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Celia La Luz Finds Her Voice

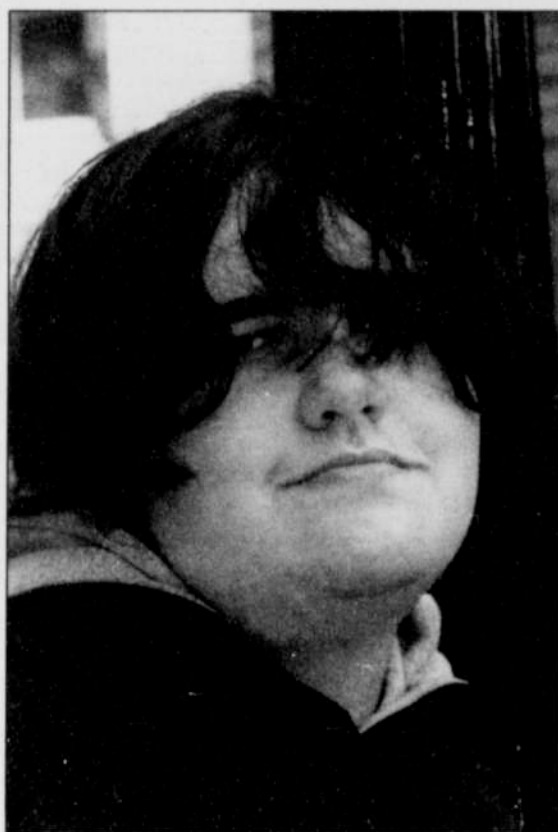
Celia La Luz, 18, is one of 30 outstanding queers receiving scholarships this year from the Point Foundation, which provides financial support and mentoring to students who are marginalized because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. She moved to Portland from San Francisco and began her first year at Reed College this fall.

People might imagine coming out in San Francisco to be easy, nay fun. When La Luz came out at 15, her father said, "Don't make me hate you like I hate those motherfuckers."

"That set the tone for tension for a few years. We stopped talking to each other, and he's only recently come to terms with it, but we don't mention my sexuality at all," said La Luz. With "basically no friends at school," she withdrew into herself and a serious depression.

Life became a grand possibility for La Luz when she started attending San Francisco's Lavender Youth Resource and Information Center. "I found a tremendous amount of support through LYRIC. They became my second family," La Luz said. "The instructor there was incredibly supportive. He introduced me to my new life after coming out. I really started to bloom into the person I am now."

La Luz joined the center's radio program, Out Loud, a group of queer youth producing and broadcasting radio to further human rights and have their voices heard. "The fact that I am on the air at all has had a strong impact personally. I have had people come up to me and start dialogue that they never thought about or had the chance to speak about



Celia La Luz humanizes the experience of coming out as a teen.

before. After I presented at the Third Coast conference last year, I had two other people in youth radio come out to me for the first time. It was amazing. When it comes down to it, I try to address the everyday issues and questions in our community, no matter how seemingly mundane or frivolous. And that itself humanizes and engages our people." 

—Malka Geffen

just asking

Just Out hit up ladies and staff at Dingo's Girls Night Out to ask, "Who is your favorite queer author?"



MARY WRIGHT
Customer

"Rita Mae Brown. When I was in college, I read all her stuff. Twenty years ago, it seemed really covert and underground."



FERNANDO CRUZ
Sleepwalkers Bassist

"I like Dan Savage because he's to the point."



DENISE CAUSEY
Former Marine

"I've read Alison Bechdel anthologies. It's an extreme take on the lesbian culture, but it's putting it out there to make fun of it."



CATHLEEN ARNERICH
Student

"Michelle Tea, by far. I love her style. It's very raw, unedited, from the heart, punky. I can identify with it."

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