New Board Member – Camilla Madden

Camilla Madden is a psychologist in public service who has lived in Alaska since 2003. While living in Miami, Florida, she and her closest friend became involved with Project Yes whose mission is to ensure the healthy development of youth through powerful communication and education on gender and orientation.

She feels honored to have the opportunity to become part of Identity because of their commitment to provide programs which support equality for the LGBT community and their allies.

Camilla is personally invested due to having both LGBT family members and friends who have had the challenges of coping with the stigma and discrimination often faced by LGBT individuals. She is deeply committed to being actively involved in her community in a way that promotes supporting every community member so that they can move ahead and realize their full potential. To relax,

Camilla enjoys cooking, reading, hiking, tennis, boating in Prince William Sound and being part of conservation and environmental causes such as her time spent with the Friends of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge participating in beluga counts and sand hill crane observations.

IDENTITY PRESENTS $10,000 TO IMPERIAL COURT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of the ICOAA Ruby Jubilee and in memory of our dear young friend, Mya Dale, the Identity Board is pleased to donate funds from the Identity, Inc. Gaming Account to the Scholarship Fund of the Imperial Court of All Alaska.

The Scholarship Program of the Imperial Court of All Alaska has been funded over the years primarily from gaming proceeds. Identity is very pleased to have been the conduit this year for $10,000 in gaming income donated to the ICOAA Scholarship Program.

Many thanks to Larry at The Raven and Jeff at Mad Myrna’s for their years of contracting with Identity and with ICOAA for State of Alaska sanctioned gaming to support GLBTA community programs and other worthwhile charities here in Alaska.

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY

Trefl.Punkt Studio, 245 W. 5th #108, near the corner of 5th and C, in conjunction with Alaska Pride presented by Identity, invites you to the October First Friday Showing of a special GLBT photo shoot titled, “Love is Love”. Attend this Pride Conference kick-off event and see more than 25 Alaska couples professionally photographed with their look of love shining through.
Pride Conference 2012

Identity Inc. is happy to announce Alaska Pride Conference 2012. Pride Conference is a 3 day event running from Friday the 5th of Oct through to Sunday the 7th of Oct. All Pride Conference events are open to all ages.

Friday night will open our Pride Conference. Treft. Punkt Studio, 245 W. 5th #108, near the corner of 5th and C, in conjunction with Alaska Pride presented by Identity, invites you to the October First Friday Showing of a special GLBT photo shoot titled, “Love is Love”. Attend this Pride Conference kick-off event and see more than 25 Alaska couples professionally photographed with their look of love shining through.

Saturday will begin at 8am with registration and breakfast and run all day. It includes speakers, workshops, lunch, tie-dyeing and fun. Pride Conference this year will be hosted by The Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage, 4800 Spenard Rd, 3rd Floor.

Saturday night we will have bowling hosted by AMP of the 4A’s. Location to be announced Sunday we will begin at 9am with a hot brunch, a special panel of straight parents of LGBT children titled, “Straight but not Narrow” at 10 am, and our NOH8 photo shoot starting at 11am.

Kris Hermanns is a self-described “country girl” from rural Wisconsin. She has nearly two decades’ experience and expertise as a program manager, fundraiser, and nonprofit administrator. Before joining the Pride Foundation, Kris was the deputy director at the National Center for Lesbian Rights, where she led the development department, provided day-to-day internal management of the organization, and advised on strategic direction. Prior to that, Kris was a program officer with The Rhode Island Foundation, where she created Equity Action, a field-of-interest fund for LGBTQ concerns, and developed the grant making program for the Women’s Fund of Rhode Island.

In addition, Kris worked for Brown University’s Howard R. Swearer Center for Public Service, which builds links between the university and the local nonprofits by developing partnerships that address community-identified needs. She earned a Masters of Education in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University and a B.A. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition to her professional work, Kris served on the board of directors of Funders for LGBTQ Issues and is a partial owner of the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League. An avid non-fiction reader

PRIDE CONFERENCE: OPENING REMARKS

The Reverend George Edward Blair III will be sharing Opening Remarks at this year’s Pride Conference. Titled “Slings and Eros,” he will discuss the costs and joys of standing up for erotic love--especially from the pulpit--especially for lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual people.

The Reverend George Edward Blair III is Senior Minister of First Congregational Church of Anchorage Alaska. Over a twenty-two year ministry he has served churches in the Congregationalist, United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalist and American Baptist traditions. He is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and The University of Connecticut School of Law, and is licensed to practice law in Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

He is also the proud father of a proud gay son, and the proud grandfather of a proud grandson--so what once was just a moral and political issue is now very personal.

Pride Conference 2012 is pleased to announce two very special guests for this year’s conference. On Saturday, Oct 6th, our keynote speaker will be Kris Hermanns, Executive Director of the Pride Foundation. On Sunday, Oct 7th, our special guest will be the NOH8 grassroots photo shoot campaign from California. In addition to the NOH8 photo shoot we will also be having a hot brunch and panel. The panel is titled “Straight But Not Narrow” featuring straight allies who will speak on their experiences with raising LGBTQ children.

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and sports enthusiast, she is looking forward to further exploring every corner of the Northwest.

Read more about Kris at http://www.pridefoundation.org/about/board-staff

About the NOH8 Campaign:
On November 4, 2008 Proposition 8 passed in California, amending the state Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. The defeat provoked a ground-swell of initiative within the GLBT community at a grassroots level, with many new political and protest organizations being formed in response.

The NOH8 Campaign is a photographic silent protest created by celebrity photographer Adam Bouska (http://www.bouska.net) and partner, Jeff Parshley, in direct response to the passage of Proposition 8. Photos feature subjects with duct tape over their mouths, symbolizing their voices being silenced by Prop 8 and similar legislation around the world, with “NOH8” painted on one cheek in protest.

Three years since its inception, the NOH8 Campaign has grown to over 20,000 faces and continues to grow at an exponential rate. The campaign began with portraits of everyday Californians from all walks of life and soon rose to include politicians, military personnel, newlyweds, law enforcement, artists, celebrities, and many more.

The NOH8 Campaign has received overwhelming support from around the world, and has appeared in various local and national news programs and publications. The images are widely used on various social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to spread the message of equality. Eventually the images will be compiled for a large-scale media campaign.

Read more about NOH8 at http://www.noh8campaign.com/

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th
The NOH8 Campaign will set up our mobile studio at Alaska Pride Conference 2012, bringing the NOH8 Campaign to Anchorage for the first time!

The photo shoot on Sunday - hosted at the Millennium Alaskan Hotel - is scheduled to begin at 11:00am and end at 2:00pm.

Thank you to Identity Inc. for helping to facilitate this event!

Once you arrive, you will receive a numbered model release to fill out, followed by receiving your NOH8 tattoo. We will call numbers throughout the day as people mingle, and the announcement of your corresponding release number will signal your time to line up to have your photo taken.

You do not need to make reservations; it’s first come, first served - and we move quickly!

The costs of posing for an official NOH8 portrait break down as follows:

SOLO PORTRAITS ........... $40.00
COUPLE & GROUP PORTRAITS ........... $25.00 per person
YOUTH SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS .......... $10.00 per person

The NOH8 Campaign accepts cash, most major credit cards, and checks made out to ‘NOH8 Campaign’. Fees cover services & processing for one retouched digital print only (made available through www.NOH8Campaign.com) and do not include physical prints.

We always do our best to make sure that everyone in line by 2:00 pm has a chance to pose for their photo - and up to this point, we haven’t ever had to turn anyone away! Anyone that would like to join the NOH8 Campaign is asked to wear a plain white shirt to match the look of the signature NOH8 photos. Celebrity Photographer & NOH8 Co-Founder Adam Bouska will be working around the clock to photograph 5-10 frames for each person that comes through. The final selection he chooses will be retouched and made available to you in about 8 weeks through the website: www.NOH8Campaign.com

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?
• ARRIVE BETWEEN 11:00AM AND 2:00PM
• COME CAMERA READY
• WEAR WHITE
• POSE & MAKE A STATEMENT!

Once you arrive, the NOH8 Campaign will apply the NOH8 temporary tattoo to your face, and we will also supply you with the silver duct tape for the photo.
Meet Grayson Mitchell

Meet Grayson Mitchell, a native Philadelphian, and the new Identity Youth Engagement Specialist. Grayson took the position through the AmeriCorps volunteer program and tells us he is more than honored to be part of two incredibly dedicated and hard-working organizations. He is also so very grateful to have the opportunity to be in Alaska.

Grayson graduated from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, with a B.A. in Social Work and Sociology, emphasizing in LGBTQ studies. Immediately after college he became the Youth Program Director with an LGBTQ youth non-profit organization focusing on direct practice initiatives with LGBTQ youth and their entitlement to opportunity and success. This is a key component for Grayson, and a huge part of his passion for the community in which he will be serving in Alaska.

He has served on many boards such as PFLAG, Virginia Anti-Violence Project, and Gay Pride Virginia. Grayson has also worked as an independent consultant training teachers, college undergraduate and graduate students, professors, social workers, etc. on how to effectively work with LGBTQ youth. He is a certified Transgender Trainer and has made a big impact breaking down the barriers for those who work, teach, or counsel transgender youth.

Grayson will develop and implement youth-oriented programming, resources, and leadership opportunities to strengthen support networks and an ethic of community engagement among Alaska’s LGBTQ and allied youth. He is focusing on the strengthening and growth of GSA’s across the state and working to get LGBTQ awareness in middle schools through their school counselors, as he sees a grave and urgent need to do so.

AK Pride Conference 2012
Agenda - Draft

8:00 to 9:00........ Breakfast and Registration
9:00 to 9:10........ Welcome/Announcements etc
9:10 to 9:30........ Pride: The Beginning
9:30 to 10:40........ Workshops 1
10:40 to 10:50........ Break
10:50 to 12:00........ Workshops 2
12:00 to 12:40........ Lunch
12:40 to 1:40......... Guest Speaker
1:40 to 1:50......... Zumba
1:50 to 3:00......... Workshop 3
3:00 to 3:10......... Break
3:10 to 4:20 ....... Workshop 4
4:20 to 4:30........ Evaluations and Close

NorthView in Full Color

Do you want to see the NorthView in full-color on every page?! Go here on the identity website and see this issue and others in full color.
http://www.identityinc.org/northview/northview.shtml

GLCCA - Hours

Monday – Friday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM
Sunday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM
IT’S THE PERFECT GIFT

What never goes out of style, is never the wrong size or color, and is rarely duplicated? It’s an Adopt-A-Day. You can designate the date and honor someone special, call attention to something whimsical, show your appreciation, or remain anonymous. Your gift will keep the doors of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center open by helping us pay the rent, utilities, and insurance. You can use the donor form on the back of this NorthView or go to our website for online giving. Your donation can even be spread out over several months of credit card charges and your information is always secure with us. So why wait? There are plenty of 2012 dates available and waiting to be adopted. Be the first one on your block to own one.

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The tedious work of scanning and converting the paper newsletters to digital PDF format was done by Forrest Braun using his own equipment and donating many hours to the project. Thank you Forrest!

Many of the old issues were a gift from the estate of F. Ken Freedman and the archive collection was assembled with the help of Ruth Mathes and Doug Frank.

The newsletters, before they became know as the “Northview” were simply titled “The Alaska Gay and Lesbian Community Center Newsletter”

Do you remember The Village Lounge and Disco? Hal’s Place? The Jade Room? Ships, Shoes & Sealing Wax? They were some of the early advertisers in the newsletters. Read about some of the issues and controversies confronting the LGBT community over the years and appreciate just how far we’ve come, and how far we need still need to go to reach full equality.
Thank you to these businesses for their financial support of NorthView.
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