Ryan decided that his school needed a safe space for those struggling with their sexuality so he started the school’s Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), which established a sense of safety within his entire school community. He also educated students and staff on LGBTQ inclusivity, and changed the student handbook to include appropriate gender pronouns and rules. Next, Ryan reached out to Philadelphia city officials about ensuring LGBTQ safety and inclusivity within the entire school district. He has worked directly with other area high schools to help them start their own GSA, and hopes to one day create GSA “care packages” with how-to books, safe space signs and other materials. Ryan has been involved with fundraising, too. He raised nearly $2,000 for the Trevor Project, an organization that provides suicide prevention and counseling to LGBTQ youth.