**2017 Educator of the Year Nomination Form**

GSAFE is currently seeking nominations for the 2017 Educator of the Year Award. The award will be presented to an outstanding individual at the 21st annual Celebration of Leadership on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Monona Terrace in downtown Madison. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated a commitment to promoting just and respectful schools for all, with an emphasis on LGBTQ+ students and topics. This award is open to all Wisconsin educators, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

The **Educator of the Year Award** is given to a Wisconsin K-12 educator who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting just and respectful schools for all, with an emphasis on LGBTQ+ youth and topics.  Survey after survey demonstrate that knowing even just one supportive adult at school makes a significant difference for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies in regard to their sense of belonging at school as well as their future aspirations.  Additionally, the inclusion of positive portrayals of LGBTQ+ people, issues, and history in the classroom curriculum increases LGBTQ+ students' sense of safety and belonging, their school attendance and GPA, and future aspirations.  GSAFE seeks to honor the critical impact educators have on LGBTQ+ students and their allies through this award.

**Nomination Deadline:March 13, 2017**

**Announcement:** April 2017

To nominate someone please answer to the following questions. Please limit your response to each question to 300 words or less. Feel free to attach additional pages to your completed nomination.

1. Please describe how the nominee provided support, educated others, or improved the climate for LGBTQ+ people in school.
2. Please explain how essential and/or enduring the impact on school the nominee has had.
3. Please describe the environment or climate in which the nominee worked to create change. Explain what obstacles, if known, the nominee encountered in school while doing the work.

**2017 Educator of the Year Nominee Information:**

their first name last name pronouns

your relationship to the nominee

their school & school address city state zip

their primary phone secondary phone (if known/applicable) their e-mail

**Important: Does the nominee know they are being nominated? Yes**  **No**

**Please note:** Award recipients are expected to attend the GSAFE Celebration of Leadership on Saturday, May 13, 2017 in downtown Madison. Notice of award recipient selection will also be shared broadly by GSAFE. Please keep this date and information in mind when nominating an individual. Complementary tickets for the award recipient and one guest will be provided.

**Nominator Information:**

your first name last name pronouns

home address city state zip

school address (if applicable) city state zip

work phone home/mobile phone e-mail

**Submission of the Nomination**

Nominations can be submitted electronically as a Word attachment or as a hard copy that is hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the office of:

GSAFE

Attn: Scholarship Committee

122 E Olin Ave Ste 290

Madison, WI 53713

***Nominations must be postmarked or received by March 13, 2017.***

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