

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
celebrates

# LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

**Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Live streamed from the Board Chamber**  
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## PROGRAM

### Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements

Board Chair Vedat Gashi

### Presentation of Proclamations



### CHRISTINA PICCIANO

Presented by Legislator Emiljana Ulaj



### ANTHONY NICODEMO

Presented by Legislator David Tubiolo

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**Vedat Gashi**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 4th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Erika L. Pierce**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Benjamin Boykin II**  
Legislator, 5th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Jewel Williams Johnson**  
Legislator, 8th District

**Emiljana Ulaj**  
Legislator, 9th District

**Judah Holstein**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 11th District

**David Imamura**  
Legislator, 12th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**James Nolan**  
*Minority Whip*  
Legislator, 15th District

**Shanae V. Williams**  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 17th District





**CHRISTINA PICCIANO** is a queer musician, activist, and community organizer from Ossining, New York. Her work explores the intersection of art and advocacy, using her music and organizational efforts to inspire and empower the LGBTQ+ community in Westchester and beyond. A self-taught multi-instrumentalist, she leads the band “All My Friends,” using music to explore themes of queerness and identity. A recipient of the Creatives Rebuild NY Artist Employment Grant, she has spent the last two years with The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center in White Plains, implementing arts programming such as *Queer Voices*, a group that supports LGBTQ+ musicians of all ages, and *LOFT Night Out*, a monthly community nightlife event celebrating queer art and culture. Her outreach efforts with The LOFT LGBTQ+ have reached over 5,000 community members in two years. In 2018, she established the Ossining LGBTQ+ Alliance, working with elected officials, nonprofit organizations and local businesses to amplify visibility and advocate for the queer community in Ossining. Most notably, she collaborated with the Village of Ossining to implement the state’s first municipal gender-neutral bathroom signage policy, and contributed to the local police reform efforts to protect the LGBTQ+ community. Her community events, ranging from drag performances and flag raisings to Queeraoke nights, have been dedicated to fostering trust, community engagement, and visibility. In 2021, Christina was a recipient of the *New York State Senate SD 38 LGBTQ Hero Award*, which recognized her various contributions to LGBTQ+ causes here in Westchester, including her creation of the Ossining LGBTQ+ Alliance. Currently, she is developing the Hudson Valley Queer Collective to support queer artists and provide inclusive arts events across the region, including her latest project, The LGBTQ+ Listening Library.



**ANTHONY NICODEMO** is the Athletic Director and head boys basketball coach in the Greenburgh-North Castle School District since 2019. In 2013, Nicodemo, a boys’ basketball coach and Social Studies teacher at Saunders Trades and Technical High School in Yonkers, came out as gay in an exclusive interview in *Outsports*. He garnered national attention as one of the only gay boys’ basketball coaches in the country. He was inspired by NBA basketball star, Jason Collins, who came out in *Sports Illustrated* earlier that spring, and by attending Nike’s 2013 LGBT Sports Coalition Summit in Portland, Oregon. His story was shared on *Good Morning America*, *The New York Times* and many other national media outlets. As a vocal advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and “out” athletes, Nicodemo became more outspoken with his own team about

bullying, hazing, homophobia, underrepresented youth, and the effects of the pandemic on young athletes. He demonstrates his commitment by serving on the Board of Directors for the Sports Equality Foundation, as the ED-16 Director for the New York State United Teachers Union (NYSUT) Board of Directors, as Chair of the City of Yonkers LGBTQ Advisory Board and as President of the Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats. He also serves as Union President of Greenburgh-North Castle United Teachers.

Nicodemo has received multiple honors for his leadership in the past decade. He was named Lower Hudson Basketball Coaches Association (LHBCA) “Coach of the Year” in 2015, where he also serves as director. He was named City of Yonkers “Coach of the Year” in 2016, and in 2017, when he received a *Gay City News* “Impact Award,” the newspaper described him as a “leader on and off the court.” He was recognized by The LOFT LGBT Community Center and GLSEN in 2018 for various community service initiatives, and also earned the “Sabation Award” by the Yonkers LGBTQ Community and the “Willie Worsley Social Justice Award” by the LHBCA in 2023.

A decade later, it is believed that Nicodemo remains the first and openly gay boys’ high school basketball coach in the New York metropolitan area.