

Suffolk University ([www.suffolk.edu](http://www.suffolk.edu)) is excited to again offer a summer program exclusively for GLBT high school students - the GLBT Awareness Institute (July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup> 2007). High school sophomores and juniors will have an opportunity to connect with other GLBT youth and develop a greater understanding of sexual orientation and gender identity. For many high school students who may be out or coming out, or questioning their sexuality / gender identity, one of the biggest challenges they face is a lack of resources, friends and support to help them discover and define their sense of self. This program aims to accomplish these goals and more through an intensive two-week program of educational sessions, guest speakers, activities and trips.

A sample of tentative institute sessions (subject to change) include: GLBT History, queer theory, homosexuality and religion, queer pop culture, coming out at college, safer sex, trans101, community resources and more! Students will also participate in select collaborative sessions with the Student Leadership and Service Learning Institute.

If that wasn't enough, students will have the opportunity to experience college life and enjoy many of the cultural and social aspects of city life in Boston, MA. Students will live in Suffolk University residence halls and participate in several field trips to area attractions including: a day trip to Provincetown, MA, a New England Aquarium Whale Watch, a Boston Duck Tour, the Boston Freedom Trail and more...

A flyer and an article about this program are included with this email. I encourage you to share this information with any interested youth (ages 15-17). We do have full scholarships available for this program. If you have a student that you would like to send to the GLBT Awareness Institute but who does not have the financial support to attend – please call me at 617-305-2500 to discuss scholarship opportunities. For more information about this program please visit <http://www.suffolk.edu/summerinstitutes>. Students must be current high school sophomores and juniors to participate.

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