

This year's financial support will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and is made possible by donations from the LGBT community, as well as straight allies. Since its inception, all scholarships have been named after members of the lesbian and gay community. This year, awards will also be named for bisexual and transgender individuals as well as allies.

For more information or to obtain an application, email zami@zami.org or visit www.zami.org.

Strummers alert!

STATEWIDE — The Carolinas LGBT music community is invited by Robert Urban to join Gay Guitarists Worldwide, an international Yahoo! networking group.

The group is for electric and acoustic guitarists, bassists and players of all similar stringed instruments. LGBT-friendly musicians and fans are also welcome.

It is not limited to guitarists. All kinds of players, from students to pros, are welcome. Find musicians, gigs, jams, tour accommodations, private instruction, recording and performance tips. Make new musical friends. Share/discuss guitar techniques, amps, effects, guitar models, etc. Check out all the cool guitar music-related information in the links, files and photo sections. Homepage photos rotate to feature a different LGBT player each month.

Urban is an award-winning artist, producer, activist and more. He was named Outmusician of the Year in 2006 by Outmusic. He was a 2007 Stonewall Society Pride-in-the-Arts award nominee in two different award categories: Lifetime Achievement in Music

Award and Production/Producer of the Year. To learn more about him, visit www.myspace.com/roberturban, www.myspace.com/areyoubee, or www.roberturban.com.

For more information, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/gayguitarists.

Wanna quit?

STATEWIDE — Researchers at the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) are looking for LGBT smokers to take part in a free internet-based smoking treatment program, iQuit.

This program, developed by faculty from UCSF with consultants from the LGBT community, seeks to compare the effectiveness of four smoking treatments: mail-based, self-help; internet-based smoking; phone counseling; and internet plus phone counseling.

All participants are randomly assigned to one of the four treatments listed above by researchers. Participants will be asked about their current smoking patterns and readiness to quit, along with personal characteristics, such as age, gender, ethnicity, etc., and mood and emotional status.

All information is confidential.

In exchange for completion of this survey, participants will gain access to educational materials on smoking cessation. These materials have been shown to be effective in helping smokers quit when they are offered in printed form and as part of a counseling program. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of these materials over the internet, participants will be contacted via email on three-, six- and 12-month intervals.

For more information, visit iquit.medschool.ucsf.edu.

CAMPUS SCENE

Wanna go to camp?

STATEWIDE — The Campus Pride Summer Leadership Camp is now accepting applications for its July 19-24 event for LGBT and ally college students.

Camp will take place at the Glen Complex, Towson University, 8000 York Rd., Towson, Md.

The five-day camp experience works to develop stronger undergraduate student leaders and safer, more LGBT-friendly colleges and universities. Participants have the opportunity to learn valuable campus organizing skills, coalition building and strategies for creating change at colleges and universities.

This year, Campus Pride received two local grants, one from the Wesley Mancini Foundation and another from the Charlotte Lesbian & Gay Fund, to send up to seven LGBT or ally college students to the summer camp. The scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students currently attending colleges/universities in the Charlotte, N.C. area (including neighboring counties/municipalities). Youth selected for the scholarships will also serve after camp on the Charlotte Youth Action Network to bring youth "voice and action" to the local LGBT and ally community. Other limited scholarships are also available until end of May with a first priority consideration on Apr. 20. Any remaining scholarships will be considered on a rolling-basis monthly thereafter.

"It is wonderful that the Wesley Mancini Foundation and the Charlotte Lesbian & Gay Fund have made it possible to fund area North Carolina youth to go to 'gay camp,'" said Shane Widmeyer, executive director of Campus Pride. "Camp is all about investing in the future - our LGBT and ally youth. As a community, we need to do more than throw money at politicians. We should be preparing future leaders for equality."

Students will learn developmental skills in leadership and personal growth experience inclusive of gender identity/expression and sexual orientation. They will have access to a premiere faculty and national leaders in social justice, human rights and civil rights advocacy. Participants will also receive helpful resources and innovative tools from national organizations.

Camp is never complete without having some fun, enjoying entertainment and fostering lasting relationships.

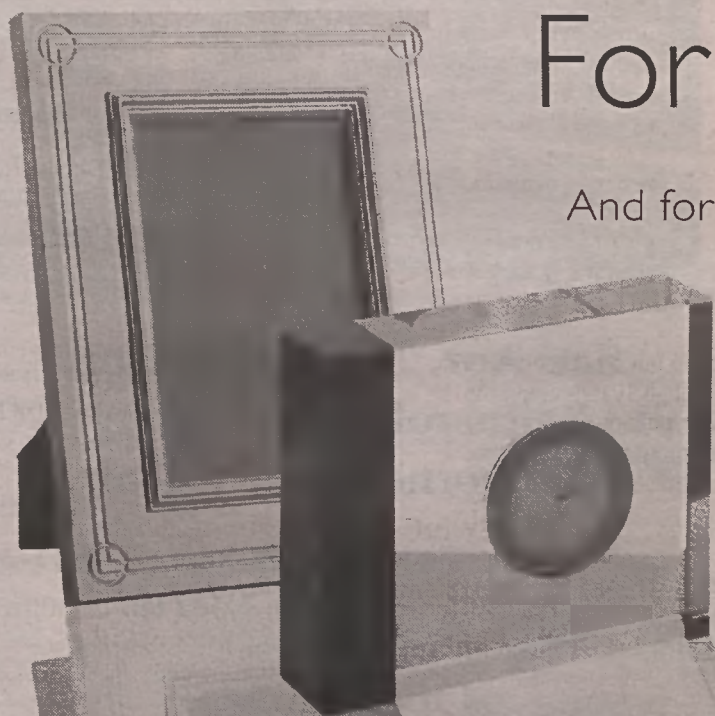
Early bird registration at \$595 is due by June 15. There is limited capacity, so apply soon. After that date the cost goes to \$695.

Registration includes five nights of suite-style lodging, breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, as well as all educational program materials and entertainment.

Visit www.campuspride.org to register, to see a list of faculty, to find out about the regulations for attendees, as well as other pertinent data.

For more information, email info@campuspride.org.

info: Announce your community event in NC News Notes. email: editor@q-notes.com or fax 704-531-1361.



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