HMI’s Annual School’s Out Benefit Supports LGBTQ+ Community

The Hamptons witnessed an inspiring and memorable event as Hetrick-Martin institute (HMI) welcomed hundreds of generous donors to a stunning private home in Water Mill. The event’s primary focus was to raise funds for HMI’s critical work in supporting LGBTQ+ youth. As the nation’s oldest youth organization catering to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual individuals ages 13–24, HMI’s vital initiatives were at the forefront of the gathering. The evening was marked with an enchanting atmosphere filled with cocktails, entertainment featuring mermen and synchronized swimmers, and breathtaking views. It was the perfect setting for celebration. The outpouring of support from the community underscored the shared commitment to empower and uplift the lives of LGBTQ+ youth, ensuring they have the resources and care they need to thrive.

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Kelly Ripa, Mark Consuelos with WMC Creative Synchronized Swimmers
Judith Kasen-Windsor, Angela LaGreca
Nathan Orsman, HMI’s Amy-Harclerode, Jose Castro

Benjamin Dixon, Brian Kelly, Alessandro Ford Ripplene
Ryan Ward, Steven Horn, Ali Alexander, Adam Widener, Preston Kemp
Kevin Harrington, Queer Eye’s Antoni Porowski
Timothy Brown, Peter Som

Michael Staples, Jim Berkrot
Jason Power, Benjamin Dixon, Bernard Tello, Frank Garcia, Michaela Vybohova, Jake Colucci
Brenda Giuffrta

Jose Castro, Nathan Orsman
Marlisa Allan, Deidre Belrine, Lauren Wils Grover
Nicholas Ricotta, Chase Landow, Ricky Swanton, Kelly Graham
Stacy Pisone, Rosalie Pisone, Monica Novo

Timothy Peters, Lee Cannon, Salvatore Piazzolla, Dawn Kreitzer-Orozjock, Ryan Ward
Taylor Donohoe, Ashley Lisi, Taylor Strecker, Ali Donohue
Mermen