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Keuka College to Observe National Day of Silence April 13

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—A sure sign of spring on the Keuka College campus is increased noise.

But, that won't be the case one day this spring.

Keuka College will participate in the national Day of Silence (Wednesday, April 13), which commemorates victims of hate crimes based on discrimination.

Gamma Sigma United (GSU), the College's gay-straight alliance, is organizing the event.

"Participants are going without a voice on this day to honor those who seemingly have no voice," said GSU adviser Brandon Barille.

A silent dinner will be held Wednesday evening and the Day of Silence will end following dinner.

The Day of Silence is a project of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in collaboration with the United States Student Association (USSA). Participants take a day-long vow of silence to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and their allies. The Day of Silence was founded in 1996 by students at the University of Virginia.

GLSEN is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. Established in 1995, GLSEN envisions a world in which every child learns to respect and accept all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

GSU was founded on the Keuka College campus in the spring of 2004 to assist gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) students with issues facing students today. The purpose of GSU is to create a bond between GLBT students and their allies. The club holds a monthly Safe Zone meeting that allows for private, confidential discussion. The club also serves as a united front for students who face discrimination.





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