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October 2011

ALASKA PRIDE CONFERENCE identity

youth summit



Fall Pride Conference and Youth Summit

October 14th-16th

Friday Evening, October 14, 2011 Kick-Off Dinner and Social at the Organic Oasis. 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 15, 2011 Main Conference at Alaska Pacific University in the Carr Gottstein Building. **Keynote Speaker:** Nathan Belyeu, Senior Education Manager with the Trevor Project, NYC.

Saturday Evening, AMP hosts free bowling at Center Bowl on the corner of Spenard and Minnesota. 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 16, 2011 Brunch and discussion at the YWCA facilitated by our keynote speaker Nathan Belyeu. 10:30 am

Youth Encouraged to Attend

This year, thanks to a variety of grants and fundraisers, Pride Conference will also be hosting a Youth Summit for high school aged youth throughout Alaska to meet other youth, develop their leadership skills, and have fun! Applications and other information can be found online at www.identityinc.org.



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SAVING YOUNG LIVES

Saving Lives, Building Community, Changing Society- The Trevor Project and LGBTQ Youth



Nathan Belyeu, Senior Education Manager at The Trevor Project will discuss current issues facing LGBTQ youth, their families and communities and practical steps that we can take to create positive environments where all youth feel safe and supported. Belyeu will provide an overview of the work The Trevor Project is doing and will discuss the vision of a future where the possibilities, opportunities and dreams are the same for all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Bio: Nathan Belyeu is the Senior Education Manager at the Trevor Project and is based in their New York City office. Originally from north Florida Nathan pursued his undergraduate and graduate degrees in North Carolina. Nathan speaks to groups of youth and adults across the country about The Trevor Project and how to create more supportive environments for youth. In addition he oversees the wide array of education programs offered by the Trevor Project nationwide as well as developing and implementing new programs.

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Kick-Off Dinner and Social!!

Where: Organic Oasis, Spenard Road
When: Friday 14th of October, 6pm
Who: Everyone, including you!
Cost: Normal Menu prices

This is an all ages event and we will have live music. Wine and Beer will be available for purchase for those over 21.

Please RSVP to johnathan@alaskapride.org

Workplace Giving Gets Going in October

Teams are vying to one up each other in the work place for who can tally the most giving. There are lots of messages out there to break last year's records, and there are even more reasons why it's a good thing to give. Whether it be through the Combined Federal Campaign, Community Share, or United Way it's all good. It's easy, it's a viable show of camaraderie, it gets back to the community, it's less hassle and it can be anonymous.

I'm also a fan of informed choice. Here's the information:

A gift made to Identity goes directly to our programs. We are entirely, 100%, volunteer; there are no salaries to pay. Yes, there is overhead, like keeping the lights on at the Community Center, or paying for the internet, so that those who come to the Center can get online and use the computers. Your information is always secure with Identity.

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Contact Gayle or Phyllis at 929-4528 or info@identityinc.org and they will help you design the giving plan that's right for you to make sure that your philanthropic gift to Identity goes right to work.

Phyllis Rhodes Recognized for Service

Fierce advocate, tireless volunteer, unwavering friend, and all around nice person. Anyone who has crossed paths with Phyllis Rhodes, Executive Director of Identity, Inc, can add to the list of accolades for a truly special and giving person known far and wide in the Anchorage community.

This year, the countless hours and personal sacrifice Phyllis has donated to the advancement of equality in the GLBTA community was duly and doubly recognized during the 39th Imperial Court of All Alaska's Annual Coronation held during the Labor Day weekend.

The Court hands out several awards during the evenings

festivities. The first award presented to Phyllis, and voted on by the community at large, was the C. Wayne Hussey Memorial Community Service Award. This is given in recognition of a person who has had a lasting and positive impact on the GLBTA community through service and giving.

The second award presented to Phyllis was the Raymond Jorgenson Community Service Award for Businesses and Organizations. This award is presented annually by the College of Emperors and Empresses to businesses and organizations within Alaska in recognition of outstanding contributions to the GLBTA Community. As Executive Director of Identity, Inc., Phyllis was presented with this award in recognition of her leadership and commitment to the mission and goals of Identity and her continuing dedication for equality of GLBTA persons.

Next time you see Phyllis, please join us at Identity and the community center in thanking her for all she has given over the years.



Conference Schedule

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast and Registration

9:00 - 9:10 Welcome / Announcements

Session 1 Workshops

Step Up

9:30 - 10:40 Room 201

Understanding the Common Elements of Oppression: The First Step Towards Social Justice

Workshop description: It's difficult to effectively to a broader movement for social justice without first understanding how oppression works. In this interactive workshop, we'll break down forms of oppression like homophobia and racism into their basic elements in order to build a shared language and common understanding.

Presenter bio: Tiffany McClain is Regional Development Organizer for Pride Foundation.

Youth

9:30 - 10:40 Room 203

Taking Care: Alaskans Connecting to Prevent Suicide

Workshop description: The workshop will introduce local and statewide suicide prevention efforts that connect youth to suicide prevention efforts, including the (planned) You Are Loved Chalk Message Event (a collaboration of Identity, Inc. and the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council), StopSuicideAlaska.org, and other ways to foster connections with youth to prevent suicide.

Presenter bio: Kate Burkhart is the executive director of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council and the state's behavioral health boards.

Step Up

9:30 - 10:40 Room 204

Bent Alaska: Blogging for LGBTQA Alaska

Workshop description: Bent Alaska (bentalaska.com) is Alaska's LGBTQA blog, with news, events, and other information. It's also a Facebook community. We'd love to have more writers, more ideas, a bigger & even better online community. Come to this workshop and learn how you can become a Bent Alaskan!

Presenter bio: Melissa (Mel) Green is coeditor of Bent Alaska, and also blogs at Henkimaa.com, where she wrote extensively about the 2009 Anchorage equal rights ordinance.

History

9:30 - 10:40 Room 102

“Shadows of Ignorance: The Love That's Feared”

Workshop description: “Shadows of Ignorance” is a 22-minute DVD that will be shown. It was produced by LGBT high school students from New York City who took a 15-week credit workshop. It examines the coming out process and the difficulties surrounding it. A discussion of the DVD's content and the coming out process will follow.

Presenter bio: A retired Associate Professor of Sociology at UAA, Gale Smoke is currently an Adjunct Professor at UAA and teaches an LGBT course.

10:40 - 10:50 Break

Session 2 Workshops

Step Up

10:50 - 12:00 Room 201

The Tobacco Industries Targeting of the GLBT Community

Step Out

10:50 - 12:00 Room 202

Coming Out: What to Expect and How to Cope

Workshop description: Coming out is more than a single event, it is a lifelong process. This workshop will explore the different ways in which GLBT individuals encounter, fear and celebrate coming out across the lifespan and provide strategies for overcoming some of the inter- and intrapersonal obstacles associated with living our truth.

Presenter Bio: Both Annie and Xio are Ph.D. students in Clinical-Community Psychology. As counselors, they have worked with GLBT individuals, couples and families across Alaska.

Youth

10:50 - 12:00 Room 203

Gay-Straight Alliance Discussion & Networking Group

Workshop Description: Gay-Straight Alliance members (allies are welcome too!) will discuss issues involved in running a successful GSA. Participants will share concerns, discuss strategies, and network with one another in an effort to create and/or maintain GSAs as a positive force for change in our high schools and universities.

Presenter Bio: Jeff Walters is a high school counselor. Amy Gallaway teaches Government and History. They co-sponsor the GSA at West Valley High School in Fairbanks.

History

10:50 - 12:00 Room 204

How are we here? Brave stories from our GLBT history.

Workshop description: There are many rich stories about the on-going journey to establish equal right for the GLBT community in Anchorage. What was life like for gay men and lesbians in Anchorage just a generation or two ago? The four people presenting have over 100 years of experiences and each will pick a few highlighted stories to share. You will not be disappointed. This is not a comprehensive history lesson but is instead selected stories from our and your past. Please join us whether you are young or are the generation that helped create this chapter.

Presenter bio: Doug Frank, Fred Hillman, Mel Green and Jackie Buckley

12:00 - 12:40 Lunch

12:40 - 1:40 Guest Speaker

Saving Lives, Building Community, Changing Society- The Trevor Project and LGBTQ Youth

Nathan Belyeu, Senior Education Manager at The Trevor Project

Zumba

1:40 - 1:50 Room 221

Zumba Fitness: Latin/International inspired fitness.

Workshop description: Zumba Fitness: Latin/International inspired fitness. Ditch the workout. Join the Party and get fit the fabulously fun way.

Presenter bio: Fitness enthusiast for over 20 years. I have a passion for helping people find their way to fitness, nutrition, well-being, and experiencing the exhilaration of Zumba Fitness.

Session 3 Workshops

Step Up

1:50 - 3:00 Room 201

Social Disability and Gay Identity

Workshop description: The workshop will consist of a discussion panel of the intersecting identities of being both gay and socially disabled. How does identifying as both gay and disabled impact other people's perception so f such an individual? Is it more difficult for a physically disabled person to get a date than it is for an able-bodied person? These are some of the questions we will tackle in our discussion.

Presenter bio: Mya Dale is a Political Science major at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Step Out

1:50 - 3:00 Room 202

Get it On, Get it In

Workshop description: From getting the guy to getting it on, vanilla play to BDSM, monogamy to polyamory, one night stands to life-long commitments, or any other things you can think of... Let's chat our heart away on how to have FUN, HOT, and SAFER SEX!!!

Presenter bio: Anchorage Mpowerment Project (AMP) is a group dedicated to empowering gay, bi, curious guys through self-involvement with building a community for themselves and friends.

Subject: Youth

Adults Only

1:50 - 3:00 Room 203

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Youth

1:50 - 3:00 Room 204

University Gay-Straight Alliance: Planning for the Future

Presenter bio: The Family and Spectrum

Fun

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3:00 - 3:10 Break

3:10 - 3:20 Miss Camai: Working to Prevent Suicide in Rural Alaska

Session 4 Workshops

Step Up

3:20 - 4:30 Room 201

Update on the Equal Rights Initiative

Step Out

3:20 - 4:30 Room 202

Living Mahu

Workshop description: A presentation of the third gender in Polynesia. We will talk about transgendered individuals from the islands, the history, and contemporary issues facing Mahu individuals today. An activity, roundtable discussion, and short lecture will take place.

Presenter bio: Tim is a student affairs professional who has worked at five different institutions, advising student government and various student groups around the country.

Youth

3:20 - 4:30 Room 203

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History/Fun

3:20 - 4:30 Room 204

From Scott Koeller to Daphne DoAll LaChores

4:30 Evaluations and Close

*** Check at registration for workshop updates.

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Alaska Pride Conference 2011 October 14th thru 16th

A three day event focusing on Youth Issues in Alaska. The event will feature Nathan Belyeu of "The Trevor Project" and 4 streams of workshops: Stepping Up, Stepping Out, Youth and Fun/History.

Friday- Kick Off Social at Organic Oasis (Spenard Rd), all ages, live music, normal menu prices apply

Saturday- Traditional Pride Conference- breakfast and lunch included at the Carr Gottstein Building on APU. 8.00am to 4.30pm, save \$5.00 by registering now! (It will be \$5.00 more at the door.)

Sunday- Roundtable Brunch: Youth Issues at YWCA (5th Ave), 10.30am

Conference Registration Form

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

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Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch & admission to all workshops for the Saturday portion.

\$20 regular \$10 student I will need a scholarship for 2hrs of work at the Conf.

I have enclosed an additional \$ _____ for conference scholarships!

I will be attending the Kick Off social at Organic Oasis (normal menu prices applicable)

I will be attending the Brunch on Sunday Morning & have included: \$10 regular \$7.50 Student/Senior

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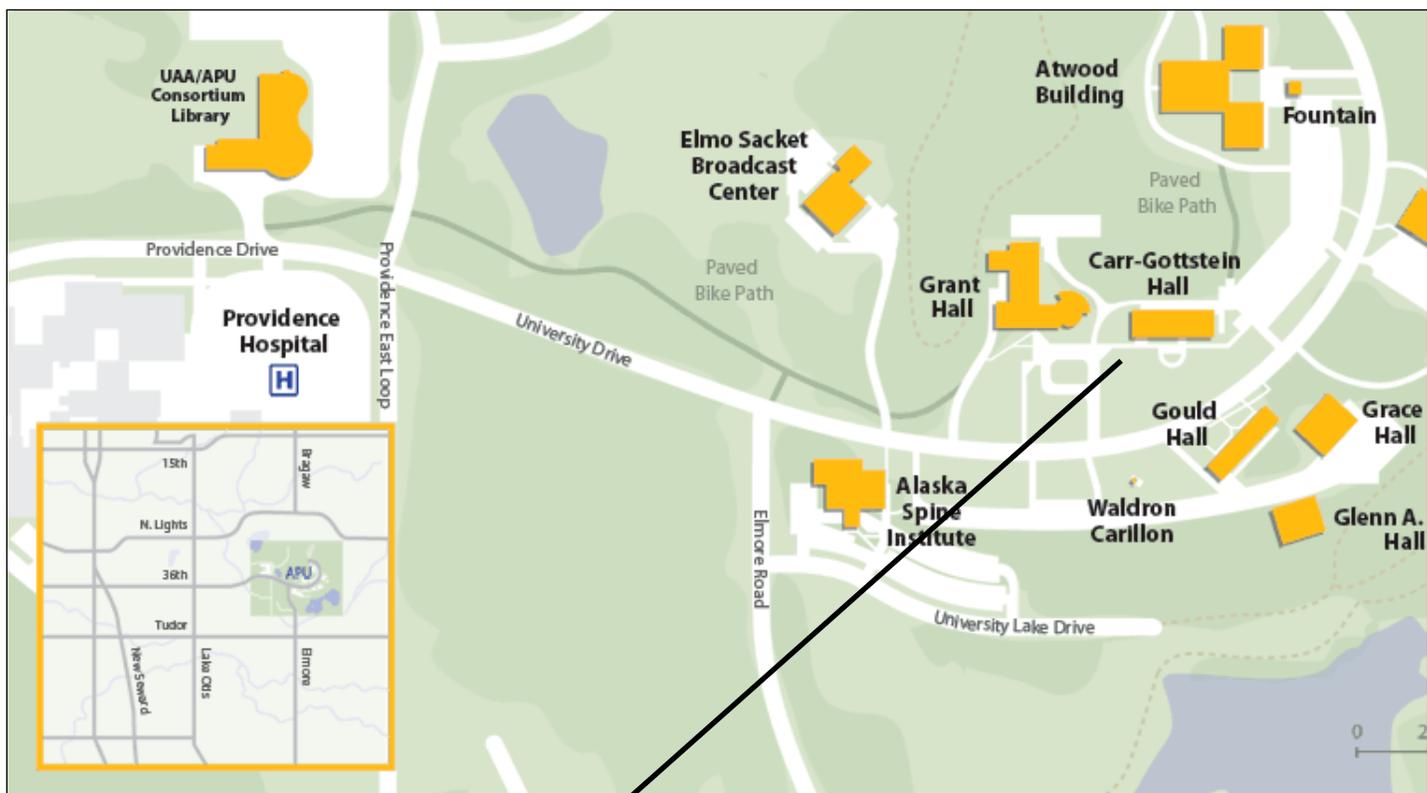
Mail registration to Identity, PO Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520, drop off at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, located at 336 E. 5th Avenue in downtown Anchorage (two blocks west of Mad Myrna's) or email to johnathan@alaskapride.org. For more info go to www.identityvinc.org or contact johnathan@alaskapride.org



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7/5/2011	Identity Supporters	Mattias Flensburg	GLCCA Staff Volunteer
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7/16/2011	Evelyn Doggett		
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7/23/2011	TLFMC	Support Identity	
7/27/2011	Identity Supporters	Edie Bailey	GLCCA Staff Volunteer
7/28/2011	TLFMC	Support Identity	
8/1/2011	Julie and Gayle Schmidt & Schuh	34th Anniversary	
8/3/2011	TLFMC	Support Identity	
8/5/2011	Identity Supporters	Bert Mead	GLCCA Staff Volunteer
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8/16/2011	Evelyn Doggett		
8/17/2011	Al Carter-Incontro	Pam	Birthday
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9/11/2011	Marilyn & Art Carpenter	Laura and Kenna	Happy Anniversary
9/13/2011	Identity Supporters	Forrest Braun	GLCCA Staff Volunteer
9/14/2011	TLFMC	Support Identity	
9/16/2011	Evelyn Doggett		
9/20/2011	TLFMC	Support Identity	
9/22/2011	Shelly Wozniak	Cecilia's Birthday	
9/23/2011	Bob Williams Julie Schmidt		
9/25/2011	Jo Neumaier		
9/27/2011	Identity Supporters	Jeremy Wiseman	GLCCA Staff Volunteer
9/29/2011	Marion Richter	Don's Birthday	



Pride conference is being held in the Carr-Gottstein Hall on the campus of Alaska Pacific University

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Monday – Friday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM

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