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### **NASPA partners with Campus Pride, offers sport index**

*New index assesses college campuses for LGBT friendliness*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education has partnered with Campus Pride, the leading national educational organization for LGBTQ and ally college students. The organization had just launched the Campus Pride Sports Index for intercollegiate athletics and collegiate recreation programs to register and assess their LGBT friendliness.

“The Campus Pride Sports Index is a vital tool for assisting campus athletic and recreation departments in learning ways to make their programs and schools more safe and accessible for LGBTQ students,” says Shane Windmeyer, executive director of Campus Pride. “The way to change sports culture is by showcasing positive work being done on LGBT issues and providing a roadmap for each campus to become better. The Sports Index will do just that – by assessing national benchmarks annually and providing this free tool to campuses across the country.”

The Sports Index’s goals are to: set forth a national standard of LGBTQ and ally inclusive policies and practices, offer an ongoing measurement tool to improve the accessibility of LGBTQ people in college/university athletics and recreation and to advocate nationally for further LGBTQ progress by highlighting positive efforts. The Sports Index is supported under the Campus Pride Q Research Institute for Higher Education as well as benefits from strategic partnerships with professional organizations in higher education and related LGBTQ nonprofit organizations.

Colleges and universities can register by having a representative go online to [www.CampusPrideIndex.org/GetStarted2014](http://www.CampusPrideIndex.org/GetStarted2014).

**Partners of the Campus Pride Sports Index include:**

NCAA Office of Inclusion

NIRSA - Leaders in Collegiate Recreation

NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education

ACPA—College Student Educators International

The StandUp Foundation

NCLR Sports Project

GO! Athletes

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LGBT Sports Coalition, including:

Women Sports Foundation, National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association, AAHPERD, Federation of Gay Games, Campus Pride, Br{ache The Silence, NCAA Office of Inclusion, GO! Athletes, GLAAD, National Center for Lesbian Rights, It Gets Better, Equality Coaching Alliance, You Can Play, Outsports, GLSEN, & Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation.

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*Campus Pride is the leading national educational organization for LGBTQ and ally college students and campus groups building future leaders and safer, more LGBTQ-friendly colleges and universities. The organization provides resources and services to thousands of college students and nearly 1400 campuses annually. Learn more online at [CampusPride.org](http://CampusPride.org).*