2019 LGBTQIA+ High School Youth Empowerment Summit

June 3, 2019
Rutgers University-Camden

Building Connections, Support, and Community
Arrival/Registration/Breakfast
8:00am - 8:30am | Multi-Purpose Room

Drag Show Opening
8:30am - 9:30am | Multi-Purpose Room

Welcome to Campus & Overview of Day
9:30am - 9:50am | Multi-Purpose Room

Student Session One
10:00am - 11:10am | Locations in Descriptions

Keynote/Lunch/Resource Fair
11:20am - 12:20pm | Multi-Purpose Room

Student Session Two
12:30pm - 1:40pm | Locations in Descriptions

Closing & Ice Cream Social
1:45pm - 2:15pm | Multi-Purpose Room

Departure
2:15pm

Survey
All Day | North Conference Room

Resource Fair
All Day | Scarlet Lounge
DRAG SHOW (8:30am)

Hosted by:
Astala Vista

Poochie

SHERRY PIE
Sherry Pie is one deliciously sweet queen! Living at the cross roads of Camp and Clam (Clampy) her larger than life personality and side splitting wit is what keeps her Sweetie Pies coming back for more. Originally from upstate New York, Sherry Pie is defiantly a voice for the LGBT community and always ready to fight for equality. She’s a big advocate for HIV/Aids awareness and appeared as one of the 2016 hosts for NYC Pride. She calls NYC home and is loving every minute of it!

Vinchelle aka Shea Butter Werk

VINCHELLE
This Fierce Diva is a multi talented performer whose career has skyrocketed since she moved to the City of Brotherly Love! Originally from Nashville, TN, Vinchelle moved to the Philadelphia to receive her Bachelors Degree in Theatre from the University of Arts, as well as to pursue her dreams as an entertainer! This self-proclaimed “Tribal Queen” combines comedy and dancing to bring a fierce and friendly energy to the room that leaves you wanting so much more! From singing, to dancing, to comedy, Vinchelle is a triple threat and isn’t shy about showing it!

ASTALA VISTA
The Claws are out with this Crazy Cat Lady! Astala is known for her campy performances and impeccable costuming! Big hair, stiletto nails, and 6 inch heels are a MUST for this Jersey girl! If a closet full of kitty themed costumes and 6 cats of her own weren’t enough, Astala officially earned the title of the Crazy Cat Lady of Drag when she released her Cat-Themed dance anthem and music video, “Pussywalk” on iTunes last November! Since then, she’s released her second cat-tastic track, “Gettin’ Frisky” as well! In addition to her kitty self, Astala hosts 4 of her own monthly shows throughout the tristate area and has audiences in cackles with her comedic and interactive numbers! Astala loves pairing beloved characters with hilarious concepts that get the audience roaring!

POOCHIE
This High Energy Diva can serve you some amazing choreography and look INCREDIBLE doing it! Poochie is known for her fierce aesthetic, outstanding performances, and all around stage presence! Nicki Minaj, RuPaul, & Beyonce are just some of the Diva Impersonations this Glamazon is known for! Don’t let her fierce look fool you, this Queen is one of the nicest Queens around! With just over a year of experience under her belt, Poochie is the perfect beacon of inspiration for new Queens looking to break into the industry!

www.DragQueenEntertainment.com
Ask a Therapist: Beyond the Binary
Viewing Room | Lower Level
Sarah Mello | Mindful Therapy Center
More and more people are finding that either/or system describing their gender, sexuality or romantic and sexual attractions just doesn’t work for them. This session will cover how folks are moving beyond the binary towards a more expansive understanding.

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Break-Out
South A Conference Room | Lower Level
Angela Boyd | Rutgers University-Camden Student Health Services
Support and discussion of issues facing QTPOC in school, community, and life.

A Bright Future: LGBTQ Career Development and Job Searching
South B Conference Room | Lower Level
Ashley Forsythe | Rutgers University-Camden Career Center
How/when do I disclose that I am LGBTQ in the application process? Do I include LGBTQ related experiences on my resume? How do I find LGBTQ friendly workplaces? Learn how to connect to LGBTQ career resources, how to serve as your own best advocate in the job search, and more! Please bring your energy, enthusiasm, and any questions that you may have to this session.

LGBTQIA+ AANNNND... A Conversation About Intersectionality
South C Conference Room | Lower Level
Dr. Tyree Oredein | Health Educator & Trainer
This workshop discusses the intersections of multiple identities and privileges accompanying minority races, gender identities, sexual orientations, religions, and abilities, along with the challenges of having multiple minority identities. Together we will identify and discuss varying degrees of privilege as well as how to use our privileges for advocacy. The conversations will touch on cultural appropriation, cultural appreciation, cultural respect, and cultural humility. The workshop also proposes strategies on how to make schools, communities, GSAs, and other spaces more inclusive of various identities, and how to respectfully celebrate diversity.
High School Trans Empowerment: The Matt Dawkins Story
Executive Meeting Room | Lower Level
Matt Dawkins
Matt was featured on Comcast Sports, Steve Harvey, and recently appeared on ESPN. His speaking engagements have included the Nike LGBT+ Sports Coalition Summit, PLFAC, Rutgers and Rowan Universities, and both the Cherry Hill and Cumberland County School Districts. Matt is inspired to promote awareness and positive change in the transgender community.

Three Generations of Activists: Looking Back and Looking Forward
West A Conference Room | Lower Level
Robt Seda-Schreiber, Carol Watchler, and Kelsey Marizale | Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice
Old-School & Nu-Skool meet to debate, discuss, & delineate how to best push our ideas & agendas forward utilizing the useful tools of the past whilst integrating the mechanisms of the future.

Hear Our Voices: The Value of Student Led Staff Inclusivity Training
West B Conference Room | Lower Level
Timar Shevlin, Sovandarid Prom, & Nicholas Popolo | Mastery Charter Schools: Thomas Campus
The faculty and student leaders of Mastery Charter School: Thomas Campus’ Gender Sexuality Alliance will be sharing the experience they had building a professional development series for the staff of their campus that is entirely student run, and its impact on their school. They will be highlighting the state of their school leading up to the presentation, the experience of developing the sessions, the students’ perspective of speaking to their teachers, and the buildings’ reception and implementation into their school’s culture.

Boo’d Up
West C Conference Room | Lower Level
Laura Luciano and Julie Millisky | RUC Office for Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance
This workshop focuses on helping participants consider aspects of starting a healthy relationship. It will include self-reflection, group discussion and information about components of healthy relationships, considerations each of us might take when beginning a relationship, and some “red flags” of unhealthy behaviors.
Living Well: A Workshop for QTPOC Youth of Color and Friends
Viewing Room | Lower Level
Samantha Martinez

While mental health has been in the spotlight as of late with famous folks coming out as living with mental illness, it is still the case that Black and Brown QT youth remain at the highest level of need for mental health services and the lowest level of access to quality, culturally competent mental health services. This is an interactive workshop as it is the belief of the presenter that youth already utilize many coping strategies to help them when they are not feeling their best and sharing this information with others can be a catalyst for addressing the needs of QTPOC in culturally competent and relevant ways.

GSE Youth Caucus Leadership and Advocacy Workshop
South A Conference Room | Lower Level
Ashley Chiappano | Garden State Equality

Participants will receive information about state and federal laws along with information about what the national landscape looks like for LGBT young people. Youth and families will learn how to contact and effectively interact with lawmakers and have their voices heard in a variety of arenas. Families will leave this workshop feeling confident in advocating for their child’s legal rights, and youth will be empowered to use their voices to create inclusive, affirming, and safer communities for themselves and their peers.

Bathrooms, Dorms, and Pronouns... Oh My!
South B Conference Room | Lower Level
Kathryn Lonczewski | RUC Housing & Residence Life + Brittany Echt | RUC Admissions

Not sure what to expect at college? Find out what to look for in an LGBTQIA+ friendly college and take the mystery out of the admissions process.

Taking Back Our Health: Skills for Navigating Healthcare Systems as LGBTQIA+ Folx
South C Conference Room | Lower Level
Darius McLean | Einstein PRIDE Program

This workshop will help folks to identify health disparities faced by the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as how this affects us when accessing health care systems. This workshop will introduce basic skills and tools to help aid in creating agency within your healthcare experience and understanding your rights in accessing competent, quality, and patient centered healthcare.
Beyond the Mill: LGBTQ & U
Executive Meeting Room | Lower Level
Oscar Holmes IV & Cameron Whitley | RUC Professors
Beyond the Mill is an interactive Diversity Dialogue campus talk show where Oscar Holmes IV, the host, interviews guests on a broad range of diversity topics. This episode will feature LGBTQ guests who will answer questions from the host and audience members and share their experiences as they discuss their LGBTQIA+ identities.

SOGIE: Breaking the Sex and Gender Binary
West A Conference Room | Lower Level
Alex Aikens and Caitlin Bradley | HiTOPS
SOGIE stands for Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression. These are the pillars of queer identity, and each trait exists on its own spectrum. Come discover what these spectrums look like and gain a greater understanding of your own identity, beyond the binary.

Outside the Lines: Complicating the Queer Narrative
West B Conference Room | Lower Level
John Mark Brown, Molly Earner, Andrea Quinn | RUC Writing Instructors
This workshop seeks to interrogate the “Coming Out” narrative. We will begin with a series of questions: What does the typical coming out narrative look like? How does that narrative work to make linear the decidedly non-linear process of coming out? If coming out is a continual process, how do we conceptualize our own coming out and communicate that conceptualization to others? Through a series of writing exercises, we will work to isolate significant moments in our own journeys and develop effective ways to convey the significance of those moments to our readers.

Pizza & Fries
West C Conference Room | Lower Level
Laura Luciano and Julie Millisky | RUC Office for Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance
This workshop will focus on understanding consent within sexual or intimate relationships. Using videos, activities, and group discussion, we will explore healthy components of consent and discuss how to best communicate consent.
We invite school chaperones and staff to attend the following sessions:

**Strategies for Supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth**
West C Conference Room (Lower Level) | 10:00am - 11:10am
Dr. AnneMarie Panarello (Rutgers University–Camden Student Wellness Center)
Review of challenges specific to LGBTQIA+ youth, including mental health concerns. The session will offer practical strategies and resources for youth serving professionals.

**Keeping Kids Safe: An Open Discussion for Educators**
West C Conference Room (Lower Level) | 12:30pm - 1:40pm
Gordon Sauer (GLSEN Central NJ)
The 2016 election and the years following it have been one of the most contentious periods in US history in which there has been a very concerning increase in HIB incidents across the country. In this workshop participants will have the opportunity to discuss the current situation in our country, their concerns, and the ways they and their schools can help our kids feel safe.

**Ice Cream Social**
1:45pm | Multi-Purpose Room
Ben & Jerry’s
Join the rest of the attendees as we close out the 2019 Summit with an Ice Cream Social featuring some of your favorite flavors from the world famous Ben & Jerry’s!
Shirmina Smith

Shirmina Smith is a published writer, spoken word and teaching artist, activist, and event curator born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She is a two time Philly Youth Poetry Movement slam team member, competing at Brave New Voices International Poetry Competition in 2016 and 2017. As an advocate for children, Shirmina is a kindergarten after-school program group leader, a seasonal library assistant in the Field Teen Center of The Free Library Central Branch, a youth yoga instructor, and a doula-in-training. Shirmina has performed and taught at numerous schools, workshops and venues across the states, including the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco, CA, Busboy and Poets in Washington D.C., and The National Women’s Conference in 2018. Shirmina is also the co-founder and member of Your Favorite Jawns Artist Collective.

Through her poetry, Shirmina hopes to change the world through the raw expression of love, fear, activism, grief, sacrifice, satire, pain, and growth. For the last 7 years, she has used her art to challenge social norms and constructs, providing community and solace for those combating white supremacy, systematic racism, poverty, misogyny/misogynoir, mental illness, queerphobia, and classism.
Supporting LGBTQIA+ college students through programs, opportunities and resources.

WHO IS YOUR ALLY?
The mission of the 11orMore™ Project is to create a more welcoming and safer environment for people in schools across the country by creating a digital visual archive of faculty and staff who want to be vocal about their support for LGBTQIA+ students.

GET YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED VISIT: WWW.11ORMORE.COM

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FROM the creative mind of Dr. Gail Caputo, the director of the Gender Studies Program at Rutgers University–Camden, UNIDIVERSITY brings its players to the front line of the Sexual/Racial/Societal barrier and forces them to band together and find a way to end the divide and make the world Equal and Fair for EVERYONE.

ALL DAY AT THE RESOURCE FAIR
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

A special THANK YOU to our Resource Fair participants:

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Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia™

Einstein Healthcare Network

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Human Rights Campaign

LUCY Outreach

Mazzoni Center

PFLAG

Planned Parenthood

Rutgers

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Office of Housing & Residence Life | Student Wellness Center
Office for Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance