

In celebration of Pride Month,

BCPS honors Mx. Kezia Gilyard for being selected as an Honor Roll Recipient for GLSEN's Educator of the 2019-2020 Year Award.

Kezia Gilyard

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Bio: Kezia is the LGBTQ+ Coordinator for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), the 6th largest school district in the nation. For the past four years, Kezia has had the honor of serving the LGBTQ+ students, staff, and families of BCPS by providing intersectional and social justice-centered queer and trans-inclusive programming and initiatives. Some of their proudest moments have included: planning GSA summits with nearly 600 student participants, creating a professional development course entitled "Educating LGBTQ+ Students with An Intersectional Framework", establishing the district's first scholarship for LGBTQ+ student-athletes, and more. Kezia believes that youth are the experts of their own experiences and intentionally includes student leaders in all levels of LGBTQ+ decision making.

"They are literally saving lives. I know that I would not feel as happy and fulfilled at school if it was not for the work that they did. I was having a very hard time in school as a gay boy but they helped me and supported me. They work really hard to train the people who work at the school so they know how to treat the kids well. I'm happy they are there to support the kids."



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