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HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth (GCGLY) was created by executive order on February 10, 1992 by Governor William Weld, in an effort to support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth community. The Commission was formed to address diverse issues that face LGBT youth, including: discrimination and violence in school and family life, drug and alcohol abuse, runaways, high school dropouts, homelessness, and teenage suicide. On October 7, 1998, Governor A. Paul Cellucci expanded the powers of the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth and renewed the executive office's commitment to combat suicide and violence affecting LGBT youth. The GCGLY functioned until mid-2006 when it was dissolved and replaced by the Massachusetts Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth which was established by the Massachusetts General Court on July 1st, 2006.

One of the major responsibilities of the GCGLY was the organization of an annual Gay/Straight Youth Pride March in Boston, the first planned march of its kind in the nation. The principle sponsors of the Youth Pride March were the Youth Committee of the GCGLY, with the co-sponsorship of area high schools and community organizations in support of LGBT youth. Every year from 1995 and 2007, thousands of LGBT youth and their supporters marched through the streets of Boston, listened to speeches in Copley Square, displayed student artwork and banners, participated in spirit contests and talent shows, and ended the march at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade with music, food, resource tables, and local vendors at a celebration party.

Another responsibility of the GCGLY was the Safe Schools and Colleges Program, which focused on school programming designed to create a secure and understanding environment for LGBT youth in Massachusetts middle schools, high schools, and colleges. The Safe Schools and Colleges Program offered mini-grants, awarding money to schools across Massachusetts for the establishment of Gay/Straight Alliances (GSAs), support for LGBT club activities, participation in Youth Pride March, and other outreach activities in support of safe schools for LGBT youth. The Safe Schools Program also provided orientations for high school GSA leaders and members with ideas on how to start and run programs for LGBT students which would strengthen and support their community. The Safe Colleges Program also sponsored conferences of college GSAs and other LGBT organizations and leaders throughout the state, and awarded grants to college groups.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection (Coll. 30) consists of seven archival boxes of documents created or collected by Bernie Gardella, Assistant to the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, dated between 1993 and 2007. The collection is divided into two sub collections based upon the two significant programs of the GCGLY: Gay/Straight Youth Pride March (MS Coll. 30.1) and the Safe Schools and Colleges Program (MS Coll. 30.2). This finding aid is arranged by these two sub collections with the Box and Series Description and Box and Folder List for Youth Pride March first, followed by the Box and Series Description and Box and Folder List for the Safe Schools and Colleges Program. Series numerals and folder numbers begin at Series I and Folder 1 for each sub collection.

Boxes 1-3 of the collection contain documentation of the annual Youth Pride March organized by the Commission between the years 1995 and 2007. Bernie Gardella's original order, including the use of her folder titles, has been preserved for the majority of the materials.

Boxes 4-7 of the collection contain materials pertaining to the GCGLY's Safe Schools and Colleges Programs. Materials are divided first into Safe Schools materials and Safe Colleges materials, and then arranged chronologically within these categories. Bernie Gardella's original order, including the use of her folder titles, has been preserved when functional.

SUB COLLECTION 30.1: Gay/Straight Youth Pride March BOX AND SERIES DESCRIPTION

BOXES 1-3:

Series I- XIV: 1995-2007 Youth Pride March

Each annual Youth Pride March from 1995 to 2007 is designated as a separate Series (I-XIII) within the Sub Collection (30.1) of Gay/Straight Youth Pride March. Materials from each March are divided by subject, with identical folder subject titles given to like materials from each year's March. Not all subject folders are present for each year.

A Publicity and Outreach Materials subject folder is present for each year and begins each series (except for Series II: 1996 for which all available materials are in one folder, and Series VII: 2001 which begins with an overview guide). The Publicity and Outreach subject folder contains flyers, programs and posters for the annual March, letters to school groups and community organizations from the Youth Committee, newspaper and magazine articles, and any other public relations materials.

A Press Coverage subject folder comes next if a large number of newspaper and magazine articles were collected for a given year. These are separated out from the Publicity and Outreach folder along with press releases.

A Youth Committee Materials subject folder can be found in some series and contains the meeting minutes, emails, memos, and other materials generated by the Youth Committee from their meetings to organize the March.

Permits and Logistics subject folders are found under separate subject folder titles or combined depending upon the quantity of materials present. Permits folders deal mainly with external preparation permissions required from the city of Boston

regarding parade routes, parking, security for the March, etc. Logistics folders treat issues internal to the organization, including the Youth Committee's efforts to coordinate volunteers, parade formation, speakers, and the overall March day timeline.

Financial Materials and Fundraising subject folders can be found combined or separated depending upon the quantity of materials present. These papers deal with donations requested and received, merchandise ordering, advertising and flyer design, photocopying and distribution, and any other financial matters. Financial Materials can also be found throughout the collection under Permits, Logistics, and Merchandise and T-shirt Orders subject folders. These various financial materials were not consolidated due to their multiple subjects and respect for Bernie Gardella's original order.

Subject folders titled Entertainment, Speaker, and/or Volunteer Information were created for certain years when these categories were documented. These materials relate to events held in Copley Square during the march, at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade after the march, or both. They can be found under separate title or combined.

Registration Forms, Co-sponsorship Forms, and Resource Tables Forms subject folders from each year make up a large part of this sub collection. They contain forms filled out by individuals, high school or college organizations, community groups, and businesses interested in participating in the March. A standard form was mailed to previously participating groups and mailing lists for these groups are also found in the collection.

Merchandise Orders subject folders contain primarily the order forms for the purchase of t-shirts and buttons designed for each annual March.

College Fair subject folders are found for Series VIII: 2002, Series IX: 2003, and Series X: 2004 Youth Pride Marches. These folders contain documentation for the college fair and information tables that were organized on the Esplanade at the end of the March during those three years. They include registration forms from participating colleges, press and publicity for the fairs, and evaluation of the fairs by participating colleges.

Of note in Series X: 2004 Youth Pride March, are the folders for Evaluation Surveys. Surveys were distributed and responses collected to assess the impact and effectiveness of the March for LGBT youth and their supporters, after ten years of annual Marches. The surveys were completed by a variety of youth groups, analyzed by the GCGLY and a forum was held to discuss the survey results and future changes to be made.

Series XIV, at the end of the materials from sub collection 30.2: Gay/Straight Youth Pride March contains a 'how-to guide', explaining the details of each aspect of planning the March. An earlier version or similar 'how-to' guide can be found at the beginning of Series VII: 2001.

BOX, SERIES AND FOLDER LIST
SUB COLLECTION 30.1: GAY/STRAIGHT YOUTH PRIDE MARCH

BOX 1:

Series I: 1995 Youth Pride March

- Folder 1: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 2: Co-sponsorship and Spirit Contest Forms
- Folder 3: Student Registration Forms
- Folder 4: Student Registration Forms
- Folder 5: Student Volunteer Registration Forms
- Folder 6: Parent, College, and Group Registration Forms
- Folder 7: Other Registration Forms
- Folder 8: Other Registration Forms

Series II: 1996 Youth Pride March

- Folder 9: All 1996 Materials

Series III: 1997 Youth Pride March

- Folder 10: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 11: Registration Forms
- Folder 12: Registration Forms

Series IV: 1998 Youth Pride March

- Folder 13: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 14: Youth Committee Materials
- Folder 15: Financial Materials
- Folder 16: Co-sponsorship Forms
- Folder 17: Registration Forms
- Folder 18: Registration Forms
- Folder 19: Registration Forms

Series V: 1999 Youth Pride March

- Folder 20: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 21: Press Coverage
- Folder 22: Youth Committee Materials
- Folder 23: Logistics and Financial Materials
- Folder 24: Co-sponsorship and Registration Lists
- Folder 25: Co-sponsorship Forms

Series VI: 2000 Youth Pride March

- Folder 26: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 27: Logistics
- Folder 28: Financial Materials
- Folder 29: Entertainment Materials
- Folder 30: Talent Show
- Folder 31: Co-sponsorship Forms: High School
- Folder 32: Co-sponsorship Forms: College, Youth and Community Groups
- Folder 33: T-shirt Orders A-D
- Folder 34: T-shirt Orders E-M
- Folder 35: T-shirt Orders N-Z
- Folder 36: T-shirt Orders Miscellaneous

BOX 2:

Series VII: 2001 Youth Pride March

- Folder 37: Overview Guide
- Folder 38: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 39: Press Coverage
- Folder 40: Youth Committee Materials
- Folder 41: Permits
- Folder 42: Financial Materials
- Folder 43: Volunteer and Speaker Information
- Folder 44: Entertainment Materials
- Folder 45: Co-sponsorship Forms
- Folder 46: Co-sponsorship Forms
- Folder 47: Resource Table Information
- Folder 48: T-shirt Orders A-D
- Folder 49: T-shirt Orders E-N
- Folder 50: T-shirt Orders O-Z, Miscellaneous
- Folder 51: Thank You Letters

Series VIII: 2002 Youth Pride March

- Folder 52: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 53: Press Coverage
- Folder 54: Youth Committee Materials
- Folder 55: Permits
- Folder 56: Financial Materials
- Folder 57: Fundraising
- Folder 58: Entertainment Materials
- Folder 59: Co-sponsorship Forms: High School
- Folder 60: Co-sponsorship Forms: Organizations
- Folder 61: Resource Table Information
- Folder 62: Merchandise Order Forms
- Folder 63: College Fair Information
- Folder 64: College Fair Registration Forms

Series IX: 2003 Youth Pride March

- Folder 65: Publicity and Outreach Materials
- Folder 66: Press Coverage
- Folder 67: Permits
- Folder 68: Logistics
- Folder 69: Financial Materials
- Folder 70: Registration Forms
- Folder 71: Resource Table Information
- Folder 72: T- Shirt Orders
- Folder 73: College Fair Information
- Folder 74: College Fair Registration Forms
- Folder 75: College Fair Evaluations

Series X: 2004 Youth Pride March

- Folder 76: Publicity, Outreach and Press Coverage
- Folder 77: Permits and Logistics
- Folder 78: Financial and Fundraising Materials
- Folder 79: Registration Forms
- Folder 80: Resource Table Information
- Folder 81: Resource Table Information
- Folder 82: T-shirt Orders

Folder 83: College Fair Information
Folder 84: College Fair Registration Forms
Folder 85: College Fair Registration Forms
Folder 86: Evaluation Surveys
Folder 87: Evaluation Survey Results and Forum

Series XI: 2005 Youth Pride March

Folder 88: Publicity, Outreach and Press Coverage
Folder 89: Permits
Folder 90: Logistics
Folder 91: Financial Materials
Folder 92: Registration Forms
Folder 93: Resource and Vendor Tables
Folder 94: Merchandise Orders

Series XII: 2006 Youth Pride March

Folder 95: Publicity, Outreach and Inspiration Materials
Folder 96: Youth Committee Materials
Folder 97: Permits and Logistics
Folder 98: Entertainment Materials
Folder 99: Pre-Registration Forms
Folder 100: Resource Table Registration Forms

Series XIII: 2007 Youth Pride March

Folder 101: Publicity and Outreach Materials
Folder 102: Pre-Registration Forms

Series XIV: General

Folder 103: How-To Guide

BOX AND SERIES DESCRIPTION

SUB COLLECTION 30.2: SAFE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PROGRAM

BOX 4-6:

Series I-X: 1999-2007 Safe School Mini-Grants

Each year from 1999 to 2006 the GCGLY offered mini-grants to Massachusetts high schools to establish Gay/Straight Alliances, or to further the activities of GSAs and other groups in support of LGBT youth. Series I-IX within the sub collection 30.2 are arranged chronologically, documenting the mini-grant program for each year. Materials from each year are arranged by subject, with identical folder subject titles given to like materials from each year's program. Not all subject folders are present for each year.

An Administration subject folder begins each Series II-X and contains mailing lists of mini-grant participants, memorandums and announcements from GCGLY to MA schools concerning the mini-grant program, emails and faxes between the Commission and schools, sample grant applications, outreach and budgetary materials, and all other office materials.

Administration materials are further divided in Series II: 1999 with two additional folders of Contact Sheets for mailing lists for initial program participation. Series IV: 2001 has separate subject folders for Program Overview and Budgetary Materials. Series V: 2002 has a folder specifically for Outreach documents. Series VII: 2004

has a separate folder for Reports on Spending. These special Administration subject files maintain Bernie Gardella's original filing system and accommodate larger collections of administration materials with a particular focus.

Grant Application subject folders make up the bulk of Series I-X. Applications are arranged alphabetically by school. Further division of applications follows the original folder titles assigned by Bernie Gardella, and include the titles 1st Round, 2nd Round, New GSAs, and Questionable Applications. Grant Award letters are also found in Series IX: 2006.

Orientation subject folders are present for Series I: 1998, Series II: 1999, and Series III: 2000. These mini-grant orientations folders hold a variety of information, including participant lists, orientation preparation, orientation day schedule outlines, and participant evaluations of the orientations. Series III: 2000 is the largest representation of orientation materials with orientations held in four different state regions.

Evaluation subject folders are present for Series I: 1998, Series II: 1999, Series III: 2000. Evaluation folders contain official reports created by the GCGLY concerning the Safe Schools Program.

Series X: 2007 consists only of Administration materials from the newly formed Massachusetts Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth, which was formed to replace the Governor's Commission in 2006.

BOX 6-7:

Series XIV-XXI: Safe Colleges Program

The Safe Colleges Program was the higher education counterpart of the Safe Schools Program sponsored by GCGLY to create a safe and accepting environment for LGBT college students. The materials in this section are arranged chronologically beginning with Folder 70, the 1993 official GCGLY report utilized to establish program goals and recommendations. More reports and publications are present from the years 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999, the majority of which were authored by Author Lipkin, Ed.D. Project Director for the GCGLY.

Series XVIII-XIX contain documentation of the Safe Colleges Mini-Grants Program. Mini-grants were awarded to Massachusetts colleges through the Safe Colleges Program. Grant administrative materials as well as grant applications are present in the collection for the years 1999 and 2000. Special orientations were organized for recipients of Safe Colleges mini-grants, at which the rules and regulations of the mini-grants were discussed. In 1999 four orientations were given, and 2000 had two orientations. Final reports or progress reports on the outcome of grant projects are available in the collection for both Series II: 1999 and Series III: 2000. Budgetary analysis produced by GCGLY for the mini-grant program is available from 2000.

Series XX-XXI contain documentation of the Safe Colleges Conferences. Series XX has materials from 2000 including the contract to organize conferences at different sites in Massachusetts for GCGLY's Safe Colleges Program, and materials from each conference. The conferences were held to address a variety of issues facing the LGBT community on college campuses in the state. The contract was awarded to Tufts University and the materials in Folders 100 and 101 specifically address the contract policy and correspondence between Tufts and the GCGLY. Folders 102-109

contain materials from the conferences that Tufts coordinated with the aid of the each college conference site, Northern Essex Community College, Tufts University, and UMASS Amherst. Folder 109 contains information from the 2001 conference held at Tufts University.

Series XXII: Miscellaneous is an award presented to Dr. David Driscoll, the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Education, at the First Annual Eastern Massachusetts Youth and Community Recognition Dinner. It is an award for Outstanding Service presented on June 23, 1999 by David LaFontaine, Chair of GCGLY.

BOX, SERIES AND FOLDER LIST

SUB COLLECTION 30.2: SAFE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PROGRAM

BOX 4:

Series I: 1998 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

- Folder 1: General Orientation Materials
- Folder 2: Official Report

Series II: 1999 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

- Folder 3: Administration
- Folder 4: Contact Sheets
- Folder 5: Contact Sheets
- Folder 6: General Orientation Materials
- Folder 7: Evaluation Materials

Series III: 2000 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

- Folder 8: Administration
- Folder 9: Grantees
- Folder 10: Grant Applications, Middle Schools A-L
- Folder 11: Grant Applications, Middle Schools M-S
- Folder 12: General Orientation Materials
- Folder 13: Orientation Western Massachusetts
- Folder 14: Orientation Western Massachusetts RSVPs
- Folder 15: Orientation Boston
- Folder 16: Orientation Boston RSVPs
- Folder 17: Orientation Central Massachusetts
- Folder 18: Orientation Southeast Massachusetts Cape and the Islands
- Folder 19: Official Evaluation Report

Series IV: 2001 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

- Folder 20: Administration
- Folder 21: Program Overview
- Folder 22: Budget Materials
- Folder 23: Grantees
- Folder 24: Grant Applications (A-G)
- Folder 25: Grant Applications (H-L)
- Folder 26: Grant Applications (M-O)
- Folder 27: Grant Applications (P-S)
- Folder 28: Grant Applications (T-W)
- Folder 29: 2nd Round Applications

BOX 5:

Folder 30: Questionable Applications (A-B)
Folder 31: Questionable Applications (C-L)
Folder 32: Questionable Applications (M-W)

Series V: 2002 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

Folder 33: Administration
Folder 34: Outreach
Folder 35: 1st Round Grant Applications (A-Bev)
Folder 36: 1st Round Grant Applications (Bl-C)
Folder 37: 1st Round Grant Applications (D-Ham)
Folder 38: 1st Round Grant Applications (Han-L)
Folder 39: 1st Round Grant Applications (M-Moh)
Folder 40: 1st Round Grant Applications (Mon-N)
Folder 41: 1st Round Grant Applications (O-Sa)
Folder 42: 1st Round Grant Applications (Sc-St)
Folder 43: 1st Round Grant Applications (T-W)
Folder 44: 2nd Round Grant Applications (A-Fai)
Folder 45: 2nd Round Grant Applications (Fal-Mar)
Folder 46: 2nd Round Grant Applications (Mas-W)
Folder 47: 2nd Round Budget Sheets

Series VI: 2003 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

Folder 48: Administration
Folder 49: Youth Pride T-shirt Reimbursement Forms
Folder 50: Grant Applications A-B
Folder 51: Grant Applications C-H
Folder 52: Grant Applications I-R
Folder 53: Grant Applications S-W

BOX 6:

Series VII: 2004 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

Folder 54: Administration
Folder 55: Reports on Spending
Folder 56: Grant Applications A-E
Folder 57: Grant Applications F-J
Folder 58: Grant Applications L-N
Folder 59: Grant Applications S-W

Series VIII: 2005 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

Folder 60: Administration
Folder 61: Grant Applications, New GSAs
Folder 62: Grant Applications A-H
Folder 63: Grant Applications I-W

Series IX: 2006 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

Folder 64: Administration
Folder 65: Grant Applications and Award Letters, New GSAs
Folder 66: Grant Applications A-L
Folder 67: Grant Applications M-W
Folder 68: Grant Award Letters

Series X: 2007 Safe Schools Mini-Grants

Folder 69: Administration

Series XIV: 1993 Safe Colleges Program

Folder 70: Initial Report

Series XV: 1996 Safe Colleges Program

Folder 71: Resources for Education and Counseling Faculty

Folder 72: Quinsigamond Community College Forum

Series XVI: 1997 Safe Colleges Program

Folder 73: Resources

Folder 74: Final Report

Series XVII: 1998 Safe Colleges Program

Folder 75: Initial Program Announcement Folder

Folder 76: Workshop Materials

Folder 77: Handbook for Colleges and Universities

Folder 78: Database

Folder 79: Final Report

Series XVIII: 1999 Safe Colleges Mini-Grants

Folder 80: Administration

Folder 81: Grant Applications A-D

Folder 82: Grant Applications F-Mi

Folder 83: Grant Applications Mo-S

Folder 84: Grant Applications U-W

BOX 7:

Series XVIII: 1999 Safe Colleges Mini-Grants continued

Folder 85: Annual Progress Reports A-M

Folder 86: Annual Progress Reports N-W

Folder 87: Orientation Facilitator Folder

Folder 88: Orientation UMASS Boston and UMASS Amherst

Folder 89: Orientation Northern Essex Community College and Bridgewater
State College

Folder 90: Final Report

Series XIX: 2000 Safe Colleges Mini-Grants

Folder 91: Administration

Folder 92: Grant Applications A-M

Folder 93: Grant Applications N-W

Folder 94: Grant Award Letters

Folder 95: Budget Amendments

Folder 96: Final Reports

Folder 97: Orientation Administration

Folder 98: Orientation Confirmed Participants

Folder 99: Orientation Folders Boston and Amherst

Series XX: 2000 Safe Colleges Conferences

Folder 100: Tufts Contract Info

Folder 101: Tufts Contract Info

Folder 102: Northern Essex Community College Conference Administration

Folder 103: Northern Essex Community College Conference Outreach

Folder 104: Northern Essex Community College Conference Resources

Folder 105: Northern Essex Community College Conference Resources
Folder 106: Tufts University Conference Materials
Folder 107: UMASS Amherst Conference Administration
Folder 108: UMASS Amherst Conference Outreach and Resources
Folder 109: UMASS Amherst Student Testimonials

Series XXI: 2001 Safe Colleges Conference

Folder 110: Tufts University Conference Materials

Series XXII: Miscellaneous

Folder 111: 1999 Award