



## **Campus Pride Announces Dates for Gay-Friendly College Admission Fairs this Fall & Spring**

*National Fairs Provide Opportunity to Increase Enrollment & Diversity with LGBT Outreach Efforts -- Campus Pride just announced dates for two national college admission fairs this Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 specifically designed for out lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students to find LGBT-friendly colleges and universities.*

Charlotte, ND, October 18, 2007 --(PR.com)-- Do you want to find a gay-friendly campus? The search has now become a lot easier. Campus Pride just announced dates for two national college admission fairs this Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 specifically designed for out lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students to find LGBT-friendly colleges and universities.

The Fall 2007 fair will be on Saturday, December 1 hosted on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA. And, the Spring 2008 fair will be on Friday, April 11 hosted on the campus of the University of California, San Diego. Free and open to the public, the fairs allow any student and their family the opportunity to interact with colleges and universities that value LGBT and ally people. Registration is open to any college or university across the United States. Each fair will also feature expert advice about LGBT-friendly colleges, scholarship resources and even effective tips for campus visits.

“High school students and their families want to attend campuses that are a welcoming and safe place to learn, live and grow. The same is true of LGBT students who are often overlooked in the recruitment process,” stated Shane Windmeyer, Executive Director of Campus Pride and author of *The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students*. “The LGBT-friendly college admission fair showcases campuses who are LGBT-friendly and who want LGBT & ally students. It sends a clear message: “Gay students are welcome, even celebrated on this campus.”

According to Campus Pride, that's the growing message coming from colleges and universities who want their campus community to reflect the diversity of out LGBT and ally students graduating from high schools today. It also represents the fact that colleges and universities are searching for ways to increase enrollment with this seemingly “untapped” population.

Campus Pride is well aware of this phenomenon and has developed the fairs as an active measure for campuses to be out and proud in attracting LGBT student populations. The fairs are also being held in coordination with the LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index ([www.campusclimateindex.org](http://www.campusclimateindex.org)), the only online resource of its kind that assists colleges and universities in learning ways to improve their LGBT campus life.

“The LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index demonstrates how colleges are 'coming out' to provide programs and services for LGBT and ally students. The idea that LGBT student populations are a part of the campus recruitment and retention efforts is just another part of this changing dynamic,” stated Windmeyer.



To learn more details about the upcoming Campus Pride College Admission Fairs or how to register you campus before the 30 day prior deadline, please visit Campus Pride ([www.campuspride.org](http://www.campuspride.org)) or contact the organization at [info@campuspride.org](mailto:info@campuspride.org) or 704-277-6710.

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Believe In -- Campus Pride. Campus Pride is the leading national nonprofit organization 501(c)(3) for student leaders and campus organizations working to create safer, more LGBT-friendly colleges and universities. It exists to give "voice and action" in building future LGBT and ally leaders.



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