

GPACC 2017 AGENDA

Great Plains Affirming Campus Conference

10/28/2017

8:30am – 5:00pm



8:30am – 9:00am

Registration

**Campus Center
Outside Luckasen
Room**

9:00am – 9:30am

Welcome

Dr. Dina Zavala-Petherbridge

Director: Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Mayville State University

Dr. Kara Gravley-Stack

Deputy Title IX Coordinator: Diversity Initiatives

North Dakota State University

Luckasen Room

Opening Address

Dr. Gary Hagen

Mayville State University President

9:30am – 10:00am

Queer Careers in North Dakota

Rebel Marie

Transgender Advocate: Tristate Transgender

Grand Marshall F-M Pride Parade

MSUM Masters Student

School Counselor

Luckasen Room

10:00am – 10:20am

Refreshments/Mingle

**Byrnes-Quanbeck
Library**

10:20am – 11:10am	<p><i>Here for You: How Cisgender Allies Can Make a Difference</i> William Fleck Katie Michaelson Darcy Jeda Corbitt Foundation North Dakota State University</p>	EDUC 112
	<p><i>What it Takes to Feel Safe</i> Cory Drucker MS Leadership/Student Affairs in Higher Ed Resident Director Mayville State University</p>	EDUC 118
11:15am – Noon	<p><i>You're Going to Have to Wait is Not a Answer</i> CJ Vondal University of North Dakota Social Work Student Secretary and Treasurer of UND Ten Percent Society</p>	EDUC 112
	<p><i>Comparing LGBTQ+ Issues in Rural Japan with Those in Rural North Dakota</i> Ingrid Hefta Mayville State University Student 2017 ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellowship</p>	EDUC118
Noon – 1:00pm	<p><i>Lunch and Keynote: Building Inclusive Communities</i> Kyle Thorson MPA Worldwide CS Program Manager, Amazon Archives Coffee House, Owner</p>	Luckasen Room
1:00pm – 1:45pm	<p><i>Christianity and the LGBTQ+ Community</i> Christus Rex Staff Panel Presentation</p>	Luckasen Room
1:45pm-2:00pm	Break	Byrnes-Quanbeck Library
2:00pm-2:50pm	<p><i>You're Going to Have to Wait is Not a Answer</i> CJ Vondal UND Social Work Student Secretary and Treasurer of UND Ten Percent Society</p>	EDUC 112

Comparing LGBTQ+ Issues in Rural Japan with Those in Rural North Dakota EDUC 118
Ingrid Hefta
Mayville State University Student
2017 ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellowship

2:50pm – 3:15pm **Refreshments/Mingle** **Byrnes-Quanbeck Library**

3:15pm – 4:10pm **Safe Spaces: LGBTQ-Inclusivity on Campus and in the Classroom** EDUC 112
Katie Christensen
Education & Outreach Manager
MS: Human Development & Family Science

Here for You: How Cisgender Allies Can Make a Difference EDUC 118
William Fleck Katie Michaelson
Darcy Jeda Corbitt Foundation
North Dakota State University

4:15pm – 4:35pm **Call to Action** **Luckasen Room**
Joshua Boschee
North Dakota House of Representatives
District 44

4:35pm – 5:00pm **GPACC Recognition** **Luckasen Room**
Dr. Dina Zavala-Petherbridge
Dr. Kara Gravley-Stack

Appreciation **Luckasen Room**
Dr. Joseph Mehus
Professor Lonamalia Smith
Dr. Erin R. Lord Kunz
Safe Zone Allies
Mayville State University Faculty

Keynote Speaker Information:

Rebel Marie:

Rebel Marie is a Transgender Advocate with Tristate Transgender, a school counselor, and a master's level student at MSUM. She was the Grand Marshall at the Fargo Moorhead Pride Parade in 2018. Rebel works to get transgender people in touch with resources needed to further their transition. Additionally, Rebel works to educate others about gender identity through talks, media interviews, classes, and counselor education. Rebel is passionate about possibilities for LGBTQI+ rights as she became one of the first transgender people to serve as a district chair for the Dem-NPL. Rebel will be presenting her paper "The Incompetent Counselor: A Multicultural Approach in Working with Trans Clients" at the National American Counselor Association in Atlanta. The paper will explore many of the hurdles that transgender people face as they try to receive counseling. She serves on several boards for the FM community including Standing for Humanity, The Living Collective, and National Alliance of Mental Health Counselors. An avid fan of everything Fargo, in her free time, you can find Rebel shopping or eating at a family-owned business. Rebel lives in South Fargo with her wife and their two children.



Kyle Thorson:

Kyle is a person who believes that the world is what you make it. He completed his Master's degree in Public Administration and Social Business at the University of North Dakota. Following his graduate education, he took over the Archives Coffee House on campus and converted it into a social business to merge his love of coffee with community building. He also works as the worldwide CS recruiting program manager at Amazon where he improves the candidate experience and simplifies processes for the recruiting teams.

Kyle has hosted three annual Grand Forks Pride celebrations, contributed a chapter to a book on college life and sexuality, spent a year volunteering in Mexico, run for political office, and worked collectively with local community members to implement housing protections for LGBT+ individuals living in Grand Forks. He also advocated and implemented LGBT+ programming on UND's campus during his tenure as a programming coordinator in the Student Involvement and Leadership Office.



Joshua Boschee:

Joshua A. Boschee was born and raised in Minot, ND. After graduating from Bishop Ryan High School, he attended North Dakota State University where he received his undergraduate degree in Political Science and later earned a Masters in Education Leadership. He worked at NDSU and Minnesota State University Moorhead for a combined ten years, before starting a career with Hatch Realty, where he serves as the team's Sales Manager.

Joshua was re-elected by his north Fargo neighbors to serve a second term in the North Dakota House of Representatives where he serves on the Administrative Rules Committee, House Agriculture Committee, and House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee. While in the state House, he has worked on legislation to support the LGBT community, low-income North Dakotans and advocating for stronger mental and behavioral health services.



When not in Bismarck representing District 44 or helping people buy new homes, Joshua serves on the Board of Directors for the FM Coalition for Homeless Persons, FM Pride Planning Committee, and ND CAWS (formerly Council of Abused Women's Services). He has been recognized for his work with the Arc of Justice Award from the ND Human Rights Coalition, the Exemplary Leadership Award from Planned Parenthood MN, ND, SD and 20 under 40: Making their Mark by the Fargo Forum.