



Pride Alliance Newsletter Faculty and Staff

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Upcoming Events:

Events listed are in honor of World AIDS Day

Week of Nov. 27 –
Photography
Exhibit on Dexter
Lawn

Week of Nov. 27 –
HIV Testing in
the Health Center
is free to
students.

Wednesday, Nov.
29 – Event TBD
in the Women's
Center

Thursday, Nov. 30
Tables in the UU
Plaza from
10:30am-2pm

Thursday, Nov. 30
Residence Hall
program in
Sequoia Hall at
7pm on Safer
Sex and AIDS
Awareness

Friday, Dec. 1 –
World AIDS Day

Friday, Dec. 1 –
Eat Out/Save
Lives organized
by the AIDS
Support Network
of San Luis
Obispo. Visit
asn.org for a list
of participating
restaurants.

A Message from the Editor

I am excited to provide you with information on both Cal Poly and the Global LGBT community. As our community becomes more informed about what is going on, I would like to help people get to know who is part of that community as well. As seen in this issue, and in the first issue there will be a featured student. This is so that you may get to know some of the students who are working or connected with the center. So that the students feel that same connection, there should be a similar section in the Students newsletter that has an LGBT staff or faculty member featured each month. This will serve to give students a chance to get to know the community, especially that of their campus. If this sounds like something you would like to do please contact me at dpfau@calpoly.edu. I should also note that I hope to send out information not just on your professional life on campus but hopefully on your public life as well. Such as what you enjoy doing or some projects you have been working on especially if they are LGBT related. I would also ask that you be willing to be contacted by students for questions.

Thank you for you time,
Daniel Pfau

World AIDS Day: Focusing on Accountability



The 2006 theme for World AIDS Day is accountability. To learn more about the theme or download the World AIDS Day flyer, please see below.

The theme of accountability was developed by the World AIDS Campaign support team based on their ongoing work around World AIDS Day, and based on the outcomes of the London HIV and AIDS Campaigning and Advocacy meeting in February 2005. A number of lessons have been learnt from previous work on World AIDS Day, and far more energy is being invested early in the year to make World AIDS Day 2006 a success. The most significant aspect of this World AIDS Day is the degree to which it has been based around the inputs of a wide range of civil society partners.

During World AIDS Day 2006, we hope to achieve the following objectives:

- Enhanced accountability from political leaders on their promises on AIDS.
- Supporting a broad movement of civil society organizations campaigning to develop their sense of joint identity and common purpose.
- Generating a greater public awareness of, and engagement with, the problem of AIDS worldwide.

Mlepska. "World AIDS day, Focusing on Accountability'." [World AIDS Campaign](http://www.worldaidscampaign.info/index.php/en/wac/keep_the_promise/world_aids_day_2006/world_aids_day_focusing_on_accountability__1). 23 Oct. 2006.
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Record Number of Gays Elected To Office

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff November 8, 2006 - 10:00 am ET

(Washington) The wave that swept Democrats to victory on Tuesday led to unprecedented success in electing openly gay candidates.

Sixty-seven candidates endorsed by the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, an organization that helps LGBT candidates gain office, were elected in national, state and local races.

Some of the victories were historic said Victory Fund president Chuck Wolfe.

"This is the tipping point election for openly gay candidates," said Wolfe.

"We're proving that qualified, well-prepared candidates matched with committed donors means gays and lesbians can move from having a stake in policy to actually making policy. There's no reason to sit on the sidelines with our fingers crossed anymore."

The 67 winners were among 88 Victory Fund endorsed candidates - the most the organization has ever fielded. Thirty-seven of them were running as openly LGBT for the first time.

Among the winners was Patricia Todd, who will represent District 54 in the Alabama State House. Todd is the first openly gay person ever elected to any office in the state.

Kathy Webb will represent District 37 in the Arkansas State House. She is the first openly gay person ever elected to any office in the state.

Al McAffrey, who will represent District 88 in the Oklahoma State House, is the first openly gay person ever elected to the Oklahoma state legislature.

Jamie Pedersen became the third consecutive openly gay person to be elected to represent District 43 in the Washington State House

Ed Murray, who will represent District 43 in the Washington State Senate, is a former state representative and becomes the first openly gay state senator in Washington history.

Jolie Justus becomes the first openly gay state senator in Missouri history. Matt McCoy, who becomes the first openly gay candidate ever elected to the Iowa legislature.

McCoy, a sitting state senator, came out during his last term. Henry Fernandez won a seat on the Lawrence Township School Board, making him the first openly gay person ever elected to any office in Indiana.

Ken Keechl won a seat on the Broward County Commission in Florida, beating an appointee of Gov. Jeb Bush. In Hawaii, Kim Coco Iwamoto won a seat on Hawaii's statewide Board of Education making her the country's highest-elected transgender official. And, Judge Virginia Linder will join Rives Kistler on the Oregon Supreme Court, making it the first state ever to have two openly gay Supreme Court Justices.

In Minnesota, state Sen. Paul Koering, who did not seek Victory Fund endorsement, won re-election. Koering announced he is gay after voting against a proposed constitutional amendment to prevent gay marriage in the state.

Thirteen states, however, still have no openly LGBT state legislators: Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wyoming.

National Stonewall Democrats hailed the party sweep of the House.

"Americans have rejected the failed politics that divided our families in the past in favor of new leaders with new priorities," said executive director Jo Wyrick.

"Our members labored with Democrats in precincts across the country to achieve success tonight at the ballot box. We must now use the political victories won today to secure concrete results."

The Service members Legal Defense Network which is working to overturn the ban on gays serving openly in the military also heralded the election results.

"We now know that every co-sponsor of legislation to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' who sought re-election appears to have been successful, with just one outstanding race in Connecticut yet to be decided," said SLDN spokesperson Steve Ralls.

"And we also know this," said Ralls. "Support for lifting the ban did not cause voters to reject any candidate. According to Gallup, nearly 4 out of 5 Americans support gays serving openly in the military. America is ready for change.

But he warned "The new doors that have opened, however, do not necessarily translate into certain, or fast, victory. Much work remains to be done, to educate both new and returning lawmakers."

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<<http://365gay.com/Newscon06/11/110806victory.htm>>.

Featured Student

**Ginny Rebecca
Bettencourt**

"Beckie"

**(aka Jonathan
Bettencourt)**



Ginny is a second year Software engineering major.

She is happy to be a lot more active in both GLBU and the Pride Alliance this year.

Her interests include computer programming, drawing cartoons and writing stories.