The play ran for four nights to sold out audiences, and raised lots of money for the Drake GSA and the GSA Network.



Community Events

National Coming Out Day! October 11th 2007

Hispanic Heritage Month September 15th - October 15th



Resources

<http://www.glbhistorymonth.com/glbhistorymonth/>

Contact Us or you GSA Advisor for more information!



Snap Shot at the Office - What is your most embarrassing moment?

Sarah



One summer I had enrolled myself at a local gym to get ready for the track and field season. My first day of training I went right for the treadmill thinking it was the most easy piece of equipment to use. While choosing the setting for my workout, I had foolishly misread the weight option for the speed option. So I had put in a ridiculously high speed for my workout and instantly flew off the machine into a wall. I hadn't stepped onto a treadmill until nearly 3 years later!

Emily



"On a Cruise, I was in the Bahamas. We were snorkeling, and I got out of the water to get a water-proof camera. I went back to hand it to a friend and slipped down the mossy concrete steps. I fell on my butt all the way down (scraped my face, and my arms), and then smacked my head at the very bottom, giving myself a concussion."

More embarrassing stories!

Lesley

I'll be the first to admit it, I was a bando all through high school. Every fall my high school marching band performed in a bunch of small competitions, and one major championship called the MI CCA finals. MI CCA was huge, every high school band in Massachusetts performed, which brought attendance to over 2000 people. During my senior year our band director gave me a solo to perform in our show. This solo required me to run through a maze of Percussionists, tuba players, and color guard. I t had been raining on and off this day, when it came time for me to perform my solo, I started to run towards the field but had to dodge a tube player quickly. Needless to say I lost my balance and took a nasty fall, face planted in the mud in front of 200 people. I got up and still played my solo, covered in mud from head to toe. We had to send out my uniform to the cleaners because the mud was caked on. As if that isn't bad enough, my parents caught it all on tape and still show it to everyone they can!



Kathleen



When I was in 9th grade, my entire leg had fallen asleep one day when I was taking a test. When I got up to hand in the test, I fell flat on my face in front of the entire class! It was so humiliating!

What were the names of the first gay couple to be married in San Francisco?

- Tom Ammiano and Bill Lockyer
- Stewart Gaffney and John Lewis
- Rosie O'Donnell and Kelli Carpenter
- Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon
- I don't know

When did the American Psychiatric Association remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders?

- 1963
- 1973
- 1983
- The APA still considers homosexuality a mental disorder
- I don't know

What street was the Stonewall In on?

- Stonewall Street
- Wall Street
- Christopher Street
- West 14th Street
- No answer

Which poet was NOT queer?

- Emily Dickinson
- Walt Whitman
- Robert Frost
- W.H. Auden
- No Answer

What date is World Aids Day?

- October 11
- February 14
- December 1
- June 27
- No answer

A lesbian wrote the lyrics to which patriotic song?

- "America the Beautiful"
- "A grand old flag"
- "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"
- "God Bless America"
- No answer

Which of these great historical figures was gay, lesbian, or bi?

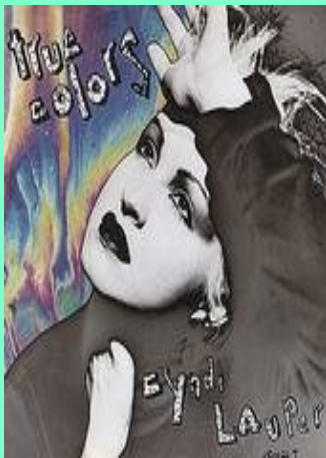
- Frederick the Great
- Alexander the Great
- Catherine the Great
- All of them
- No answer

Answers

1. Lesbian activists **Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin** -- who have been together since 1955 -- made history on February 12, 2004, in San Francisco, when they became the first same-sex couple in the United States to have their marriage recognized by a government.
2. In **1973**, the APA removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. In May 2005, the organization passed a resolution supporting same-sex marriage.
3. On June 28, 1969, cops raided the Stonewall Inn on **Christopher Street** on trumped-up charges of illegal sale of alcohol, sparking street protests that most consider the beginning of the gay liberation movement.
4. The theme for this year's World AIDS Day, on **December 1**, 2007, is "Stop AIDS. Keep the promise."
5. In an example of truly delicious irony, Katharine Lee Bates, a Wellesley College professor and early feminist who lived for 25 years as "one soul together" with another woman, also wrote the red-state anthem "**America the Beautiful**" in 1895.
6. **All of them** -- sort of. Catherine's bisexuality is undocumented, but it has been debated more than once. Meanwhile, Frederick's homosexuality was an open secret, and we all know about Alexander.
7. Of those four brilliant poets, only **Robert Frost** is considered straight by most contemporary biographers.

Source: Gay.com "Community"

We need your help!



This year we would absolutely love it if Cyndi Lauper made it to the conference so we need everyone help in turning this dream into a reality! Visit our Myspace page at <http://www.ourtruecolors.org> to view our template for sending a message to Cyndi's page. All you have to do is fill in the blanks telling her what True Colors means to you and what it would mean for you to have her come to the conference. Our goal is to flood her inbox with messages so she could not refuse not coming to the conference!

Please join us in our efforts to bring Cyndi to the Conference!

By the way...

If you would like to be greatly involved with putting on the conference,

We hold CORE organizing meetings every first Tuesday of the Month here at the True Colors office from 6pm to 8pm and Main conference meetings the second Thursday of every month also from 6 to 8pm at the Rainbow Center at Uconn.

Make a difference in a young person's life, become a Mentor.

High School is a difficult time for everybody, the type of role model a young person looks up to is crucial in that persons' development through adolescence. Having an older LGBTQI person to talk to and hang around with can have a huge positive effect.

Your commitment: one all day training, 3 face-to-face get together with your mentee per month, weekly phone contact, attendance at 4 mentor meetings per year and 4 TC-organized mentor-mentee group activities per year.

Think you'd make a great mentor? Contact Kamora at (860)-649-7386 or tcmckamora@yahoo.com

Spotlight!

Each newsletter is going to feature a member or GSA from the Queer community. This month I am going to feature myself since I am new to True Colors and will be meeting all of you at some point this year.

My name is Sarah, I am originally from Worcester, Massachusetts. I am a recent graduate of University of Massachusetts Amherst. I moved down to Connecticut for a program called Public Allies. Public Allies is an Ameri-corps program where young people are placed at various non-profits throughout the state as apprentices and create and implement a large-scale service project to improve a community. It's a great program, if any high-schools students out there who are about to graduate and don't know what to do, think about Public Allies, feel free to contact me about information about it. I will be the new GSA Coordinator this school year which I am very excited about. I like working with young people and when I first heard about True Colors I asked myself if I had any friends who were LGBTQI and I did not. I wondered why and realized that it was a problem and decided that I would get the most out of working for this agency. As GSA coordinator, I will be prime contact for all the GSAs this year and cannot wait to meet all of you! I would like for there to be more collaboration with all the GSAs this year. This is why I decided to start a monthly newsletter. This way students statewide will be able to know what each other are doing!



Fun things about me!

I used to run the 100 hurdles.

I was also in a West African dance troupe in college!

I look like I'm 15 but I'm actually 21.

My family is originally from Ghana, West Africa.

I was a first generation college student.

Want to nominate someone or yourself to be highlighted next month? Email me their picture, story, poem, or anything else creative and fun that they would like to share at colors.true@yahoo.com!