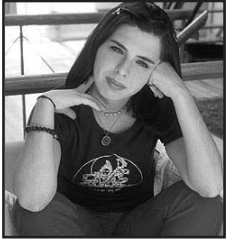


# Keynote Speaker - Heather Matarazzo



**Heather Matarazzo** has been acting in film, television and on stage since she was seven years old. She starred last year in the GSA favorite, *Saved*, and has had roles in *The Princess Diaries*, *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, *The Devil's Advocate* and *Scream 3*. Heather has appeared on Broadway in *The Women*, and she has appeared on the television series *Now and Again*, *Townies*, *Roseanne*, *ER*, and *Law and Order*.

Last year, in an interview with the *New York Daily News*, Heather spoke about being in love. Unlike many young actresses, she did not avoid the pronouns, but said proudly of her girlfriend, "She's not famous yet. She will be". Her ability to live openly and honestly and to feel proud of herself and the good things in her life make her a beacon of hope and a role model for young people. Throughout her career, Heather has often chosen roles which explore characters who have faced challenges or social ostracism. With her talent, she adds a sense of humanity and an inner strength to those individuals struggling to find acceptance. In other roles she has been a friend, a support and someone who people are glad to have around. As an individual, Heather Matarazzo embodies all of those traits and has taken time to speak out about the need to face our challenges, combat intolerance, and as importantly, to identify things in which to find hope.

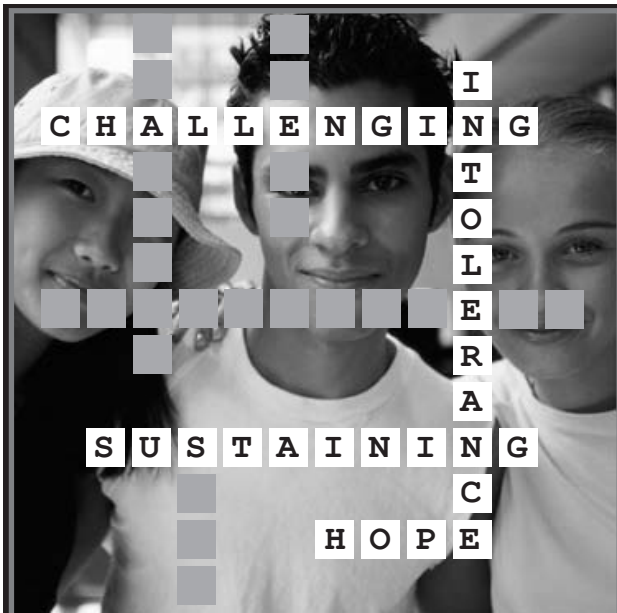
## Agenda

- 8:15 am**  
Registration & Coffee
- 9:15 am**  
Welcome & Keynote Address
- 10:30 am - 11:45 am**  
Workshop A
- 11:45 am - 1:00 pm**  
Lunch, Networking
- 1:00 pm - 2:15pm**  
Workshop B and Expanded Workshops (part 1)
- 2:20 pm - 3:35 pm**  
Workshop C and Expanded Workshops (part 2)
- 3:35 pm - 3:50 pm**  
Coffee and Networking - Photo Exhibit
- 3:50 pm - 4:45 pm**  
Entertainment and Closing Remarks

## Workshops more than 40 workshops on topics such as:

- ▶ Effective Techniques for Responding to Homophobic Jokes and Comments
- ▶ Creating Effective Adult - Youth Partnerships
- ▶ Understanding Gender Identity
- ▶ Finding Links Between Homophobia, Racism and Other Forms of Oppression
- ▶ Effective Curricula for Addressing Intolerance, Respect and GLBT Families
- ▶ Students, Educators and Parents Sharing Their Stories
- ▶ Building a Strong and Successful Gay Straight Alliance
- ▶ Empowering Youth and Building Youth Leaders
- ▶ Expressing Yourself Through Art and Poetry - Presenting an Authentic Self
- ▶ ½ Day Training Institute - Presented by The Center for Peaceable Schools, Lesley University
- ▶ ½ Day Training on Using the GLSEN Lunchbox II, an Invaluable Training Tool, to Help You Become a Trainer/Resource for Your School

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The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. We believe that such an atmosphere engenders a positive sense of self, which is the basis of educational achievement and personal growth. Since homophobia and heterosexism undermine a healthy school climate, we work to educate teachers, students and the public at large about the damaging effects these forces have on youth and adults alike. We recognize that forces such as racism and sexism have similarly adverse impacts on communities, and we support schools in seeking to redress all such inequities. GLSEN Boston seeks to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes in creating a more vibrant and diverse community. We welcome as members any and all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression or occupation, who are committed to seeing this philosophy realized in pre-K - 12 schools.

## Challenging Intolerance - Sustaining Hope

2004 was a year of tremendous challenges for the GLBTQ community. The recent elections and numerous anti-gay referendums across the nation made a feeling of intolerance and fear in this country even more palpable, particularly toward GLBTQ students and their families. Despite this rise in overt homophobic sentiment, we at GLSEN Boston believe there is reason to feel hopeful. In Massachusetts, our Supreme Court and many citizens, young and old, have stood up for what is right -- that two people of the same sex have an equal right to marry the one they love and have their families legally recognized and protected. Youth and adults have come together to demand a culture of respect for all individuals and families. At this year's conference we will come together to challenge intolerance and to nurture a sense of hope for safe and respectful school communities.

## Why Attend?

- ▶ Network with other students and educators from around the nation
- ▶ Gain skills, curricula and tools to bring back to your school and community
- ▶ Learn how to speak and work effectively with those who may be fearful of addressing our mission of creating safe and respectful learning environments
- ▶ Learn how to intervene when you hear homophobic comments or see harassment taking place
- ▶ Hear the moving stories from young people and educators who are making a difference by challenging intolerance and creating a culture of mutual respect for all members of the school community
- ▶ Earn valuable recertification hours -- **GLSEN Boston is an approved PDP and CEU Provider**

## Who Should Attend?

Educators (pre-k through high school), high school, middle school and college students, administrators, counselors and therapists, parents, coaches, youth leaders, religious leaders, allies, policy makers, child care and mental health workers, after school program and non-profit staff, school support staff and everyone who is committed to creating safety and teaching respect for all in our schools and communities.

**Saturday, April 30, 2005**  
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**Brookline, MA 02445**

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**Costs cover all programs, materials, coffee, bagels, fruit and lunch!**

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