

Shane Windmeyer

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Now let me introduce our speaker.

Shane Windmeyer is a best-selling author, LGBTQ campus pioneer and civil rights champion. He is founder and executive director of Campus Pride. The organization works annually with over 1400 colleges and universities and thousands of LGBTQ and ally students across the country. Their mission is to build leaders and create safer, more inclusive campus communities.

Windmeyer was raised in the rural Midwest on a farm in Hiawatha, Kansas. He was born as Shane Mendez and is part of the Iowa Tribe. His family is mixed race Mexican, American Indian, and Irish. Windmeyer received his Bachelors degree from Emporia State University and his Master's degree from Indiana University.

He lives in Charlotte, NC with his husband Thomas Feldman. They were legally married in 2015 after twenty years of being together.

PLEASE WELCOME – Shane Windmeyer.