

From: [Pride](#)
Subject: Thank you for attending Rainbow Conference 2023!
Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023 6:00:25 PM

Thank you so much for spending time with us today. We hope that you learned something new, found community, and left the conference feeling inspired. Please take a few minutes to complete our [feedback form](#). We will use your feedback as we determine our next steps for future Rainbow Conferences. Also, if any of our session presenters had additional information to share with you, we will continue to add resources to the 2023 Rainbow Conference Resources Document located at the top of our [conference webpage](#) or linked [directly here](#).

Also, if you don't have plans for next Saturday, May 13th, you might want to check out the 7th [Books in Bloom](#) festival taking place in downtown Columbia at Colorburst Park. The theme this year is Building Community Through Empathy and Understanding. There are several authors worth noting such as Nikki Giovanni, Chasten Buttigieg, Aiden Thomas, Ryan La Sala, Kevin Naff (editor and co-owner of The Washington Blade), and so many more! Some of our student authors will be reading their works aloud from our 4th Rainbow Vision Literary Magazine at the event as well - and one of our students will be facilitating the session with Aiden Thomas. It will be a great way to spend a Saturday.

Lastly, 100% of our rainbow related activities are grant and community funded. If you enjoyed our conference today and would like to make a charitable donation toward our future programs, you can do so through our [Online School Payments](#).

Again, thank you for attending our conference and we wish you a wonderful rest of your weekend.

Sincerely,

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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: Rainbow Conference - TODAY
Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023 3:57:10 AM

Greetings, all!

Today is our 3rd Rainbow Conference! Thank you so much for joining us!

To start off our day, here are a few words from [Dr. Martirano](#) about our conference.

At the conclusion of our conference today, you will receive an email with an evaluation form. Please take a few minutes to provide us with genuine feedback about our event today - whether you participated in the virtual portion, the in-person portion, or took part in the entire conference from start to finish. We'd love to hear from you as we plan for future activities to support all of our community.

As a reminder, if you registered for the virtual sessions, your join codes were sent to you either on Saturday, April 29th or Thursday, May 4th. Please check your spam folder if you don't see them in your inbox.

Have a wonderful day!

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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: 12:00 PM - Drag Pedagogy - Rainbow Conference
Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00:27 AM

Greetings!

Linked below is your join code for the 12:00 PM Rainbow Conference session for which you registered. As a reminder, this code is for registered guests only. Please do not share your join code with anyone. We look forward to "seeing" you there!

Drag Pedagogy with Dani Gonzalez (facilitators - Alyson Mitchel and Michelle Melencio)

Saturday, May 6 · 12:00 – 1:00pm

Google Meet joining info




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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: 11:00 AM - Let's Talk - Rainbow Conference
Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00:24 AM

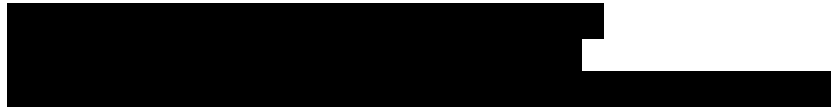
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Let's Talk with Jeremy Browning (facilitators - Alyson Mitchel & Kami Wagner)

Saturday, May 6 · 11:00am – 12:00pm

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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: 10:00 AM - Anti-Slur Guidelines
Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00:22 AM

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Anti-Slur Guidelines with WLHS GSA (facilitators - Jen Roussillon & Alyson Mitchel)

Saturday, May 6 · 10:00 – 11:00am

Google Meet joining info




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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: 9:00 AM - Here's What's Out There - Rainbow Conference
Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00:20 AM

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Here's What's Out There with Stephanie Reid (facilitators - Jen Roussillon & DeNeatra Barkley)

Saturday, May 6 · 9:00 – 10:00am

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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: Rainbow Conference - Important Information
Date: Friday, April 28, 2023 7:37:29 PM

Greetings!

We are so excited that you will be joining us for our 3rd Rainbow Conference! There's a lot of information in this email, so please read thoroughly so that you are best prepared to attend our conference next Saturday, May 6th. This conference will be happening - rain or shine!

- **EXPECTATIONS:** Please [watch our video](#) to learn about our Rainbow Conference and our expectations for your participation.
- **T-SHIRT ORDER:** You have the opportunity to purchase a Rainbow Conference t-shirt. The shirt will be delivered to you AFTER the conference. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, please do so by May 8th. To purchase a shirt please do the following.
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 - For those of you attending from out of state, please note that we are on Eastern Daylight Time.
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- **IN PERSON AT HOMEWOOD:** For those of you attending in person at the Homewood Center (10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City 21042) please be prepared to have some fun!
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 - We have a lot of parking at the Homewood Center. Feel free to park anywhere in the upper lot, lower lot, with overflow parking at Central Office and the ARL building.
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Attachments: [Conference Towel.jpeg](#)

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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: Rainbow Conference - Registration Confirmation
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 11:13:34 AM
Attachments: [HCPSS Rainbow Conference Flier.pdf](#)
[Rainbow Conference Flier \(1\).pdf](#)

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Please feel free to spread the word and share out the [registration form](#) for our conference with friends, family, high school students, colleagues, and anyone else who you think might be interested in attending. Also attached are two fliers you can use to help spread the word.

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Alyson Mitchel](#)
Subject: Rainbow Conference - Registration Confirmation
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:19:30 PM
Attachments: [HCPSS Rainbow Conference Flier.pdf](#)
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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: RAINBOW CONFERENCE 2023!
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 6:55:06 AM

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9. Conference details and links will be mailed from pride@hcpss.org on or around Friday, April 29th. Please be on the lookout for this information.
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From: [Pride](#)
Subject: RAINBOW CONFERENCE 2023!
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 6:52:18 AM

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Pride](#)
Subject: Re: It's time to register for our next FAMILY Read the Rainbow
Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 10:00:38 AM

Sorry, all. Let's try this again.

Here is the correct link to register for [FAMILY Read the Rainbow](#).

That being said, you are also more than welcome to join us for Read the Rainbow with Jen Wang next week, too!

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From: Pride
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 9:28 AM
Subject: It's time to register for our next FAMILY Read the Rainbow

Greetings!

I'm sending this message because you previously registered and/or participated in our FAMILY Read the Rainbow book club for either *Calvin* and/or *And Tango Makes Three*.

I just wanted to let you know that our next FAMILY Read the Rainbow book club is scheduled for Saturday, January 7th at 1:30pm ET for the book *When Aidan Became a Brother* and will feature both the author Kyle Lukoff and illustrator Kaylani Juanita.

Kyle will do a read-aloud of the book and Kaylani will do a drawing activity with participants. Both will answer questions at our virtual meeting. The first 50 families with preschool - elementary age children who register will receive a free copy of the book.

To learn more please [visit our website](#) and then [register here](#).

Have a wonderful week!

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From: [Lions' Pride Athletic Boosters](#)
To: [David K. Larner](#)
Subject: Howard High School - Lions' Pride Athletic Boosters
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 3:11:37 PM

Lions' Pride Athletic Boosters NEED YOUR HELP and SUPPORT

November 1, 2022

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CONCESSIONS

We have HOME PLAYOFFS for FOOTBALL and need concessions support.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AEAC29A1FAC07-fall>

LEGACY BRICKS

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/lionspride>

The Lions' Pride Athletic Booster Club are sponsoring a project to enhance the area around our Lion Mascot on your way to the stadium with engraved bricks. Spirit Bricks are a great way to recognize students, coaches and teachers for their contributions in making Howard High School great learning institution. All proceeds from the brick sales go to the Lions' Pride Boosters, which provides funding and support to ALL Howard High School athletic teams. Lions' Pride contracts with a Howard HS Alumni business for installation two times per year.

HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE

<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/howardlionspride>

Distribution items are delivered to Howard High School and will be scheduled for pick up after Thanksgiving. **ALL sales closing 11/7.** If you have questions, please email treasurer@howardlionspride.org.

2ND ANNUAL ARTS, CRAFTS & MORE

<https://www.howardlionspride.org/arts-crafts--more-show.html>

Sunday, November 6, 2022; 10am to 3pm

8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Join us for the Howard Lions' Pride Athletic Booster 2022 Fall Arts, Crafts & More Show in Ellicott City. Our event will host inside the school building over 130 vendors featuring food trucks, handmade crafts, art, décor, photography, jewelry, skin care, direct sale vendors and much more! Bring your family and friends for a fun day of shopping. FREE Admission & FREE Parking!

Current Vendor List Link: <https://www.howardlionspride.org/2022-fall-vendor-list1.html>

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Rainbow Representatives](#)
Subject: Updates
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 12:34:01 PM
Attachments: [Sept28CommunityAmbassadorFlyer.pdf](#)

Good afternoon and Happy Bisexual Visibility Day to all who celebrate!

There are a couple of things I wanted to pass along prior to our next newsletter as the first one is very time sensitive.

1. On Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00pm-8:00pm, County Executive Ball will hold the second Community Ambassador Resource Training in partnership with the Office of Human Rights & Equity, the Health Department, Grassroots Crisis Intervention, and Howard County Public School System. Through this session participants will become equipped with information on the 988 hotline, how to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health, as well as receive suicide prevention resources for students and families. Registration is free, however there is a limited number of spots. Here is the link to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-resource-ambassador-event-tickets-405305739377> The flier is attached if you want to spread the word to your staff.

2. Also, [REDACTED]. Our partners over at Robinson's Nature Center have a new program called "Robinson's Rainbows" for ages 6-12. [REDACTED], registration will be open soon. This outdoor program will occur on Saturday, November 5th from 2-3:30pm

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/activity/search/detail/119686?onlineSiteId=0&locale=en-US&from_original_cui=true A flyer is forthcoming, but I wanted to make sure you had the information now so that it is on your radar. There will be a \$10 fee to participate in the program.

3. FARMS Program. Many students and families don't realize that participation in this program provides free test registration, and up to four free applications for college. I realize that you should be receiving this information from your schools, and it's likely your principal will put it out to the community, but also consider bringing it up with students in your classes and GSAs.
Please visit www.hcpss.org/FARMS to view a list of benefits for qualifying HCPSS families.


FARMs Program Toolkit resources

Included in the toolkit are various items to use in your efforts to uplift this program and its benefits to HCPSS families:

- [Email template to remind families to complete their FARMs application](#)
- [Print Resources](#)
 - FARMs Postcard (English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese)
 - FARMs Bookmark (English, Spanish)
 - Internet Essentials and Xfinity Mobile offer (English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese)
- [Social Media Resources](#)
 - Language for social media posts
 - Accompanying graphic for use on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook

Enjoy your much deserved long weekend!

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Rainbow Representatives](#)
Subject: Timely - Rainbow Ribbon Schools Meeting
Date: Sunday, September 18, 2022 7:28:54 AM

Greetings, all! Sending on behalf of Robyn and CARY. Please join if you have any interest in becoming a Rainbow Ribbon School this year or next. Some updates have been made to the process and Robyn will be offering a session for you to learn more about it.

D.

Dear Rainbow Reps,

On behalf of Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (CARY), you are invited to join a Google Meet on Thursday, September 29, to learn more about the [Rainbow Ribbon Schools](#) program, and how your school can apply. Updates on new categories of recognition will be shared, so schools continuing the application process this year are also encouraged to attend.

Rainbow Ribbon Interest Meeting

Thursday, September 29 · 4:00 – 4:45pm

Google Meet joining info

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I hope to see you then!

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Cc: [Kami M. Wagner](#); [Caroline Walker](#)
Subject: TOMORROW - Professional Learning with Dr. Kryss Shane
Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 6:58:55 AM

Good morning, all!

I'm really looking forward to spending time with you at our virtual professional learning session tomorrow with Dr. Kryss Shane, author of *The Educator's Guide to LGBT+ Inclusion*.

Here is the session link.

LGBTQ+ PL with Dr. Kryss Shane

Tuesday, September 13 · 4:00 – 5:00pm

Google Meet joining info



I wish you a fantastic start to your week! "See" you tomorrow!

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Rainbow Representatives](#)
Subject: Upcoming Events of Interest
Date: Friday, September 9, 2022 7:35:59 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Greetings, all!

There is an event coming up that I wanted to share as it occurs prior to our next newsletter. Please see below for information from HCLS about meeting Pierre Jean Gonzalez of Hamilton on September 20th. Feel free to share with your GSA students and any staff members you feel who might be interested.

Also, I received some feedback this week from a Rainbow Rep about flyers. Moving forward, I'll be sure to ask for a separate flyer from outside organizations so that you have multiple methods to display and share the information.

Also, HoCo Pride is BACK Sunday, October 9th at Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods. If you would like to volunteer to work at our HCPSS table, [please let me know by adding your name to this form](#). I'm thinking we'll need about 2 volunteers for each hour if possible. If you'd like to volunteer for longer than an hour, please feel free to put your name in multiple time slots. You will [need to register](#) if you plan on attending.



Howard County PRIDE 2022

Tickets, Sun, Oct 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite

Eventbrite - Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods presents Howard County PRIDE 2022 - Sunday, October 9, 2022 at The Chrysalis, Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods, Columbia, MD. Find event and ticket information.

www.eventbrite.com

Happy Friday!

-Danielle

Howard County Library System presents:



In Conversation: Pierre Jean Gonzalez

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm

For ages 14+

HCLS Central Branch , 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia

[Register here.](#)

Photo by @ Joan Marcus

Pierre Jean Gonzalez, who stars as Alexander Hamilton in the national tour of the award-winning musical *Hamilton* currently at The Kennedy Center, is a stage and film actor, director and producer and a leading advocate for the Latinx and LGBTQ+ communities. In this special appearance at Howard County Library System's Central Branch, he shares his thoughts on, and goals for, creating more opportunities for diversity and inclusion in the performing arts, both in front of and behind the camera. Pierre also shares his journey as an Afro-Latinx Queer man and his experience in founding DominiRican Productions with his fiancé, fellow actor Cedric Leiba Jr, and how they hope to inspire performing artists and entrepreneurs. *Face masks are encouraged at the request of the artist, but are not required within HCLS branches.*

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Cc: [Caroline Walker](#); [Kami M. Wagner](#)
Subject: PL with Dr. Kryss Shane
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 10:29:13 AM

Greetings!

This email is to confirm your registration for our professional learning session with Dr. Kryss Shane on Tuesday, September 13th from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. The link to the presentation is below, and I will also send you a calendar invite as well. Dr. Shane will be building from information included in her book *The Educator's Guide to LGBT+ Inclusion*. If you haven't read the book, no worries - you'll still gain a lot from this professional learning session. While each Rainbow Representative was sent a copy at the end of last school year, I do have a *few* extra copies. If you are a new Rainbow Representative that did not receive a copy, or if you are NOT a Rainbow Representative and would like a copy of the book, please respond and let me know. I'll send out the remaining books on a first come, first serve basis.

We can accommodate up to 250 folx at our session, so if you know of anyone else who would be interested/benefit from participating, feel free to forward them the [registration form link](#). We have plenty of space remaining.

Join Dr. Shane to ask your questions, to gain clarity and insight from her latest experiences, and to come together with your peers and colleagues to work collaboratively to continue to ensure that the Howard County Public School System becomes and remains a safe place for all students to learn!

LGBTQ+ PL with Dr. Kryss Shane
Tuesday, September 13 · 4:00 – 5:00pm
Google Meet joining info

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Rainbow Representatives](#)
Cc: [Kami M. Wagner](#); [Caroline Walker](#)
Subject: September Newsletter for Rainbow Representatives
Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 1:59:47 PM
Attachments: [Newsletter - September 2022.pdf](#)

Greetings, all!

Welcome back! I'm SO excited to spend this year with you all. A few changes. I'm trying out Adobe Express for our newsletters as another way to read/receive information for our newsletters. For two reasons - some of us are a little more visual and this allows me to include pictures and images. Also, I'll be able to archive these on our website and hopefully Canvas page (coming later this year). That way if you're like me and accidentally delete emails, you can find the information in a central location.

You can view the [September Newsletter here](#), view on [our website here](#), download the attached document, or just continue reading for an abbreviated version. Have a wonderful September and I hope to see many of you at our next Professional Learning with Dr. Kryss Shane!

1. **Professional Learning with Dr. Kryss Shane** - Tuesday, September 13th from 4:00pm-5:00pm we will have our virtual Professional Learning with Dr. Kryss Shane. IF you are a NEW Rainbow Rep and need a copy of the book, please email me directly and let me know your name and location and I'll drop a copy in the PONY to you. Be sure to [REGISTER for this PL](#) if you'd like to attend.
2. **Meeting Dates** - All of our Rainbow Representative Meetings will be virtual this year. You WILL be paid to attend the meetings. Please mark your calendars with the following dates always from 4-5pm
 - a. Monday October 10th
 - b. Monday December 19th
 - c. Monday February 27th
 - d. Monday April 24th
3. **Rainbow Vision** - We still have paper shortage issues; however, we will be able to order more copies of Rainbow Vision. If you are a middle or high school Rainbow Rep and would like to order copies for your school, please make [ONE request using this form](#). Make your request by Friday, September 16th. I'm hopeful Print Shop can honor most of these requests. Please be mindful when making requests and note that this magazine is also accessible online.
4. **Affinity Toolkits** are here! More information will be shared about these at our first meeting, but for now, you can access and use them at the links below.
 - a. [Elementary School Affinity Toolkit](#)

- b. [Middle School Affinity Toolkit](#)
 - c. [High School Affinity Toolkit](#)
5. The next **Read the Rainbow** is open for registration. We'll be reading *Kings of B'more* and be joined by the author, R. Eric Thomas. This is open to students in grades 8-12, educators, librarians, parents, and any supportive community member. This is an LGBTQ+ focused book club to highlight queer books and the folx who write them. Thomas is a local author and playwright, and you might recognize some local flare in this YA novel. The first 50 students receive a free copy of the book. [Be sure to register](#) so you can join us.
 6. **Rainbow Funds for schools** - Each school has access to \$200 to use to help promote visibility and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ Community. Rainbow Representatives have access to edit their own tab in the [Rainbow Funds For Schools Google Sheet](#). More information about this will be shared at our first Rainbow Representatives Meeting on Monday, October 10th at 4pm. Just know that you now have access to the Google Sheet. Please create a shortcut or bookmark it so you have it easily accessible.
 7. **School visits** - If you were unable to attend the Professional Learning session with Jabari Lyles, I've got a SWAG bag to deliver to you. I've been visiting schools to make deliveries, say hello, and to see you in person at your schools. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do let me know. I was considering setting up office hours but think that it would be more time effective to reach out and touch base. So, you'll be hearing from me on an individual basis this year and we can either meet, have a call, or a visit. I've been taking notes and will be happy to work on things for and/or with you. If when I visit your school, you have any inclusive displays, be sure to point them out. I've been taking photos of those I've seen so far and have been giving school shout-outs on our social media. Unified visibility is going to be important as we move forward in our mission to make all HCPSS schools safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces for our students.
 8. **Earn Credit** - Last call to show your interest in receiving CEUs for professional learning this year. I'll be having an interest meeting soon, but you need to first let me know that you are interested in participating by completing the [CEU Rainbow Inquiry Interest Form](#).
 9. **Safe Space Poster Request** - Do you want more Safe Space posters for your school? If yes, please complete [ONE request per school](#) to ask for posters in English, Spanish, Korean, and/or Chinese.
 10. List of upcoming **Important Dates** for the year (which may or may not be applicable to you).
 - a. Tuesday, September 13th - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - PL w/Dr. Kryss Shane
 - Sunday, October 9th - 11:00am - HoCo Pride
 - Monday, October 10th - Q1 Rainbow Rep Meeting
 - Wednesday, October 19th - 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Rainbow Inquiry Group (CEUs)
 - Wednesday, October 26th - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Read the Rainbow w/R. Eric

Thomas

Wednesday, November 9th - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - PL w/Dr. Julie Eatin

Monday, December 5th - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Read the Rainbow - author TBA

Wednesday, December 14th 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Rainbow Inquiry Group (CEUs)

Monday, December 19th - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Q2 Rainbow Rep Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - PL w/Eric Marcus

Wednesday, February 15th - 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Rainbow Inquiry Group (CEUs)

Monday, February 27th - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Q3 Rainbow Rep Meeting

Wednesday, April 12th 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Rainbow Inquiry Group (CEUs)

Monday, April 24th 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Q4 Rainbow Rep Meeting

Saturday, May 6th 8:00am - 5:00pm Virtual & at Homewood

Tuesday, May 9th 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Read the Rainbow - author TBA

Saturday, May 13th - Books in Bloom

Monday, June 5th - Sunday, June 11th - HCPSS PRIDE WEEK

Have a super September!

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Pride](#)
Cc: [Kami M. Wagner](#); [Caroline Walker](#)
Subject: Professional Learning Follow-Up
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 7:51:35 AM

Good morning, y'all and Happy Fri-yay!

I'm emailing all of you (even if you were unable to attend Wednesday's PL) so that you have an opportunity to join us again next time and can also have access to the pre-presentation slides. I realize this is most relevant to Rainbow Reps and sponsors, but just wanted to share in case you had an interest.

Thank you again to those of you who joined us on Wednesday afternoon for our wonderful keynote kickoff with Jabari Lyles! It was such a wonderful presentation and it was so nice to see so many of you in this hybrid format. I hope that moving forward, we can offer more hybrid sessions such as this. Before I share some other info with you, if you attended either in person or virtually, please complete the [PL Feedback Form](#) (if you haven't already done so). This is very valuable to us as we move forward. In fact, having Jabari present to us this week was a direct result of Rainbow Reps expressing their needs for more LGBTQ+ specific professional learning. So, THANK YOU for your feedback and suggestions last year, Reps!

As promised, here is the [link to the slides](#) from the notes and updates at the beginning of our time together from Wednesday. Feel free to read the notes I added at the bottom to better understand the content on the slides.

For DEILS, GSA sponsors, Social Workers, Psychologists, and CO staff - thank you for joining us! This is just the first of what we hope to be a nice little series of optional LGBTQIA+ Professional Learning opportunities throughout the school year. If you would like to earn CEU's (having attended this first session with Jabari counts as one hour toward earning credits) then please [complete this interest form](#) and I'll be reaching out to you in a couple of weeks. If you are interested in joining us for our next Professional Learning session in a couple of weeks with Dr. Kryss Shane on Tuesday, September 13th, please [RSVP here](#). We would LOVE to have you join and collaborate with us! Here is [more information about Dr. Shane](#) and her session.


I wish you all a wonderful weekend and I hope our PL this week was uplifting enough to help carry you through the first week of school. We have so much good work to do this year, and I'm so looking forward to getting it done - together.

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Rainbow Representatives](#)
Subject: August Newsletter AND Feedback Form
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 6:00:17 PM

Greetings, Rainbow Representatives!

It was so nice to see so many of you at our Professional Learning session today with Jabari Lyles! If you attended in person or virtually, please be sure to complete the [feedback form](#). There is a TON of information in this August Newsletter, so please take some time to read each piece of information carefully.

1. **WELCOME** to our newest Rainbow Reps! You are now included in the "Rainbow Representative" distribution list. If you have level specific questions for your colleagues, feel free to send a message directly to your level - specific distribution group ("Rainbow Representatives Elementary," "Rainbow Representatives Middle," or "Rainbow Representatives High") As a Rainbow Representative, you are invited to attend one virtual meeting per quarter (you will be paid for your attendance) and will have special professional learning opportunities this school year. You'll also receive one newsletter of updates and reminders per month. Thanks for joining the Rainbow Representative team! We are looking forward to getting to know you this year.
2. In case you missed the news - the new **LGBTQIA+ Initiatives Specialist** position has been filled! (Check signatures ;)
3. Also, if you were not able to attend our professional learning with Jabari today and did not receive your school's SWAG bag - no worries! If another person from your school attended, they picked it up for you. If no one else from your school attended, I'll either be scheduling a warehouse pickup and delivery, or I'll be stopping by to say hello and will be reaching out to you about good times to visit. Stay tuned!
4. Our next **Professional Learning opportunity will be Tuesday, September 13th from 4:00 - 5:00pm with Dr. Kryss Shane**. Please be sure to read the book that was gifted to you in June, *The Educator's Guide to LGBT+ Inclusion: A Practical Resource for K-12 Teachers, Administrators, and School Support Staff* by Dr. Kryss Shane. Dr. Shane will be presenting the professional learning to you based on the information in the book. [RSVP for this Professional Learning](#).
5. Information will be coming soon about how you can earn **1 - 3 CEU's** this school year. Attending these Professional Learning sessions will count toward earning these credits. If you would like to earn CEU's, you must commit to attending at least 3 Professional Learning sessions (these will be virtual) as well as completing some additional work. If you are interested, please place your name on this [interest form](#), and we will send you more information.
6. All of our **meeting dates** and **professional learning dates** have been posted on our [website](#). Please bookmark our [Rainbow Representative Website](#) for reference. If you scroll to the bottom of the home page, you'll see a Google Calendar. You can easily import the dates to your own calendar from there. I will also be sending Outlook Calendar invites to Rainbow Reps as well. So if you forget to register, you'll have it in your calendar.

7. **Rainbow Conference RETURNS!** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 6, 2023**. This will be a HYBRID conference. We are planning for a virtual portion for all presentations for the first part of the day, but there will be a face-to-face component in the afternoon.
8. **HCPSS Pride Week** is also returning! Mark your calendars for **June 5th - 10th 2023**.
9. **MONEY** for your school! More details will be coming in our September newsletter, but just know that **every** HCPSS school will be able to receive \$200 toward rainbow related initiatives at your school.
10. [Safe Space Poster request form](#) - please complete to let us know how many of each poster you would like. Also, we are *hoping* to have some available in other languages. Please write in which languages you would need based on your school population and let us know. We will let you know when Safe Space Posters in other languages are available.
11. [Read the Rainbow](#) - please help spread the word to your students (grades 8 and up) about our Read the Rainbow bookclub. Registration is now open for our October 26th meeting with R. Eric Smith (yes, you get to meet the author) to discuss *Kings of B'more*. Details and registration form can be found [here](#). The first 50 students who register receive a free copy of the book. This bookclub is open to ALL students grades 8 and up, parents, educators, librarians, community members, and any supportive ally who would like to attend, so please feel free to register yourselves if you are interested.
12. Names and email addresses for Rainbow Representatives have been updated on the [HCPSS website](#). Please review and let us know if we need to make any changes for your school.


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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Pride](#)
Subject: Professional Learning with Jabari Lyles - TODAY!
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 12:36:21 AM

Greetings, all!

Thank you for registering to attend our LGBTQ+ Professional Learning Keynote Kickoff with Jabari Lyles which will be held today, Wednesday, August 24th from 4:00-5:30pm in the Long Reach High School auditorium.


We ask that you please check in, mix, mingle, and have a listen for some updates we have to share with you tomorrow beginning at 4:00pm. Jabari's program will begin promptly at 4:30pm. We are very excited to see you tomorrow in person!

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Razia F. Kosi](#); [Alyson Mitchel](#)
Cc: [Kami M. Wagner](#); [Caroline Walker](#)
Subject: Please forward to DEILs
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 8:38:42 AM

Dear Razia and Alyson,

I hope you're having a great week! We are excited about our Professional Learning with Jabari Lyles tomorrow and would love if you could drop another invite to DEILs for this event. We would love to have some more staff attend to benefit from this Professional Learning. Would you be able to share out a final reminder to your people today? I just reshared with Rainbow Reps. Thank you so much!

D.

Greetings, all!

Just a reminder that you are invited to our Professional Learning with Jabari Lyles scheduled for tomorrow. Please register if you plan on attending (see link below) The in-person option begins at 4:00pm, but you can also attend virtually through GoogleMeet (code will be sent after you register).

WHEN: Wednesday, August 24th @ 4:00pm (presentation/virtual will begin promptly at 4:30pm)

WHERE: Long Reach High School auditorium

WHAT: Professional Learning with Jabari Lyles, *Young, Black, and Gender-Expansive: Intersectional Gender Inclusivity in School*

WHO: Rainbow Reps, SAGA Club Sponsors, DEILs, and other specialized staff members
[RSVP](#)


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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Rainbow Representatives](#)
Subject: Timely - Unmatched Athlete Pickup Game THIS Saturday
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 7:16:45 AM

Greetings, all and WELCOME back!

We sent an email a few weeks ago about Professional Learning with Jabari Lyles tomorrow. We would love to have as many of you join us as possible. Please register here to join us (or let us know that you will not be able to attend) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This event is HYBRID, so you can choose to attend either face to face at Long Reach High School beginning at 4:00pm OR you can join us virtually at 4:30pm.

I know we aren't quite open to students just yet, but I'm including some information below from Unmatched Athlete to share with you all in case you or your families are interested in attending, or if you know of an interested student who may wish to attend. This is a free and local event.

Unmatched Athlete Information

Unmatched Athlete has a free pickup game for LGBTQ+ youth and allies this Saturday August 27 from 1pm-3pm at Centennial Park West Field 7. We'll be playing soccer and ultimate frisbee. All kids and families are welcome.

Sign up sheet is

at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIajZ7Yc2c4k7KPeqqvS5Bu2axJfvZHjbwOqgFPNg9PflPvQ/viewform>

Here is the flyer:

<https://www.unmatchedathlete.org/2022/07/pickup-games-this-aug>

Thanks so much! Looking forward to seeing many of you at Long Reach High School tomorrow afternoon.

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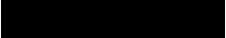
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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Alyson Mitchel](#)
Subject: Fw: Rainbow Reps - RSVP for Wednesday, August 24th!
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 5:48:08 PM

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From: Pride <Pride@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 5:46 PM
To: Rainbow Representatives <RainbowRepresentatives@hcpss.org>
Subject: Rainbow Reps - RSVP for Wednesday, August 24th!

Dear Rainbow Representatives,

We've turned the calendar to August and that means it's almost time for our back-to-school professional learning meet-up! While this opportunity will also be offered virtually, we would love to see you all in person at the event (and send you home with some special surprises for your school).

Please see below for the details and an RSVP (even if you are unable to attend). We can't wait to see you soon!

WHEN: Wednesday, August 24th @ 4:00pm (presentation/virtual will begin promptly at 4:30pm)

WHERE: Long Reach High School auditorium

WHAT: Professional Learning with Jabari Lyles, *Young, Black, and Gender-Expansive*:

Intersectional Gender Inclusivity in School

WHO: Rainbow Reps, SAGA Club Sponsors, DEILs, and other specialized staff members


[RSVP](#)

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From: [Pride](#)
To: [Rainbow Representatives](#)
Subject: Fw: An opportunity for LGBTQ+ students
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 9:58:28 AM

Good morning, all!

I hope you're having a lovely summer. If you happen to get this message and know of any students ages 13-18 who might be interested in this amazing opportunity, please share the information below with them. This is such a great thing for students and I'd hate for anyone to miss out. Please share with any individuals you think might have an interest. The deadline is August 1st. While this is for mostly 8th-12th grade students, I'm sharing with all of you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I'd love to see another Maryland student or two in this next cohort.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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Subject: An opportunity for LGBTQ+ students

Greetings, all!

I hope your summer has been relaxing and full of good books. You are receiving this email because at one point you have registered for a Read the Rainbow book club, Rainbow Conference, or another HCPSS rainbow-related activity. I wanted to pass along some exciting information for you (if you're between the ages of 13-18), or for you to share this information with someone in this age range.

The It Gets Better Project is in search of youth voices to be youth ambassadors for their organization. This is a *wonderful* opportunity that requires a few virtual meeting commitments and includes an all-expenses paid trip to Los Angeles in November for their annual Youth Summit.

Zach Koung, a former HCPSS Student Member of the Board, has served in this role and has been given many opportunities such as interviewing Jeopardy champion Amy Schneider, and being featured through news media.

This would be a fabulous addition to include on any resume - college, career, internship, or otherwise. If it sounds like something you might enjoy, or something a student you know might enjoy, please pass along the info and have them complete this interest form: itgetsbetter.org/yv2023

After completing the interest form, students will be asked to complete an application.

Have a lovely rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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