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Honor a Local Activist with a Maggie and Milk Award

Nominations for the Associated Students Gender & Sexuality Equity Center’s (GSEC) Annual Maggie and Milk Awards are now available. This ceremony serves as a chance to celebrate and recognize the Feminist, LGBTQ+, and allied activists in our community. Nomination forms can be found in Bell Memorial Union (BMU) Room 004 or requested via email at asgsec.trans@csuchico.edu.

Faculty, staff, and students of California State University, Chico and community members of Butte County are invited to nominate the activists in their lives for the following awards:

- **Maggie Award** – *three will be honored*
  For an outstanding woman activist for women’s rights

- **Maggie Solidarity Award** – *one will be honored*
  For a person who does not identify as a woman but has shown outstanding support for women’s rights

- **Milk Award** – *three will be honored*
  For an outstanding LGBTQ+ identified activist

- **Milk Ally Award** – *one will be honored*
  For an activist who does not openly identify as LGBTQ+ but actively supports LGBTQ+ rights

- **Carol Burr Award** – *one will be honored*
  For a woman who is working to better the lives of people on this campus, community and world in the spirit of multicultural feminist activism

Award nominations are due **Monday, April 11 by 4 p.m.** to BMU 004, or scanned and emailed to asgsec.trans@csuchico.edu. The Maggie and Milk Awards ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 1** at the Women’s Club (592 E 3rd St, Chico, CA 95928).

A little history… The Maggie Awards originated in 1994, but the Milk awards were incorporated into the ceremony in 2011 to honor the expansion of the GSEC. The Maggie Awards were named after Maggie Pattison, who was the Associated Students Government office manager for 23 years. The Milk Awards honor Harvey Milk, the city supervisor of San Francisco and the first openly gay officer in the city’s history.

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The Associated Students Gender and Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) is a student-run activist organization that strives to empower all students through its four programs: the Outreach Program, the Women’s Program, the LGBTQ+ Program, and the Trans Program. The GSEC challenges societal norms that have been used to oppress and marginalize by providing opportunities for leadership, personal development, and referral services. We offer a safe and inclusive space where the campus and community can effectively support the academic mission of the university.