KRISTOPHER WELLS EARNS ALUMNI HORIZON AWARD
All community members invited to celebrate at free awards event

The University of Alberta Alumni Association is pleased to announce **Dr. Kristopher Wells** will receive an **Alumni Horizon Award** for his advocacy for sexual and gender minority youth, on Thursday, **Sept. 24**, at the annual **Alumni Awards ceremony**.

Kristopher Wells, '94 BEd, '03 MEd, '11PhD, is one of Canada's leading experts on sexual and gender minority youth. His work has received over 50 awards, including a SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship, Killam Doctoral Fellowship, and most recently the Alberta Teachers' Association's Public Education Award. In 2004, Wells co-founded Camp fYrefly, which is Canada's only national leadership retreat for sexual and gender minority youth. He also helped to create U of A Pride Week and the award-winning NoHomophobes.com, which went viral all over the world. Wells also helped develop ground breaking resources on gay-straight alliances, homophobic and transphobic bullying, and LGBTQ-inclusive policies and legislation for school boards and governments across Canada. Currently, he serves as the book review editor for the International Journal of LGBT Youth and is a board member for REACH Edmonton, a centre for excellence focused on crime prevention and community safety.

The Alumni Association **invites all community members** to celebrate this outstanding alumnus' accomplishments and those of 27 other award recipients at the 2015 Alumni Awards.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015
Location: Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium (11455 87 Ave), Edmonton, Alberta
Time: 7 p.m. - Ceremony with reception to follow
Cost: Free, register for tickets at uab.ca/AlumniAwards
Dress: Business attire

The **Alumni Horizon Award** recognizes the outstanding achievements of University of Alberta alumni early in their careers.

For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 780-492-3224, toll free 1-800-661-2593 or alumni@ualberta.ca.

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