**Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools**

**Judi Devereux Community Activist Award Nomination Form**

Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) is currently seeking nominations for the 2014 Judi Devereux Community Activist Award. The award will be presented to an outstanding individual at the 18th annual Celebration of Leadership on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Monona Terrace in downtown Madison. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated a commitment to promoting safe, respectful, and just schools for all, with an emphasis on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues (LGBT). This award is open to all Wisconsin educators, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

The Judi Devereux Community Activist award was first presented in May 2010. The award recognizes an individual that best exemplifies the spirit, vision, values, leadership and transformational activism embodied by the late community activist Judi Devereux, and who contributes to improving the lives of members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer community in the state of Wisconsin. The qualities that made Judi Devereux special included her giftedness at gathering together a group and tapping into the power of collaboration and collective creativity that transformed the people involved and made a meaningful impact upon the greater community. She advanced values of connectedness, identity and doing what is right for the greater good. Judi lived boldly and had an enormous capacity to love, laugh, encourage, inspire, take risks, work toward a common goal and envision a world that values and celebrates all members of the LGBTQ community.

Nominators are asked to recommend candidates who possess a mix of vision, leadership, creativity and unflagging effort which, when combined, produce effective action, tangible achievements and a model for replication within communities. Candidates should not be acting alone, but within the context of an organization, institution or the greater community, and should be considered within that context as an inspirational leader and role model. Candidates should be nominated with the hope that, in receiving this award, their potential for future societal contribution will be enhanced. Anyone may nominate a candidate, including members of the general public. GSAFE Board, staff, or awards committee may also solicit nominations for activists who have come to their attention.

***Nomination Deadline***

March 14, 2014

Announcement: April 2014

To nominate someone please answer the following questions. Please attach additional pages to your completed nomination.

1. Within what communities does this individual work? How has this nominee provided support, educated others, or improved climate for LGBT and/or other communities?
2. Describe the impact the nominee has had on a school or community and the manner in which she/he/zie accomplished it. Please provide details of any specific achievement.
3. What obstacles, whether personal or external, did this person encounter in carrying out this work and how did she/he/zie work to overcome them?

**2014 Judi Devereux Community Activist Award Nominee Information:**

first name last name pronouns

home address city state zip

school address city state zip

work phone home/mobile phone e-mail

**Important: Does the nominee know she/he/ze is being nominated? Yes No**

**Please note:** Award recipients are expected to attend the GSAFE Celebration of Leadership on Saturday, May 10, 2014 in downtown Madison. Notice of award recipient selection will also be shared broadly by GSAFE. Please keep this date and information in mind when nominating an individual. Complementary tickets for the award recipient and one guest will be provided.

**Nominator Information:**

first name last name pronouns

home address city state zip

school address (if applicable) city state zip

work phone home/mobile phone e-mail

**Submission of the Nomination**

Nominations can be submitted electronically as a Word attachment or as a hard copy that is hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the office of:

GSAFE

Attn: Scholarship Committee

122 E Olin Ave Ste 290

Madison, WI 53713

***Nominations must be postmarked or received by March 14, 2014.***

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