

# FRIENDS OF PROJECT 10

## Spring UPDATE 2014

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### US v WINDSOR/HOLLINGSWORTH v PERRY

The year, 2013, was a momentous year for the LGBT community. Edith Windsor, a New Yorker, brought a suit against the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) after she had to pay an estate tax following the death of her spouse, Thea Spyer. The case eventually reached the US Supreme Court, and in a 5-4 vote the Defense of Marriage Act was repealed on June 24, 2013. At the same time, the US Supreme Court upheld the decision of the California Federal Appeals Court that ruled Proposition 8 unconstitutional. Changes in states where bans on same-sex marriage are being overturned are happening at breakneck speed, and the momentum for LGBT equality is moving forward at a pace never envisioned.

Friends of Project 10 is focused on youth, and one can only imagine the impact these legal victories will have on young people entering adulthood with the knowledge that same-sex couples who are legally married will have the same rights and benefits that go to all other married couples.

Despite all these gains, there is a dark side. Entrenched homophobia, transphobia, and hateful rhetoric still face our LGBT youth. Underlying issues with family acceptance and church resistance are daunting obstacles for many teenagers. We continue with our educational efforts to ensure that the future will be positive and that full equality is always within reach. You, the donors, share in that vision. We ask that you make a contribution to our Models of Excellence Scholarship fund to help make this vision a reality for our young people.

### MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS



*Models of Excellence  
Scholarship Competition*

*Sponsors Wanted!*

**Friends of Project 10 Inc. announces the 2014  
Models of Excellence  
Scholarship Competition**

Applications and materials must be received no later than Saturday, May 10, 2014. Winners must be present to receive the award for the scholarship ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2014.

**Major Sponsors are invited to attend the event!**

**BE A SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR!**

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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE ADVANCED THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE LGBT POPULATION



**2014 MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

**\$1,000 ★ \$2,000 ★ \$3,000**

We will be awarding \$1,000, \$2,000 & \$3,000 scholarships to senior high school students from public, private and parochial schools who have advanced the civil rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) population.

Applicants are limited to graduating senior high school students residing in these Southern California counties: **Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura.**

APPLICATIONS DUE  
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

presented by  
**FRIENDS OF PROJECT 10 INC.**

DOWNLOAD YOUR  
APPLICATION AT  
[FriendsOfProject10.org](http://FriendsOfProject10.org)

## ALICE "PIN-PIN" LIAO— 2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Models of Excellence scholarship recipient, Alice "Pin-Pin" Liao, attends Villanova University in Pennsylvania, and she is the founder of Taiwan America Student Conference Inc. (TASC). TASC is a student-led professional conference held in Taiwan. Throughout the conference, 15 top university students from Taiwan and 15 from America will participate in roundtable discussions, academic forums featuring international leaders, professional networking events, and cultural/historical excursions.

Equal rights for the LGBT population is one of the many topics addressed at the conference. Taiwan is getting close to becoming the first Asian country to legalize same-sex marriage. Having years of Western culture influence, Taiwan perhaps also inherited the spirit to fight for equality.

Friends of Project 10 congratulates Pin-Pin—we are proud to say that she is carrying message of equality on an international level.

Visit <<http://www.taiwan-america.org>> for more information about TASC.



## AN AFTERNOON OF FOOD, FRIVOLITY & 2 VERY FUNNY COMICS!



"Friends of Project 10 present...An afternoon of Food, Frivolity and 2 Very Funny Comics," which will be held at the home of Dr. Virginia Uribe and Gail Rolf in Pasadena, on Sunday, April 27, 2014, from 1 to 4pm, in support of the Models of Excellence scholarship program.

Featured comics

Jennie McNulty <[www.Jennie.McNulty.com](http://www.Jennie.McNulty.com)>  
Roz Esposito <[www.RozEsposito.com](http://www.RozEsposito.com)>

There will be tamales, margaritas, silent auction, door prizes and more!

**FEATURING 2 VERY FUNNY COMICS!**

JENNIE McNULTY ROZ ESPOSITO

Tamales Door Prizes

Margaritas Silent Auction

**Sunday, April 27, 2014 1 to 4pm**

At the lovely home of Virginia Uribe & Gail Rolf in Pasadena  
(Address to be announced upon ticket confirmation.)

**Suggested Donation:**  
\$50 for Individuals \$100 for VIP Individuals  
\$85 for Couples \$175 for VIP Couples

VIP Tickets include special gift bag.  
Guests of attendees can donate at the door.

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Purchase online at [Project10.org](http://Project10.org)

Suggested donation:

\$50 per person, \$85 couples

VIP \$100 for individuals

\$175 VIP couples

(VIP tickets include special gift bag)

Guests of attendees can donate at the door

(Location will be provided upon ticket purchase)

Please invite friends to join us for a great afternoon of fun and entertainment.

Visit <<http://project10.org/news.html>> for more information and ticket purchase. Contact <[project10@hotmail.com](mailto:project10@hotmail.com)> or call 626.577.4553.

## 2014 LGBTQ NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM—Dr. Virginia Uribe, Speaker!

The **Stonewall National Education Project** is hosting this symposium about creating safer and more affirming schools for LGBTQ families, students and staff. The program will include workshops on supporting transgender youth and GSA clubs, partnering with faith communities, enhancing district leadership, and building systemic advocacy. Participants will include teams of people from school districts across the country. They will share best practices within a network of districts, learn about excellent resources through training presentations, and gain effective tools to advocate for youth and families in the movement toward LGBTQ-affirming public education. Activities include a visit to the LA Gay and Lesbian Center where they will meet filmmakers, public figures, and parent advocates.

March 3 – 5, 2014

Sheraton Gateway LAX Hotel, Los Angeles, CA

Contact <[Jessica@stonewall-museum.org](mailto:Jessica@stonewall-museum.org)> or visit <[www.StonewallNationalEducationProject.org](http://www.StonewallNationalEducationProject.org)> for more information.

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