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Gateway GSA marches in Pride parade

Huntington – On Saturday, May 6, the Gateway Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) took to the streets of Northampton to show off their pride. Clad in their finest rainbow garb, about twenty club members, friends, and staff marched in the 36th Annual Northampton Pride event. Club advisors Meghan Wasiak and Nicole Daviau both attended the event to support their students.

Regular attendees reported that this year’s parade was substantially bigger than in previous years. Hundreds of people lined the streets to watch GSAs, advocacy groups, schools, and commercial interests show their pride and support for the cause. A diverse group of people attended the event, showing all kinds of pride.

It has been several years since Gateway has marched in the Pride parade. With dwindling numbers, it has been infeasible to march. This year, however, GSA meeting attendance has increased ten-fold. “It was so amazing to see all the support we have,” GSA president Dawson Atkin said. “It’s a good reminder that we’re so close to a place that supports us and what we do.”

The day was truly a celebration of the LGBT community. A group of people who share one thing in common came together for a cause they believed in. The environment was one of support, and it was a day that all who attended will be sure to remember.

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Photo: members of the Gateway GSA contingent marched in the Northampton Pride parade on May 6.