

National speaker to bring prospective on transgender issues to Alfred community

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On Tuesday, Nov. 19, national speaker, author, and activist Ryan Sallans will be in Alfred to talk about transgender issues and to share his transition story as part of National Transgender Awareness Week.

Sallans will give two talks; one will be from 1:20-3:10 p.m. in the Alfred University (AU) Science Center, room 421, as part of a class lecture, and the other is at 7 p.m. in Alfred Village Hall, where Sallans will present “FTM: Scouting the Unknown.” Both events are free of charge and open to the public.

Sallans is a public speaker, diversity trainer, consultant, publisher, and author specializing in health care, campus inclusion, and workplace issues surrounding the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community.

Over the past 14 years he has conducted more than 1,000 presentations and training sessions to diverse audiences including professionals, students, and the general public. After his appearance in the documentary “Gender Rebel” featured on the LOGO channel, Sallans began traveling to colleges and universities where he shares the story of his transition from female to male. His story is told with an intermixing of humor and intricate clinical details surrounding the transition process.

During the two-hour presentation, Sallans takes the audience on a journey through his childhood and the struggles he had with his body before moving into his adult life and explores college, romantic relationships, family, and his physical and emotional journey related to his transition.

Sallans has been interviewed on “Trisha, Ricki: The New Ricki Lake Show,” National Public Radio’s “On Point with Tom Ashbrook,” “Larry King Live”

In 2012, Sallans released the first edition of his memoir, “Second Son: Transitioning Toward My Destiny, Love and Life.” In 2013, he founded Scout Publishing LLC and released the second edition of his memoir, “Second Son.” After his presentation at Alfred Village Hall he will host a book signing.

Sallans attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in English and

anthropology, and master of arts degrees in English and educational psychology.

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