



January 2021

To: High School Seniors of Cape Cod & Islands
From: Cape Cod PRIDE
Re: **STAN SAMUELSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Seniors:

We know the pandemic has required you to experience a senior year very different from the one you had imagined. Kudos to you for adjusting to social distancing and pursuing your post-high school dreams, despite these very challenging times. Cape Cod PRIDE endured a year we could not imagine either. Our mission of helping to connect the Cape's LGBTQ Community continues, but virtually, and without one of our greatest volunteers – Stan Samuelson. Tragically, on April 21, 2020, Stan lost his battle with Covid-19.

In addition to his many community activities, Stan was a long-time ally of the LGBTQ Community. After retiring from teaching, Stan served as Cape Cod PRIDE's liaison to the Cape's Gay Straight Alliances (GSA's). Stan was a big guy, with an even bigger heart. Service was very important to him, as was having fun. He put his heart into helping all types of people, particularly those who were marginalized or less fortunate. He engaged people in conversation wherever he went. Stan was not someone who believed that a career path had to be linear - his career evolved from electrical engineer to social worker to math teacher. Stan was a teacher for 32 years, and in addition to being a coach, he became a GSA faculty advisor. He believed in community service with a passion.

In honor of Stan's life and work, Cape Cod PRIDE established the Stan Samuelson Scholarship Fund (SSSF) to support the post-high school education of awardees. This year, the SSSF is offering two \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors of the Cape and Islands, who, like Stan, have a passion for promoting LGBTQ equality through community service. If you have such a passion, please complete and forward the attached Application no later than **April 1, 2021**, to stansamuelscholarship@capecodpride.org or Cape Cod PRIDE, PO Box 246, Mashpee, MA 02649. Please also have a letter of recommendation forwarded by the same date. The awardees will be identified no later than PRIDE month – June 2021.

Thank you, and best of luck with the completion of your senior year, and determining your next chapter.

With PRIDE,
SSSF Committee

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and Marlene Samuelson

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