GSEC Hosts One-of-a-Kind Conference, TRANS-ENDING OPPRESSION: “Nothing About Us, Without Us”

CHICO, Calif. – The Associated Students Gender and Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) is hosting the Third Annual Trans Conference, TRANS-ENDING OPPRESSION: “Nothing About Us, Without Us” on Sunday, April 3 from 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m. This event is taking place in California State University, Chico’s Bell Memorial Union Auditorium. This free conference will be featuring keynote speaker Jennicet Gutierrez, founding member of Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement (Familia: TQLM). Pre-registration and a full agenda is available on Eventbrite. Hors d’oeuvres, desserts, and refreshments will be provided. This conference is co-sponsored by the Cross Cultural Leadership Center (CCLC), the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC), and Prime Time Productions (PTP).

TRANS-ENDING OPPRESSION: “Nothing About Us, Without Us” will consist of speakers, workshops, and a panel dedicated to celebrating and honoring the diverse identities and experiences of trans and gender nonconforming individuals. The focus for this year’s conference is to foster conversations that illustrate how accessibility differs within these communities. This event will be a safe place for trans folk and allies to come together, share resources and knowledge, and create a community where we can flourish and live authentically. Anyone with a desire to learn and better our communities is welcome. A local community resource tabling fair will precede the keynote from 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium for members of the community to find the local agencies that can provide support to trans individuals.

Please send any needed accessibility accommodations to asgsec.trans@csuchico.edu as soon as possible.

The GSEC and Stonewall Alliance (Chico) will be collaborating on a Clothes Swap for trans individuals who would like to update their wardrobe. Anyone can contribute by dropping off belongings at the GSEC (CSU, Chico: BMU 004) or at Stonewall (358 E 6th St, Chico, CA 95928) the weeks leading up to Trans Week (until March 26). During Trans Week (March 28–April 1), the GSEC will be open during normal office hours from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. for people to browse and try on clothing, with additional hours on Mon., March 28 from 4–5 p.m., Wed., March 30 and Fri., April 1 from 4–7 p.m. During the Trans Conference, trans and gender nonconforming identified folk will have the opportunity to browse through clothing options.

For more information, contact the GSEC at (530) 898-5724 or email asgsec.trans@csuchico.edu.

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The AS Gender & Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) is a student-run activist organization that strives to provide a secure and identifiable space for students to collaborate, plan events, voice concerns, and connect with the university. The GSEC strives to empower all students through its four programs: the Women’s Program, LGBTQ+ Program, Trans Program, and Outreach Program. The GSEC challenges societal norms that have been used to oppress and marginalize by providing opportunities for leadership, personal development, and referral services. The center offers a safe and inclusive space where the campus and community can effectively support the academic mission of the university.