**Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools**

**2014 Educator of the Year Nomination Form**

Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) is currently seeking nominations for the 2014 Educator of the Year Award. The award will be presented to an outstanding individual at the 17th 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 Educator of the Year Award is given to a Wisconsin K-12 educator who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting safe, respectful, and just schools for LGBT people and their allies. The 2009 GSAFE Wisconsin School Climate Survey indicates that knowing even just one supportive adult at school makes a significant difference for LGBT youth and their allies in regard to their sense of belonging at school as well as their future aspirations. Additionally, the same survey indicates that the inclusion of positive portrayals of LGBT people, issues, and history in the classroom curriculum increases LGBT students' sense of safety and belonging, their school attendance and GPA, and future aspirations. GSAFE seeks to honor the critical impact educators have on LGBT students and their allies through this award.

***Nomination Deadline***

March 14, 2014

Announcement: April 2014

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

1. How has this nominee provided support, educated others, or improved the climate for LGBT people and their allies in school?
2. How essential and/or enduring is the impact the nominee has had on a school?
3. What environment or climate did the nominee work within to create change? What obstacles, if known, did the nominee encounter in the school while doing this work?

**2014 Educator of the Year 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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