

Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network



Coming Together - Raising Our Voices

9th annual-
coming out DAY

Presented By:

Del♥res Barr Weaver
Endowed \$10,000 Event
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breakfast
Friday, October 16, 2015

University of North Florida, Herbert Center
7:30 AM - Doors Open at 7

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Dear Friend of JASMYN,

You! *You* have helped shape the conversation about equality in Jacksonville. *You* have made a difference in the lives of LGBTQ young people in our community. *You* have been a catalyst for change. And once again, we are gathering to honor *you* for all that you do!

The **9th Annual Coming Out Day Breakfast** will celebrate an increasingly diverse workforce in Northeast Florida and the tremendous strides that individual leaders and employee resource groups are making in the corporate community. It is also an opportunity to join our voices together to amplify messages of hope, safety, inclusion, and equal treatment in all aspects of life in Jacksonville. The power of this event to motivate and educate your colleagues – no matter their orientation or gender identity / expression – is remarkable.

This year's theme (*Coming Together – Raising Our Voices*) will encourage our entire community to leverage the growing momentum and the power of numbers helping Jacksonville embrace the economic powerhouse that an honored and affirmed diverse workforce can bring to our region. Only by creating together a truly safe and equal city together can we assure that Jacksonville's most vulnerable young people will have a future that benefits from their creativity, tenacity, and resilience.

JASMYN youth must possess all these characteristics to make it today and to build the future we are all working towards. Family rejection is still prevalent, leaving many homeless or engaging in unsafe practices to get a place to shelter for the night. The rate of new HIV infection among our youth of color is one of the highest in the nation. In 2014, we lost two bright souls to complications of AIDS. But we have hope, because with your help, JASMYN makes a meaningful difference in the lives of more than 500 young people every year – and this annual gathering sets the stage for each of their lives to be better than the generation that came before. Together we leave a legacy of historic change and unprecedented inclusion.

This year the breakfast is supported by a grant from **The Endowed \$10,000 Event Grant Fund est. 2015 by Delores Barr Weaver**. Your peers at **Citi, Wells Fargo, and Deutsche Bank** have also stepped up as Top Leaders in Diversity Sponsors. We hope you will add your name to this prestigious roster by sponsoring at a level best suited for you and your team. Please let us know if you have any questions about the details enclosed.

We look forward to seeing you Friday, October 16, 2015, 7:30 – 9:30 AM at the UNF Herbert (University) Center, 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville.

Raising our voices with yours,

Cindy Watson
Executive Director

Dr. Tom Serwatka and Edi Castro
Coming Out Day Breakfast Co-Chairs

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Questions? Contact Angela Strain: 904.389.3857 x216 or astrain@jasmyn.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kevin B. Jennings

Executive Director, Arcus Foundation



The Arcus Foundation is dedicated to the idea that people live in harmony with one another and the natural world. Kevin has made a long and distinguished career as an educator, social justice activist, teacher, and author. He served as Assistant Deputy Secretary of Education in the Obama Administration, heading the department's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools where he led the Administration's anti-bullying initiative.

Kevin began his career as a high school history teacher and coach in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. During this time he served as faculty advisor to the nation's first Gay-Straight Alliance, leading him in 1990 to found the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), a national education organization tackling anti-LGBT bias in U.S. schools, which he led for 18 years.

Kevin earned a BA (*magna cum laude*) from Harvard College, a Master of Education from Columbia University's Teachers College, from which he received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012, and an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business. He has been honored for his leadership in education and civil rights by the National Education Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of School Psychologists, the National Association of Independent Schools, and numerous other organizations. He is co-chair of the board of the National LGBT Museum, and chairman of the boards of The Ubunye Challenge and First Generation Harvard Alumni. He also serves on the board of Marjorie's Fund and the Council on Foundations. His seventh book, *One Teacher in Ten in the 21st Century*, will be published in 2015. Along with his partner of 20 years, Jeff Davis, he is the proud dad of a Bernese Mountain Dog, Jackson, and a Golden Retriever, Sloane.

THE FACTS ABOUT JASMYN

JASMYN serves LGBTQ young people ages 13-23 with wrap-around services that keep them at the center of all we do.



OUR MISSION: JASMYN supports and empowers LGBTQ young people by creating safe space, providing health and wholeness services, and offering youth development opportunities, while bringing people and resources together to promote equality and human rights.

OUR VISION: LGBTQ young people are affirmed in their identities, confident in their futures, and are a valued asset in the Northeast Florida community.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- **Youth-Centricity** – We nurture, empower, and build our community of youth and keep them at the center of everything we do.
- **Integrity** – We work for social changes in our own lives, through JASMYN's work, and in the life of our community.
- **Respect** – We honor individuality and value and appreciate our differences
- **Unity** – We strive to come together a diverse and healthy family and community.
- **Safety** – We promote safety in mind, body and spirit.
- **Partnership** – We seek opportunities to collaborate and convene others to promote the safety, well-being, and human rights of LGBTQ youth.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are several opportunities for corporations, businesses, organizations and individuals to be recognized as a sponsor for this event. In lieu of sponsorship, tables for eight may be purchased for groups of colleagues, business associations, or community groups.

Sponsorship Levels

Top Leaders in Diversity Title Sponsor \$3,000.00 2 Tables of 8 up front Named Sponsor in Program Named Sponsor on Event Sign Leader on podium/program Name on Front of Program Representative on Event Planning Company Display Table	Diversity Sponsor \$1,500.00 1 Table of 8 up front Named Sponsor in Program Named Sponsor on Event Sign & Listed in Promotional Materials	Table Patrons \$500.00 1 Table of 8 near front Named Sponsor in Program Named Sponsor on Event Sign
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Group Table \$300 - Corporation or business seating.

Yes, I would like to support **JASMYN**

_____ I will sponsor the event at this level: \$ _____

_____ I will purchase _____ tables of eight (8) for my corporation or business at \$300 (non-sponsorship level).

_____ I would like to purchase an individual ticket at \$40.

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Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Send this card to JASMYN, Inc., P.O. Box 380103, Jacksonville, FL 32205, or Fax to 904.365.5016
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JASMYN'S COMING OUT DAY BREAKFAST

Each year, a keynote speaker with national influence addresses the more than 350 attendees. JASMYN also presents the Diamond Award to companies or individuals who lead in workplace equality and community support, or who has shown extraordinary leadership in LGBT advocacy and support for JASMYN and our Jacksonville home.

2007

Keynote – **Gregory Nevins, Esq.** (Lead Attorney, LAMBDA Legal Southern Office)

2008

Keynote – **Rob Woronoff** (former Director, Fostering Transitions Project with CWLA)
Diamond Award Winner – **Delores Barr Weaver** (Jacksonville Philanthropist)

2009

Keynote – **Russell Royball** (Deputy Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force)

2010

Keynote – **Rea Carey** (Executive Director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force)
Diamond Award Winner – **Frieda Saraga** (Founder of PFLAG Jacksonville)

2011

Keynote – **Allyson Robinson** (former Deputy Director of Diversity at HRC)

2012

Keynote – **Sharon Lettman-Hicks** (CEO and President of the National Black Justice Coalition)
Diamond Award Winner – **John Delaney** (President, UNF)

2013

Keynote – **Rev. Jane Adams Spahr** (National Marriage Equality Activist in the Presbyterian Church)

2014

Keynote – **Audrey Moran** (Senior Vice President for Social Responsibility and Community Advocacy at Baptist Health)
Diamond Award Winner – **Jeff Chartrand** (Philanthropist)



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