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Granada High School Teacher Earns Human Rights Award

April 23, 2019 - Livermore, CA - William Rasor has been teaching at Granada High School (GHS) for twelve years, and works as the advisor for the school’s Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Club where students educate each other about relevant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) topics and plan school-wide events to increase visibility and equity for the LGBTQ+ community. His tireless efforts to develop a safe, equal, and empathetic environment on his campus for his students and colleagues have earned him a Alameda-Contra Costa (ALCOSTA) Service Center Award for Human Rights. He was recently honored with this accolade on April 13, 2019.

“Will was chosen to receive the Human Rights award because of his dedication to educating district personnel about the rights of LGBTQ+ students and staff,” said Cate Sarraille, president of the Livermore Education Association (LEA). “His work was so exemplary that he was honored at the ALCOSTA awards luncheon by over 200 educators from Alameda and Contra Costa County.”

Sarraille nominated Rasor for the award for his past and ongoing contributions toward the LGBTQ+ community; for educating students, staff, and families about the FAIR Act and other state laws designed to protect LGBTQ+ students; and facilitating workshops for professional development, including a “Rainbow Tour” for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) administrators, school psychologists, and school sites. Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers, Ed.D. said, “Mr. Rasor’s thorough research on this subject and his willingness to lead professional development has contributed to an increased understanding by all of our District leaders, allowing us to better serve both students and staff.”

Rasor is also a founding member of the Equity Committee, for which he advocated attendance at California Teachers Association (CTA) conferences on LGBTQ+ issues, social justice, and human rights. Rasor’s work has helped to cultivate an environment of inclusion and equity in his school and throughout his community. As a model of inspiration for students finding their identity and how they relate to others, or anyone who is seeking a way to be involved and to better the world, Rasor’s honor is well-deserved.

Photos courtesy of LVJUSD

Photo 1: Will Rasor and LEA President Cate Sarraille with ALCOSTA Human Rights Award
Photo 2: Will Rasor

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