

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: FEB. 19–25, 2006

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### LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

#### **1. Social Event: Planet Orange**

Please join Planet Orange on Monday, Feb. 20 at 7 pm in the LGBT Resource Center for "Game Night." Take a break from studying, meet new people, and come play board games with Amit and Adrea! Stop by if this is your first or fifty-first Planet Orange! All SU/SUNY-ESF students, faculty, and staff are welcome.

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#### **2. Cancelled: Café Q**

Café Q goes takes a break this week to make room for the Totally Fabulous Drag show on Thursday, Feb. 23. Join us for the next Café Q on Thursday, March 2 from 8-10 pm.

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Jay Tifone, 443.3983, [jmtifone@syr.edu](mailto:jmtifone@syr.edu)

## **LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS**

### **3. Cancelled: Outrage Meeting**

There will be no Outrage meeting this week. Instead, all members of the Syracuse University and Central New York communities are encouraged to stop by the Schine Student Center Atrium to learn more about GENDA, the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act and sign the petition to support this important legislation. Visit the information table anytime between Tuesday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, Feb. 23 from 11 am and 3 pm.

More information about GENDA can be found at:  
<http://prideagenda.org/pride/genda.html>.

Outrage will also have a letter of support for people to sign that urges Syracuse University to add gender expression/identity to its student non-discrimination policy.

Outrage has also created a "TranscendGender" art display going around the main circular bench in Schine this week, be sure to stop by and check it out.

Questions? Contact:  
Brian Stout, [brstout@syr.edu](mailto:brstout@syr.edu)

### **4. Meeting: Open Doors**

Come to the Open Doors meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All LGBTQA graduate students are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact:  
John David Molesky, [jdmolek@syr.edu](mailto:jdmolek@syr.edu)

### **5. Meeting: Pride Union**

On Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:  
Jen Spinner, [jaspinne@syr.edu](mailto:jaspinne@syr.edu)

### **6. Totally Fabulous Drag Show**

The final competition of the Totally Fabulous Drag Show will occur on Thursday, Feb. 23. Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office – \$5 with a SU/SUNY-ESF ID, \$7 without.

Questions? Contact:  
Jen Spinner, [jaspinne@syr.edu](mailto:jaspinne@syr.edu)

## **7. Debate: Solomon Amendment**

On Thursday, Feb. 23, the Federalist Society will host a debate at the Syracuse University Law School concerning the Solomon Amendment and academic freedom. The event will occur in Room 100 of the College of Law from 11:30 am-12:50 pm. Complementary refreshments will be provided.

Participants include:

Gerald Walpin, Esq.

- Counsel at Katten Muchin and Rosenman, LLP in New York City
- Personally authored an amicus brief on behalf of the Center of Individual Rights supporting the government's position in *Rumsfeld v. FAIR*.
- Speaks regularly at Federalist Society events on this issue

Barrie Gewanter

- Executive Director, Central New York Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union
- Gewanter has worked on issues of women's rights, gay and lesbian rights, workplace health and safety, solidarity with workers and unions, economic justice, civil rights and civil liberties.
- Gewanter also played key roles in the implementation of same-sex domestic partner benefits at Syracuse University, and the passage of a Living Wage Law in Syracuse.
- In 2003, her work on the Living Wage Campaign and other social justice issues led the Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County to give her an award for her individual contributions to human rights.
- In October 2004, Peace Action of Central New York also gave Gewanter a Peacemaker Award, its first such award for "making peace by advocating for civil liberties."

For more Information, please visit:

<http://www.law.syr.edu/students/organizations/federalist/events.asp>

## **8. OutLaw Moot Court Team Advances to National Finals**

Family Law and Social Policy Center adjunct professor Casey Sprock coached the Outlaw Moot Court Team at the Williams Project's Sexual Orientation and the Law Moot Court Competition at UCLA last weekend. The Syracuse OutLaw team members who competed are Josh Boudreaux, Kristin Mikolaitis and Olatakunbo Olaniyan. Funding to attend this competition was provided by OutLaw, the College of Law's Student Senate, and the Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center.

The competition questions dealt with the Defense of Marriage Act, the Full Faith and Credit Clause, and the Fundamental Right to Marry. The team won two preliminary rounds (defeating UCLA and Michigan Team II), the quarter finals (defeating St. Louis) and the semi-finals (defeating Michigan Team I). The team is advancing to the finals at UCLA on Feb. 24 to argue against UC Davis for the National Championship. A cash prize will be awarded to both the first and second place teams.

Presiding over the competition will be the Honorable Steven H. Levinson, Associate Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court and author of the Baehr v. Lewin (1993) decision which prompted congress to enact DOMA.

## **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS**

### **9. Self-Defense Seminar Offered**

The Office of Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) is proud to present the first Self-Defense Seminar for off-campus students, which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 7-9 pm at the Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Avenue.

Participants will learn about self-defense as a set of awareness, assertiveness and verbal confrontation skills, combined with safety strategies and physical techniques designed to help someone recognize, avoid, escape, and defend against a potentially violent attack, with the goal of survival. This seminar will strive to empower attendees by providing options, techniques, and ways of analyzing situations, understanding that the final decision of how to act rests with the individual. Audience participation will be encouraged for all topics covered.

Space is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, with a registration deadline of Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Questions? Contact:

OCSS, 443.5489, [ocsserv@syr.edu](mailto:ocsserv@syr.edu)

### **10. Otto Joins SU's "Race for the Cure" Team**

Syracuse University students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and family members are invited to join Otto in supporting the University's 2006 Susan G. Komen CNY Race for the Cure team. This year's race to fight breast cancer will be held on May 13 at the New York State Fairgrounds. The SU team will be led by Otto, who is featured on the SU Team Shirt. The shirt, which was designed by Emily Davenport, a senior in SU's College of Visual and Performing Arts, will be available for sale in the SU Bookstore beginning in March.

Proceeds from the race and the sale of the SU Team Shirt will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation CNY Affiliate, which has awarded more than \$1.8 million dollars to non-profit, breast health-care organizations in Central New York. Proceeds also support the national Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant program, which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research, meritorious awards, and scientific and educational conferences around the world.

There are lots of ways to join the fun and help support breast cancer research, education, and outreach activities:

- Join the SU team and run or walk the race. Those who join the SU team by March 19 will be automatically registered in a drawing for a pair of tickets to the Billy Joel concert, March 25 at the Carrier Dome. Joining the team can be done on the Web at <http://suraceforthecure.syr.edu>.

- Donate to Otto or to another SU Race for the Cure team member. Those donating \$10 to Otto will be registered in a drawing for a basketball autographed by the SU men's basketball team. Contributions can be made on the Web at <http://suraceforthecure.syr.edu>.
- Sleep for the Cure. A Sleep-In For the Cure participant is a person who supports the cause, but is unable to participate the day of the event. Participants will receive a sleep shirt in the mail. Information is available on the Web at <http://komencny.org/komen/race06sleepin.htm>. You can join the SU team as a Sleep for the Cure participant.

In addition, SU students and staff, and volunteers from the CNY Komen Foundation will be at a table in the Schine Student Center Atrium from 10 am-4 pm on Thursday, March 9 to provide information about the Race for the Cure and to collect used cell phones and PDAs for recycling. Proceeds from the recycled equipment will benefit the Komen Foundation.

### **11. Discussion: Free Expression and its Limits**

The Syracuse University Philosophy Department invites all members of the University community to a conversation on free expression and its limits. The event will occur on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 pm in the Maxwell Auditorium.

The aim of this program is to promote informed, thoughtful discussion within the University community on this important, timely and difficult issue.

Participants include:

- Prof. Leslie Bender, College of Law
- Prof. Charlotte Grimes, S. I. Newhouse School of Communications
- Prof. Ishani Maitra, Philosophy, A&S
- Prof. Robert McClure, Pol. Science, Maxwell School
- Prof. Francis Ward, S. I. Newhouse School of Communications

After presentations and discussions by the participants, there will be a question and answer session and comment time for the audience.

### **12. Alternative Spring Break Trip: Houma, Louisiana**

Join your favorite *Weekly Announcements* editor for a spring break trip you'll never forget.

The Office of Residence Life and Hendricks Chapel present: Mission Houma. This alternative spring break trip to Houma, Louisiana is planned for March 11-17. The trip is open to 50 Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF students.

The trip is being organized through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program. Applications are available at all residence hall main desks and Hendricks Chapel. The total cost of the trip is \$125.

Questions? Contact:

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Susan Mykins, 443.9166, [snmykins@syr.edu](mailto:snmykins@syr.edu)

### **13. Nominations: Senior Class Marshals**

Senior Class Marshals serve as the all-university representatives for graduation and should be distinguished individuals who not only excel in several areas but also exemplify the spirit of the senior class. They will lead the entire commencement procession onto the floor for graduation. Criteria used in determining qualifications for nominees include: scholarship, academic honors, student organization involvement, campus service and community service. An essay and copy of their official Syracuse University transcript are also required.

In order to obtain the best nominees, we would appreciate your help in bringing this information to the attention of qualified students and to your colleagues. Applicants **MUST** be current juniors who will be graduating in May of 2007.

Please note that the deadline for application is Friday, March 10, 2006 at 5 pm. The completed forms should be returned to: Ryan Barker, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, 306 Steele Hall.

The application is available online at <http://students.syr.edu/osvp/index.html>.

Questions? Contact:

Ryan J. Barker, 443.4357, [rjbarker@syr.edu](mailto:rjbarker@syr.edu)

## **REGIONAL NEWS**

### **14. Free and Confidential HIV Testing**

Do you know the fastest-growing segments of the U.S. HIV/AIDS epidemic?

- Blacks: 12 percent of U.S. population -- but 54 percent of new HIV cases
- Women: More than 25 percent of new AIDS cases
- Black Women: 13 times more likely to contract HIV than white women
- Black Women Ages 25-34: AIDS is the leading cause of death
- Youth Under 25: Account for at least 50 percent of new HIV cases

Get a FREE and confidential rapid HIV test at the Southwest Community Center, 401 South Avenue on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 9 am-3 pm. Snacks and giveaways will be available.

Can't make this date? Call 800.562.9423 anytime to arrange a free anonymous HIV test.

Questions? Contact:

Central New York HIV Care Network, 472.8099

### **15. Group for Lesbian Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault**

The Vera House is offering a FREE group for lesbian survivors of sexual abuse and assault. Meetings will begin in March 2006 at a confidential location. Call for date, time, location, and to learn more about the group.

Questions? Contact:

Amber Hager, 425-0818 x110

Crystal Collette, 425-0818 x235

### **16. Film Screening: "A Closer Walk"**

The GRADS Project will show the film "A Closer Walk" for FREE on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 pm at the Palace Theater (2384 James Street).

Questions? Contact:

1.800.475.2430, [GRADS@aidscommunityresources.com](mailto:GRADS@aidscommunityresources.com)

### **17. Voting Machines Testing**

Onondaga County will be testing voting machines by Onondaga County on Friday, Feb. 24, Friday, March 3, and Monday, March 20. The public is welcome to attend and provide input.

There are concerns that some systems do not allow a paper printout by which a voter can confirm their vote. There are also concerns about security problems with computer-based systems that do not provide paper verification of vote tallies, leading to vote counts could be hacked and manipulated. Still others worry about making machines accessible to people with a variety of abilities.

The NYCLU has not called for the adoption of any particular kind of machine, but does call for an approach that provides an accurate and verifiable count of votes. Another organization called New Yorkers for Verified Voting argues for paper ballots and optical scan machines because it believes that they are more "reliable, secure, auditable, accessible, and cost effective."

If you have an opinion or would like to look at the machines and provide input, these testing sessions will be held by Onondaga County on Friday, Feb. 24, Friday, March 3, and Monday, March 20 from 1:30-3:30 PM in Room 407 of the County Courthouse. Each county in New York is allowed to select the type of machines it wishes to use. The machines need to meet new criteria set by HAVA for accessibility to people with disabilities.

## **18. Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus Rehearsals**

The Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus will begin rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 27 for the upcoming Pride Concert in June. Rehearsals are held each Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church (232 Onondaga Street).

From Monday, Feb. 27-March 20, rehearsals will be held from 7-8:15 pm and then from April 3-the month of May rehearsals will be held from 7-9:15 pm. New members are welcome on Monday, Feb. 27, March 6 and March 13. Membership is \$40/season with scholarships readily available.

Questions? Contact:  
The Chorus Line, 476.4329

## **19. New Yorkers for the Freedom to Marry**

On Valentine's Day, the Pride Agenda released an initiative entitled "New Yorkers for the Freedom to Marry," a new section on its website that will have names and statements from elected officials, business and labor leaders, academics, artists and other individuals who want New Yorkers to know that they support marriage equality for everyone.

The first group highlighted today is clergy from across New York State.

Visit this section of the website at:  
<http://capwiz.com/pride/utr/1/IYWQFMNJHB/BXQLFMNJRH/622733481>.

The Pride Agenda needs your help today to win the hearts and minds of all New Yorkers! We have arrived at a pivotal moment in the fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender equality and justice...and now is the time to act. Decisions about the very nature of our relationships are at the center of legal and political debate in New York. Please visit <http://capwiz.com/pride/utr/1/IYWQFMNJHB/NDMEFMNJRI/622733481> to find out how you can help support us in our fight to win the right to marry in New York!

## **20. Art Exhibit: "The Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, 1933-1945"**

The Ithaca College Handwerker Gallery will host a special exhibit entitled "The Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, 1933-1945" daily thru Sunday, Feb. 26. The display is part of a traveling exhibition organized by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It may be viewed anytime during gallery hours: Monday-Friday from 10 am-6 pm; Thursday from 10 am-9 pm; Saturday from 10 am-2 pm; and Sunday from 2-6 pm.

For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.ithaca.edu/features/nrview.php?release=1858>

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **21. Olympic Gender Discrimination**

(*New York Daily News*) Sestriere, Italy -- It was late in the evening and the van she had been riding in through mountains in Germany with four U.S. teammates and their coach was nearing their hotel as 18-year-old Alissa Johnson spoke on her cell phone. But at that moment her younger brother, Anders, was where she really yearned to be.

Both Johnsons are among the best ski jumpers in the world. Alissa is ranked ninth among the top women who compete, about 141 spots higher than her brother sits in the men's rankings. But only 16-year-old Anders is preparing to compete for the U.S. Winter Olympic team this week in the Alps north of Turin. Not because Alissa can't fly far. But because women ski jumpers aren't allowed in the Olympics, for reasons older than the hills.

Though the top men and women competitors in the world routinely fly off the same 90- and 100-meter jumps and the very best women train on the 120-meter hills, the only Winter Olympic events in which women are not allowed to compete are ski jumping and Nordic combined, which is a combination of cross-country skiing and ski jumping. Imagine what that means for the Johnson siblings, whose father, Alan, is a former coach of the U.S. national ski jumping team.

Imagine being a brother and sister who took up ski jumping a month apart at the ages of 3 and 5, respectively, and did nearly everything the same in the coming years. They've made the same progressions to bigger and bigger hills, and both of them have soared more than 100 meters. Alissa is the better athlete, Anders has often said. "I train just as hard as he does," Alissa sighed.

"People always ask what it feels like to ski jump," she said. "And I say, 'It feels like you can fly.'"

To anyone acquainted with the history of women's sports, the thudding excuses the women ski jumpers are given for their exclusion from the Games are sadly, ridiculously familiar. Gian-Franco Kasper, head of the International Ski Federation, has said, "Ski jumping is just too dangerous for women. Don't forget, [the landing] it's like jumping down from, let's say, about two meters to the ground about a thousand times a year, which seems not to be appropriate for ladies from a medical point of view."

Forget that women ski jumpers have already been competing at high levels for a few years. Or that no one seems to worry about saving boys from the supposed horrors of the sport.

The international federation will take another vote this spring on whether women should jump in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. And Alissa said, "So far, we've been told every excuse in the book. That it's too 'dangerous' for girls. That there aren't enough of us. That we're not good enough. That it would damage our ovaries and uterus and we won't be able to have children, even though that's not true. It's so outdated, it's kind of funny in a way. And then it's not."

Tiresome is the word. Many American women over the age of 45 can remember when girls who wanted to play Little League baseball were told the same excuses. The women's marathon wasn't added to the Summer Olympics until 1984 because it was supposedly bad for their health.

Anders Johnson says whatever bias the officials have against the women ski jumpers doesn't extend to the athletes on the hills. "We give them the same respect," he insisted.

But for now, only Anders has experienced what it felt like last Friday night to be on the floor of the Stadio Olimpico for the Opening Ceremonies when the cauldron was lit and the ensuing fireworks illuminated the night sky above Turin. Only Anders, years from now, will be able to tell someone how sublime the great Luciano Pavarotti sounded in person, or how satisfying it was to be the youngest member of the entire U.S. Olympic team, then go shooting off a hill the equivalent of a 12-story building a few days later and on toward the rest of his life, feeling somehow changed.

"I never expected to make it here this soon," Anders said.

"I should be allowed to jump," said his sister, who plans to arrive today to cheer Anders on in the large-hill qualifying tomorrow. "It's definitely going to be hard to watch," said Alissa, "but I'm also glad. At least one of us gets to go."

## **22. Queer Jewish Student Conference 2006**

The National Union of Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, and Questioning Students is proud to announce that the 9th Annual NUJLS Conference taking place at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut March 31-April 2.

NUJLS (pronounced NOO-jles) is a group of college students, alumni, and other young people from across North America and around the world who, since 1998, have held an annual conference on issues negotiated by Jewish LGBTIQQ communities. These conferences have been held across the continent as a forum for discussion and networking.

NUJLS welcomes all LGBTIQQ Jews and their allies to join us in a weekend of celebration and learning. This is a conference that has changed lives forever and has built countless life-long friendships. The conference registration fee is \$80, but scholarships are readily available. Additionally, NUJLS is pleased to offer travel subsidies to those in need and housing for all conference attendees.

Instant online conference registration is available at the website: [www.nujlsonline.org](http://www.nujlsonline.org).

Questions? Contact:

Daniel Heller, 800.50.NUJLS, [conference@nujls2006.org](mailto:conference@nujls2006.org)

## **23. 'Gay wedding' ends up in cells**

(News 24) Dubai, UAE - A United Arab Emirates court has jailed 12 men who were arrested after being discovered preparing for a gay wedding, but acquitted another 14 defendants, an official said last Sunday.

"Eleven men have confessed to practicing homosexuality. They were sentenced to five years in prison (for homosexuality) and one year for obscenity," said the official. "Another man was sentenced to one year in prison for obscenity, but was acquitted of homosexuality charges...while 14 others have been released after being found not guilty," he said.

The 26 defendants, including UAE citizens, an Indian, and three nationals of neighboring Arab countries, were arrested in November when police raided a hotel in a desert resort town.

Emirates Today had reported that the Abu Dhabi court had sentenced all 26 men to five years in jail. It said the men were busted in a hotel "dressed in women's clothes and makeup in preparation for a gay wedding." The official said the verdict was not final and could go on appeal.

The United States State Department had condemned the arrests and called on its close Gulf ally to stop reported plans for a forced hormone treatment on the suspects, which an interior ministry official then denied.

Homosexuality is a serious offence in the Muslim UAE and neighboring conservative Gulf countries, where offenders could face flogging along with imprisonment, while foreigners could also face expulsion.

Last April, a court in neighboring Saudi Arabia sentenced two Saudis, one Yemeni and a Jordanian to two years in jail and 2000 lashes after a police raid on an alleged gay party. Across the Gulf in non-Arab Iran, repeated sodomy carries the death penalty.

#### **24. Submissions: Gertrude Journal**

Gertrude Journal, the annual international literary publication of Portland-based Gertrude Press, has been giving a voice to LGBTQ writers since 1999. Gertrude Press is a nonprofit organization showcasing and developing the creative talents of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer-identified, and allied individuals.

This year, the press will be publishing limited-edition poetry and fiction collections from selected queer-identified and allied authors. Winners will be selected in both categories and will receive a \$50 cash prize, plus 50 copies of the chapbook.

Submissions should be postmarked by Tuesday, Feb. 28 and should include a \$10 entry fee. Full contest rules and information on subscribing can be found at [www.gertrudepress.org](http://www.gertrudepress.org).

#### **25. Communications Scholarship**

Applications for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force journalism internship/scholarship program are currently being accepted. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender journalism/communications students. The deadline is Feb. 24. Self-identified LGBT undergraduate college students who plan to pursue a degree in journalism, communications or a related field at an accredited 4-year college or university are encouraged to apply.

The Messenger-Anderson Scholarship Award is \$5,000 for the first year, followed by \$2,500 each year for the next two years, bringing the award total to \$10,000. Applicants must re-apply each year. Winners are required to participate in an 8-week Messenger-Anderson Scholarship Intern Program at the Task Force's New York City office during the summer. The postmark deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 24.

The Messenger-Anderson Scholarships allow students to hone their skills in several areas of communications practice. Responsibilities include writing and editing press releases, updating Web site materials, tracking and archiving news coverage of the Task Force, researching media opportunities and assisting with rapid response to breaking stories. Successful candidates should have strong communication skills, both written and oral; be prepared to work in a fast-paced, newsroom-like environment; and demonstrate a desire and commitment to work in a multicultural environment where commitment to diversity is an important institutional value.

Applications may be downloaded at: [www.thetaskforce.org/aboutus/messenger.cfm](http://www.thetaskforce.org/aboutus/messenger.cfm).

Women and people of color encouraged to apply.

## **26. Three Brave Youth Needed**

The Colin Higgins Foundation is requesting nominations for its annual Youth Courage Awards. Each year the Colin Higgins Foundation salutes individuals who demonstrate courage in the face of adversity and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Many LGBTQ Youth grow up in family, school and community environments that threaten their well being. They may find themselves ostracized, marginalized, in psychological or even physical danger. Colin Higgins Foundation Courage Award winners rise above such circumstances to inspire others by taking action, rallying support, or openly facing the systems and individuals that have taken a stand against them.

This year the Foundation will be awarding \$10,000 grants to three individuals who are either: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning youth (through age 24) who have bravely stood up to hostility and intolerance based on their sexual orientation and triumphed over bigotry; or Allies (through age 24) who are working to end homophobia and discrimination against LGBTQ communities.

The Foundation encourages all nominations to be made via the online submission tool: <http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/>"[www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards](http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards).

## **27. National Center for Transgender Equality Internship Opportunities**

NCTE has internship opportunities for the Fall of 2006. Internships are unpaid but we will work with the intern's university to assure college credit is received.

Responsibilities include:

- Writing press releases and OpEds
- Organizing trainings and town hall meetings around the US
- Scheduling speaking engagements and trainings conducted by NCTE staff
- Creating organizing and educational materials
- Tracking local and federal legislation
- Providing assistance to transgender activists in both in-district and DC
- lobby visits
- General office support

Qualifications:

- Experience with internet research

- Knowledge of the transgender community
- Commitment to transgender organizing and activism
- Able to work independently

Questions? Contact:

National Center for Transgender Equality, 202.903.0112, [ncte@nctequality.org](mailto:ncte@nctequality.org)

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### **TO SUBMIT A NEWS ITEM**

Send articles, messages, or links to the Weekly Announcements editor at [jmtifone@syr.edu](mailto:jmtifone@syr.edu). Please include in the subject line "Weekly Announcement." All submissions must be received by Friday at 11 am to be included in the following week's edition and are subject to review by our editor.

### **CORRECTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS**

The LGBT Resource Center strives to report all news items fairly and accurately. If you find an error, please write to the Weekly Announcements editor at [jmtifone@syr.edu](mailto:jmtifone@syr.edu) and we'll correct any inaccuracies.

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