We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Soiree on April 25, 2020. Please save the date! More information to come soon.

TYLER CLEMENTI FOUNDATION ADVOCATES FOR LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Our work to end bullying would not be complete without advocating for change in our nation's capital. This February, Jane joined together with the Human Rights Campaign and activists from around the country to garner support for the Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act. The bill requires universities to establish policies to prohibit harassment and creates a Department of Education grant to support campus anti-harassment programs, including prevention, counseling, and training. It would also define cyberbullying as harassment via electronic communication. Find out if your Members of Congress are signed on to this bill here and here. If not, encourage them to support this very important piece of legislation. You can also post this link to social media to share the bill with your community.

Grateful for the opportunity to discuss the bill with Representative Steve Cohen and Senator Tammy Baldwin. An added bonus was discussing the importance of all our legislative leaders always being Upstanders-- Senator Baldwin agreed, and signed our Upstander pledge!
CEO Jane Clementi and Program Manager Ryan Smith proudly shared TCF’s message of promoting kindness, empathy, and compassion at the Human Rights Campaign’s Time to Thrive Conference in Washington D.C. This national convening supports educators and allies as they build awareness and cultural competency, learn current and emerging best practices, and gather resources from leading experts and national organizations in the field. All conference sessions, workshops, and keynotes utilize an intersectional approach to understanding LGBTQ+ issues. The Tyler Clementi Foundation supports this work because LGBTQ+ people in America still experience much higher rates of discrimination in school, at home and in their communities. Learn more about the conference, and HRC’s work, at http://timetothrive.org/.

On Wednesday, February 20th, CEO Jane Clementi was joined by two TCF Youth Ambassadors and one Bergen County #Day1 Representative at an assembly that reached over 900 High School students at Ramsey High School. Over the course of the day, Katie Gelshenen, Melissa Reifman and Tyler Hornidge shared their poignant personal experiences with bullying, harassment, and humiliation. They also put TCF’s mission to end bullying into action by sharing the #Day1 pledge and recruiting hundreds of students to become #Upstanders.

TCF applauds their hard work and commitment to acting with kindness, empathy, and compassion in the face of adversity. Ms. Clementi shared Tyler’s story along with a message of hope for High School students who struggle with bullying. After the assembly, Jane and the students participated in a roundtable discussion with anti-bullying counselors, administrators, and teachers to share their experiences with bullying.
The Tyler Clementi Foundation is proud to have Youth Ambassadors sharing their experiences on our behalf as we work with more school leaders to implement our anti-bullying resources. To see full news article click here

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A YOUTH AMBASSADOR? STAY TUNED!

Are you a young person interested in bringing our message of kindness to your school or online community? Or do you know a young adult who would be a great Youth Ambassador? Stay tuned! Applications for our Youth Ambassador program, will become available next week at TylerClementi.org. The Youth Ambassadors (YA) program emerged to highlight young leaders across America who are working to end all forms of bullying by developing change-making campaigns, organizing fundraisers, and leading activities, on and offline, to help prevent bullying. Read more about our Youth Ambassadors here.

WE REACHED 700,000 UPSTANDERS!

The Tyler Clementi Foundation is proud to announce that just under 700,000 people have signed our #Upstander pledge. We hope you will continue to share our message to help us reach our goal of 1 million #Upstanders by October 2020. As always, we encourage you to sign our #Upstander pledge. And use our #Day1 tool kit to create safe spaces for your community. Please consider sharing your Upstander story with us as well!

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