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Campus exec SEED20 class finalist



CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Shane Windmeyer, founder and executive director of Campus Pride, has been selected as one of the top 10 finalists for Social Venture Partners' SEED20 Class of 2016.

The class participants, who are comprised of area non-profit entrepreneurs, are competing for cash and grant awards that total up to \$55,000. They are chosen for their innovation in tackling pressing social challenges.

Windmeyer will present his three-minute pitch to a panel of judges and an audience of business and non-profit leaders, foundation executives and other members of the area's entrepreneurial community at the SEED20 OnStage! event on April 11, 6:30 p.m., at the Bechtler Museum and Knight Theatre, 420 S. Tryon St.

"We are honored at Campus Pride to take part in such a monumental event in our hometown Charlotte," Windmeyer shared. "Taking part in SEED20 has allowed

our organization to shine among local talents and non-profits. Recognition of entrepreneurs is key in supporting local work and creating the strongest, most innovative solutions for tomorrow." It is the first time that an LGBT-specific non-profit has been chosen for the program.

The event includes a reception prior to and then one following the presentations where finalists and the audience can interact and network with the entire SEED20 class of 20 participants.

Tickets are \$70 and are available online at bit.ly/1N3Q1jw.
info: SEED20.org.

Charlotte

ASO set to 'feud'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Different Roads Home (DRH) is rolling out its We Are Family Feud charity game show event on April 9, 7 p.m., at Theatre Charlotte, 501 Queens Rd.

The evening's benefit supports DRH and Carolinas Care Partnership. It will be filled with entertaining moments and prizes.

Hostesses' Lana Cane and Mink Shoals bring their campy drag style to the stage, along with musical numbers.

Included in the event are two traditional rounds and two fast money rounds. The families will be chosen from participating members of the audience that night, so everyone that comes gets a chance to be a part of the action.

Tickets are \$12.50/general admission and \$25/regular and are available online.
info: differentroadshome.org.

Annual film fest around corner

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The 8th Annual GayCharlotte Film Festival will be held from April 21-24 at Theatre Charlotte, 501 Queen Rd.

Enjoy the cinema along with wine, beer, sodas, popcorn and snacks.

Films and times are: April 22 — "4th Man Out," 7 p.m., and "Those People," 9 p.m.; April 23 — "Jenny's Wedding," 4:30 p.m., "While You Weren't Looking," 7 p.m. and "The Same Difference," 9 p.m.; April 25 — "In the Grayscale," 4 p.m., and "Carol," 6 p.m. More screenings will be announced, but were not available at press time.

Tickets are \$8/advance online and \$10/at the door each, \$5/students, senior, Charlotte Film Society members or \$50 for a VIP all-festival pass (see website for perks).
info: charlottelgbtfilm.com.

TOY creates activism guide

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Time Out Youth Center (TOY), 2320 N. Davidson St., has announced

that it, along with the North Carolina GSA Network, have created an activism guide for gay-straight alliances for the state's middle and high schools regarding the passage of HB2.

The guide includes background information on HB2, a statement of rights guaranteed to LGBT students in K-12 schools, activities GSAs can do to raise awareness of the harmful effects of HB2 in their schools, five national/statewide campaigns or events that GSAs can participate in to advocate for change and additional resources available from other state and national partners of TOY, said Dr. Todd Rosendahl, director of school outreach.

The guide is available for download at bit.ly/1orB18F.

In other news, TOY will hold its Platinum Gala on June 3, 6:30 p.m., at Center Stage, 2315 N. Davidson St.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Gastonia, N.C.-native Fortune Feimster, an actor, standup comedian, writer and LGBT spokesperson. Feimster's credits include full-time performances and writer for "Chelsea Lately," as well as Nurse Collette on "The Mindy Project."

Ben Thompson, WCNC anchor, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The event includes a silent auction, cocktails, cash bar, music and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$100 and are available online at bit.ly/1VlaoiU. They entitle holder to two complimentary beverages.
info: timeoutyouth.org.

Sports pros share anti-bullying message

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers Linebacker Thomas Davis and Harlem Globetrotters star Buckets Blakes presented the Globetrotters' "The ABCs of Bullying Prevention" school initiative on March 21 at the Harris YMCA Cato Education Center, 5900 Quail Hollow Rd.

The two sports pros demonstrated "Action, Bravery and Compassion" to students in attendance as a way to show ways to reduce bullying.

Blakes also recognized Davis as an honorary Ambassador of Goodwill for his work with the Thomas Davis Defending Dreams Foundation. The Globetrotters also contributed 90 tickets in Davis' name for underprivileged youth to see the team live on March 26 during their 90th Anniversary World Tour.

The prevention campaign was developed with the National Campaign to Stop Violence.
info: harlemglobetrotters.com.

Triad

Film series underway

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The Out of the Wilderness conference series has begun and is being held each Monday during the month of April in the lower auditorium of Wingate Hall at Wake Forest University at 7 p.m.

Presented by Interfaith Voice, a coalition of city congregations that are open and affirming of LGBT individuals, the event is free and open to the public.

On April 4, Gender 101 — Gender, Sexuality and the Trans Identity was presented by Liam Hooper. In the weeks ahead, the following will flesh out the series: April 11, "The New Black" documentary film screening about an African-American community that grapples with gay rights during the marriage movement and the fight over civil rights, followed by discussion; April 18, a conversation with Brent Childers, a former journalist who serves at Equality NC's new faith director; and April 25, "Same Gender Marriage, Religious Accommodations and Race Analogy," presented by Wake Forest University School of Law Professor Shannon Gilreath.

The series is sponsored by the Adam Foundation and the Wake Forest University School of Divinity.
info: bit.ly/238fYyq.

It's green bingo time

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Green Queen Biker Bingo will be held on April 15, 6 p.m., at The Elm Street Center, 203 S. Elm St.

The evening includes cocktails with the queens at 6 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15/advance, \$20/at the door and \$12/student with ID and are available online at bit.ly/1qf8h4W.

Proceeds go to support the work of Guilford Green Foundation.
info: ggfnc.org.

Fest features LGBT films

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The RiverRun International Film Festival, which began on April 7 and will continue until April 17, has announced that it will screen 166 films, including 76 features and 90 shorts from 44 countries.

Among them are an array of LGBT-focused shows which will be shown at a/perture, 311 W. 4th St., Hanesbrand Theatre, 209 Spruce St. N., and the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, 750 Marguerite Dr. Featured are: "Coming Out," "He Hated Pigeons," "Deep Run," "First Girl I Loved" and "Sleeping Giant." See the website for more detailed information on each film.

Tickets are available at the Stevens Center Box Office at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, 405 W. 4th St., online at riverrunfilm.com or over the phone at 336-721-1945. Cost of tickets vary. More information is available on the film festival website.
info: riverrunfilm.com.

Expo slated

GIBSONVILLE, N.C. — The Triad LGBT Expo 2016 will be held on May 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at

the Gibsonville Depot, 119 W. Main St.

Hosted by Alamance Burlington LGBT Resources, it brings in LGBT non-profits and allies to showcase their organizations. A DJ will be on hand to share music and make serve as announcer for the day's agenda.

Admission is free.
Email triadlgbtexpo@gmail.com to learn more.

info: triadlgbtexpo.wordpress.com.

Triangle

Network plans meeting

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Raleigh Business and Professional Network will hold its monthly meeting on April 13, 6:30 p.m., at P.G. Werth's, 927 W. Morgan St.

Guest speaker will be Charles Phaneuf and the Raleigh Little Theatre. He will talk about his passion for theatre arts and their positive role in community development.

Registration is available online at bit.ly/1UAYG9K.
info: raleighnetwork.org.

Assessment test available

RALEIGH, N.C. — Total Engagement Consulting by Kimer has released its transgender diversity self-assessment test.

The 12-question query takes less than 10 minutes to complete and is used to gauge how companies and organizations are progressing on issues that surround transgender diversity in the workplace and marketplace.
info: totalengagementconsulting.com.

Western

Anti-HB2 campaign launched

We Are Proud To Partner In Justice



Repeal HB2

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — GayAshevilleNC.com recently posted a commentary on its website and Facebook about the state's new anti-LGBT discrimination law, HB2, and included some graphics that became requested items.

Available for download on the website at bit.ly/1SvA4o8 are two different "Partner In Justice" cards. One is simple and one comes with dialogue that states: "Be Proud to Partner In Justice. As a regular customer, I ask you to take a stand and Partner in Justice for North Carolina by advocating the repeal of HB2! I cannot patronage a business that does not take a stand."

Users are encouraged to give them to businesses and employers as well.

The editorial was also accompanied by a call to action against the newly-implemented HB2.

Errata

In our last issue in the print edition, we wrongly identified Romare Bearden as being gay in a news brief entitled "Arts center honors Carolina artists." We apologize to the estate of Mr. Bearden and regret this error.

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