

## Additional Information & Resources

**PFLAG Cape Cod** ([www.pflagcapecod.org](http://www.pflagcapecod.org)) / **PFLAG National** ([www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org))

Uniting people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQ+) with families, friends, and allies, PFLAG is the nation's largest organization of its kind committed to advancing equality through its mission of support, education, and advocacy. With close to 400 chapters and over 200,000 members crossing multiple generations of families nationwide, this vast grassroots network is cultivated, resourced, and serviced by PFLAG National, located in Washington, D.C. PFLAG is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political institutions.

**Vision:** PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

**Mission:** By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through *support* for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ+; *education* for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ+; and *advocacy* in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ+.

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**Safe Schools Program for LGBTQ Students** ([www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/lgbtq/](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/lgbtq/)) provides training, technical assistance, and professional development to school staff.

**GLSEN** ([www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)) works to ensure that LGBTQ+ students are able to learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment, transforming our nation's schools into the safe and affirming environment all youth deserve.

**GSA Network** ([www.gsanetwork.org](http://www.gsanetwork.org)) is a national youth leadership organization that strives to educate schools and communities, advocate for justice, and prevent harassment and violence.

**Trevor Project** ([www.trevorproject.org](http://www.trevorproject.org)) provides 24/7 crisis support services to LGBTQ+ young people. Text, chat, or call anytime to reach a trained counselor.

**Cape & Islands Gay-Straight Youth Alliance/Thrive** ([www.cigsya.org](http://www.cigsya.org)) in Hyannis provides camaraderie and support in a peer-lead, adult-advised environment, free from judgment.

**Matthew's Place** ([www.matthewsplace.com](http://www.matthewsplace.com)) is an online community for LGBTQ+ youth ages 13-24 providing a safe place to find support, fight against bullying, and have their voices heard.

**It Gets Better Project** ([www.itgetsbetter.org](http://www.itgetsbetter.org)) uplifts, empowers, and connects LGBTQ+ youth around the globe so they'll see how love and happiness can be a reality in their future.

**TransYouth Family Allies** ([www.imatyfa.org](http://www.imatyfa.org)) partners with educators, service providers, and communities to develop supportive environments for LGBTQ+ youth.

**Family Acceptance Project** ([www.familyproject.sfsu.edu](http://www.familyproject.sfsu.edu)) is a community research, intervention, education and policy initiative that works to decrease major health and related risks for LGBTQ+ youth.

**Fenway Health** ([www.fenwayhealth.org](http://www.fenwayhealth.org)) offers monthly support groups for parents/guardians of trans/gender diverse children and youth. (email: [transhealth@fenwayhealth.org](mailto:transhealth@fenwayhealth.org))



# Supporting LGBTQ+ Students in Our Schools

a symposium for Cape and Islands educators and faculty

October 26, 2022 . 3:30-5:30 pm  
Cape Codder Resort & Spa . Hyannis

hosted by PFLAG Cape Cod



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## Symposium Agenda & Order of Speakers

**Thank you** for attending today's symposium! It is our sincere desire that this event will leave you well-informed and better prepared to support LGBTQ+ students in *your* school.

### **Welcome & Introduction**

Joe Lima, President of PFLAG Cape Cod

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**Dirk Correia**

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**Representative Sarah Peake**

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**Jeff Hauck**

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**Senator Julian Cyr**

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10-minute break

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**Kimm Topping**

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15-minute networking session

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## About PFLAG Cape Cod

**PFLAG Cape Cod** is a nonprofit organization providing support, education, and advocacy to parents, families, friends, allies, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. We host monthly in-person and virtual support meetings for those who may be struggling to understand and/or accept their LGBTQ+ loved one, and for those wanting to offer support to others.

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## Dedication



"Supporting LGBTQ+ Students in Our Schools" is dedicated to **Joan Graham**, who passed away on September 22, 2022 at the age of 79. A board member and secretary of PFLAG Cape Cod, Joan was instrumental in organizing today's symposium, and her presence here today will be missed.

## About Our Speakers

**Dirk Correia** (he/him) is the GSA Outreach Ambassador for PFLAG Cape Cod and runs his own LGBTQ+ inclusivity training business. He has been working in activism since he was 18 years old. Dirk also serves on the boards of Cape & Islands Transgender Resource Fund and Transgender Day of Remembrance and spends his summers working at Harbor Camp for transgender youth. He has dedicated his life to connecting with his community and sharing that with the world.

**Sarah Peake** (she/her) was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 2006. This session, Sarah was appointed Second Assistant Majority Leader, by Speaker Mariano. During her 8-term tenure, Sarah has been a vocal and effective advocate for the LGBTQ community. Her work has ensured marriage equality, transgender civil rights, mandated insurance coverage for life-saving AIDS/HIV therapies, supported anti-bullying legislation, and created the LGBTQ Aging Commission.

**Jeff Hauck** (he/him) is an 18-year-old student attending Monomoy High School. He is a talented photographer, filmmaker, and baseball player. Jeff is a transgender man who has been out since the age of nine. He has found community by attending a camp for transgender youth since his childhood, where he has achieved great success in their counselor-in-training program. He is ambitious, outgoing, and intelligent, and, as a current student, it is only fitting that he speaks on this topic today. This is his first speaking engagement and he is excited to share his story.

**Julian Cyr** (he/him) serves in the Massachusetts Senate representing Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket. First elected to the State Senate on November 8, 2016, Julian is now serving in his third term and is among the youngest senators in the 40-member body. He is the Senate Assistant Majority Whip; Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery; Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Racial Equity, Civil Rights, and Inclusion; Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs; and serves on committees with oversight of health care policy, public health, telecommunications and energy, COVID-19 emergency management, and redistricting.

**Kimm Topping**, Ed.M. (they/them) is an educator, writer, and community organizer who is committed to centering youth voice and leadership. They are the Program Manager for the Safe Schools Program for LGBTQ Students, a joint program of DESE and the MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth. Kimm is currently writing their first full-length book, *GENERATION QUEER*, a young adult book that highlights the stories of 30 LGBTQ+ youth activists.

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