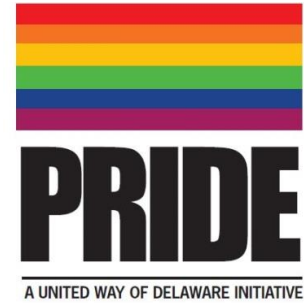


**4th Annual Anti-Bullying/Gay-Straight
Alliance Summit
Saturday, October 10, 2014**

**Polytech High School
823 Walnut Shade Road, Woodside, DE 19980**



Registration for this free conference will begin in mid September 2015.

United Way of Delaware (UWD) held its third annual Anti-Bullying/Gay-Straight Alliance Summit at Polytech High School. More than 100 Delaware middle and high school students and adults attended, and were empowered to be advocates for the LGBTQ community. The event was coordinated by United Way of Delaware's LGBTQ Pride Council.

Senator Chris Coons welcomed the attendees and spoke about how Delaware has been a leader in LGBTQ rights over the past five years. Several staff members from United Way of Delaware including John Moore, Vice President Resource Development, also spoke to the students in attendance. The youth watched a powerful documentary entitled, "It Gets Better" which took an in-depth look at the coming out process, and acted as basis for a group discussion and workshops.

Our keynote speaker, Al Snyder, was riveting - not a pin dropping could be heard as he spoke. He put HIS life story about service to our country, the death of his 20 year old Marine son, and the cruelty of Westborough Baptist Church and the Supreme Court out for all to see

The event also featured working breakout sessions focused on several areas including how to build and strengthen a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) that creates a safe space for students who identify as members of the LGBTQ community.