

Sometimes it's easier to talk to someone you don't know, who can help you sort through the issues that can make it so difficult to be comfortable with who you are."

To volunteer and for more information on the training session, contact Triangle Community Works at [helpline@tcworks.org](mailto:helpline@tcworks.org) or call 919-821-0055 and leave a message for the training staff.

**STATEWIDE**

**Managing your money**

STATEWIDE — The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Equality Circle and the HRC North Carolina Steering Committee will host free seminars, "Smart Estate and Financial Planning for Individuals and Families" across the state during March. It will be presented by Timothy L. Mahoney, HRC Director for Estate Planning.

Come hear about the new Pension Bill provisions and how they apply to LGBT families. Participants will also learn about all the estate planning tools that are available and how estate planning affects one's future.

Local financial and estate planning professionals will also be available for questions and answers.

Space is limited. See the websites below to make reservations which may include two people.

**Triangle Area:** Mar. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Principal Financial Group, 4141 Parklake Ave., 5th Floor, Raleigh.

[www.hrcactioncenter.org/ct/fd3nPPd1X4xz](http://www.hrcactioncenter.org/ct/fd3nPPd1X4xz)

**Triad Area:** Mar. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library, 1420 Price Park Rd., Greensboro.

[www.hrcactioncenter.org/ct/f13nPPd1X4xa](http://www.hrcactioncenter.org/ct/f13nPPd1X4xa)  
**Queen City Area:** Mar. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Light Factory, Middleton Gallery Spirit Square, Suite 221, 245 North College St. Charlotte.

[www.hrcactioncenter.org/ct/rp3nPPd1X4xq](http://www.hrcactioncenter.org/ct/rp3nPPd1X4xq)

For more information, visit [www.hrc.org/estateplanning](http://www.hrc.org/estateplanning).

**CAMPUS SCENE**

**Show pride**

CHARLOTTE — On Mar. 29 the Lady Masquerade, a Mardi Gras-themed ball will be held at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, from 7-11 p.m. at SAC Salon, 9201 University City Blvd. This is an event produced by People Recognizing Individual Diversity and Equality (PRIDE), the campus LGBT and allied community organization.

This gathering provides a way to bring the LGBTQ community and their allies together. It is designed to celebrate differences on the campus and embrace diversity.

Free food will be provided and a DJ will be on hand to entertain. There will also be a drag/fashion show.

For more information, call Kathryn Lord at 704-687-4150, email [pride@uncc.edu](mailto:pride@uncc.edu) or visit [www.uncc.edu/pride](http://www.uncc.edu/pride).

**Diversity event successful**

GREENVILLE, N.C. — "Celebrating Diversity," sponsored by the Student Government Association, was held from Feb. 21-Mar. 1 on Eastern Carolina University's (ECU) campus as part of its Diversity Week 2008 festivities.

Events were sponsored by various groups

from every corner of the university.

The Black Student Union held an AIDS Benefit Fashion Show along with other entertaining programs.

On Feb. 26, identity issues were discussed in the "Living with Diversity through the Arts: Colors in Diversity" presentation. Asian-American, bisexual musician Magdalen Hsu-Li showcased music from her latest CD, "Smashing the Ceilings."

Later that day, B-GLAD sponsored "Equality on Campus," a panel discussion on LGBT issues, facilitated by academic advisor Aaron Luciera. Seven students were panelists. Audience participation included a question and answer session.

Afterward a drag show was held with 375 in attendance. Ebony Addams and Dana St. James were the headliners. Other local talent and ECU students took to the stage as well.

For more information, visit [www.ecu.edu/org/bgld](http://www.ecu.edu/org/bgld).

**Scholarship recipients named**

CHARLOTTE — The Nila and Stokely Bailey PFLAG Scholarship at UNCC has announced that the following will receive support for the year. They are: Francisco Aragon Chavez, a psychology major; Michael Angello Negron, a nursing student; and Yohance Omar Whiteside, a graduate student with a public health major.

The scholarship seeks to recognize outstanding gay and lesbian individuals, to encourage continuing education for the self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual person and

to foster a positive image of gays and lesbians in our society.

A one-time award per academic year, amounts range from \$500 to \$2,000 and may be used for books and/or tuition.

Eligibility is open only to full-time students who are in good standing and have completed the free application for Federal Student Aid.

For more information, contact the Multicultural Resource Center, 382 Cone University Center, UNCC, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223.

**LGBT cancer workshop held**

CHAPEL HILL — The Health Sciences LGBTQ Alliance, through The University of North Carolina School of Public Health and School of Nursing, hosted a one-day workshop on Mar. 6 to address the issues of LGBT cancer.

LGBT Cancer Project Executive Director Liz Margolies presented "LGBT Cancer Risk and Prevention." This focused on risk factors for cancer among LGBT populations and LGBT-sensitive prevention activities. Later in the day a presentation was given on "Cultural Sensitivity for LGBT Patients with Cancer." This focused on training providers and clinicians to be culturally sensitive toward their LGBT patients with cancer.

The event was sponsored by the Provost's Committee on LGBTQ Life, the School of Nursing, School of Medicine QSA, UNC LGBTQ Center and the Health Sciences LGBTQ Alliance. ▽

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