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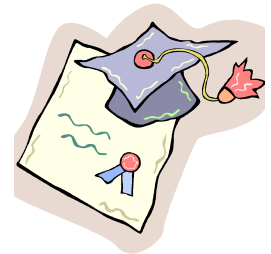
We love June because not only is it Pride month, but it is the time we celebrate the **Models of Excellence** scholarship competition. This year we are pleased to present \$25,000 in scholarship awards to 16 truly outstanding students. What we look for in our applicants is a desire to advance the civil rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. Our recipients meet this criteria. From being involved on every level of the GSA Network to participating in Days of Silence, the AIDS walk, Transgender Day of Empowerment, and numerous workshops on bullying, the Models of Excellence recipients will continue the fight for justice and equality. Friends of Project 10 congratulates them.

MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Renewals and College/University



- ◆ **Ryan King**, University of California Santa Cruz
- ◆ **Joshua Meisel**, University of California Santa Cruz
- ◆ **Chris Angel Murphy**, California State Los Angeles, accepted to University of Southern California
- ◆ **Hassan Rassmy**, Orange Coast College



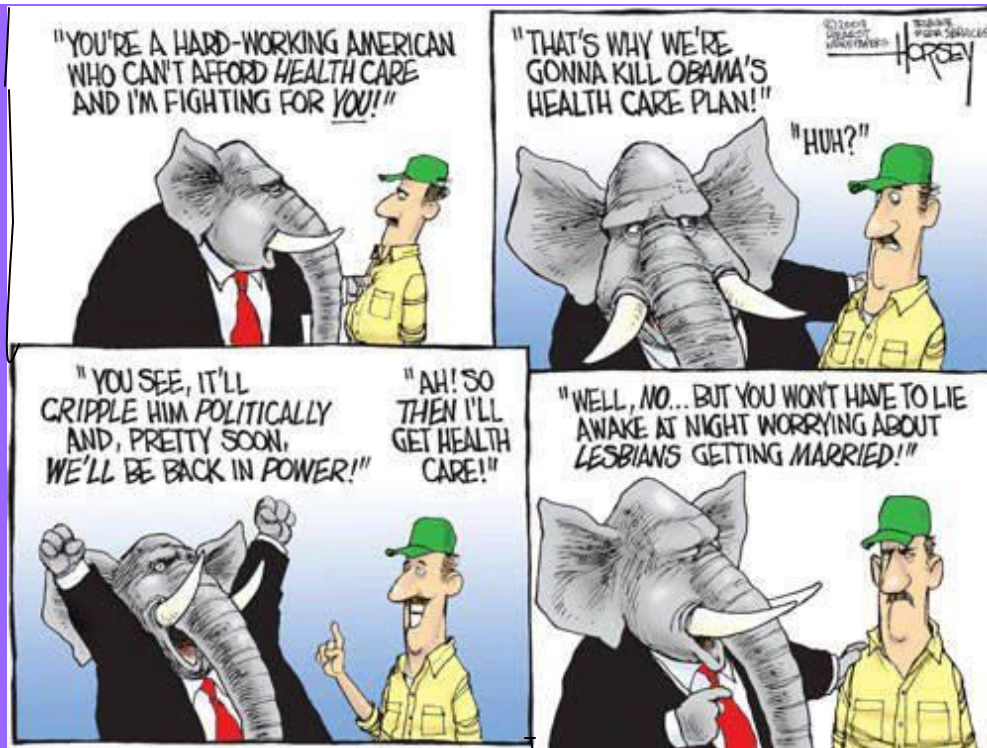
New

- ◆ **Claudia Chen**, Temple City High School
- ◆ **Emily Coffin**, Saugus High School
- ◆ **Kelly Delgadillo**, San Juan Hills High School
- ◆ **Isaac Nicholas Gomez**, High Tech High International
- ◆ **Isaias Guzman**, Bell High School
- ◆ **Jennifer Ledesma**, Magnolia High School
- ◆ **Pin-Pin (Alice) Liao**, John A. Rowland High School
- ◆ **Marka Maberry-Gaulke**, Harvard-Westlake School
- ◆ **Xochi Maberry-Gaulke**, Harvard-Westlake School
- ◆ **Miranda Mead**, California Virtual Academy
- ◆ **Zachary Robinson**, Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies
- ◆ **Matthew Zinik**, Foothill Technology High School

SPONSORS/LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

- ◆ Leonard Peterson
- ◆ Gary Booher
- ◆ Jackie Goldberg and Sharon Stricker
- ◆ Rosalind and Richard Goldstein
- ◆ Chris Haiss
- ◆ Arthur MacBeth
- ◆ Max Manuel
- ◆ Ms. Kittie Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Alvin, Peter, and Irene Kaufman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Raytheon
- ◆ Edison International
- ◆ Wells Fargo Foundation
- ◆ Microsoft Corporation
- ◆ Angel Silva and Ray Espino
- ◆ Bill Simmons Memorial Scholarship
- ◆ Robert and Ann Simmons
- ◆ Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance
- ◆ Bernard Vyzga, Jr.
- ◆ Gail Rolf and Virginia Uribe
- ◆ Billy Butchkavitz

The list still forming.



MORRIS KIGHT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Christopher Street West (CSW) recognizes people and groups that have especially impacted the LGBTQ community through a demonstrated commitment to greater visibility and understanding, advocacy, human rights, empowerment, marriage equality and service. This year, **Dr. Virginia Uribe** has been selected for the **Morris Kight Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Dr. Virginia Uribe is a fearless advocate for LGBT youth. 28 years ago at Fairfax High School she was the one teacher gay students could confide in. At the time, just one year after the discovery of AIDS, this was not only strikingly controversial and but also revolutionary.

The supportive atmosphere and safe space Dr. Uribe created in her classroom morphed into Project 10, the renowned LAUSD district-wide program that provides support for LGBT students. Project 10 also works with school administrators and tries to create campuses that are free from bullying. Remarkably, this program is still the only one of its kind in the world. Dr. Uribe has continued working tirelessly to ensure LGBT youth are supported and spearheaded Models of Pride, a one-day conference for LGBT Youth and their allies.

*For an extraordinary lifetime of work, Christopher Street West is honored to present Dr. Virginia Uribe with the **Morris Kight Lifetime Achievement Award**.*

Named for trail-blazing CSW co-founder, Morris Kight (1919-2003), this award recognizes an individual whose body of work—over the course of a lifetime—has left a lasting and major imprint on the LGBTQ community.

Other CSW honorees include Chaz Bono, Mia Yamamoto, Kamala Harris, Katy Butler, Stephen Jimenez, Dee Rees, Jewel Thais-Williams, Tom Whitman, and Celebration Theatre. Visit <http://lapride.org/pride2012/honorees> to read more about the contributions of these honorees. We congratulate them all!

HARVEY MILK DAY

On Tuesday, May 22, **Harvey Milk Day**, Gail Rolf, the Friends of Project 10 Education Director, was invited to speak to the Pacific Palisades Charter High School students about Harvey Milk and his contribution to the LGBTQ civil rights movement. She shared how times used to be when gays and lesbians could be fired from their jobs (and can still be in many states), police harassment, and about unsafe schools. She then jumped to the “now” in California, including the formation of Project 10, AB 537, and the FAIR Education Act. The assemblies were organized by the GSA.



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