

INTRODUCTION

SHANE WINDMEYER

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My name is _____. I am (leadership position or organization), and it’s my pleasure to welcome you.

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Shane Windmeyer is a leading author on gay campus issues, a national leader in gay and lesbian civil rights and a champion for LGBT issues on college campuses. He is the founder and executive director of Campus Pride, the leading national organization for student leaders and campus organizations working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students.

Shane recalls his “coming out” on a small rural campus in Kansas as difficult, frightening, lonely, emotionally complex and yet liberating—all at the same time. His commitment for social justice and diversity comes from his inner strength and passion to help others coming out today and his desire to motivate college students, gay and straight, to stand up against prejudice, bigotry and hate against all people.

Shane is here to talk to us today about destroying biases and prejudices, deepening understanding and acceptance, developing straight allies and creating a safer campus community for LGBT students. Please join me in giving a big (school or organization name) welcome to Shane Windmeyer!