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Chico State Campus and Chico Community Invites You to Queer Week 2017

CHICO, Calif. – In collaboration with many welcoming and affirming campus and community organizations, the <u>Associated Students Gender and Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC)</u> is celebrating Queer Week! Queer Week aims to educate students and members of the Chico community on LGBTQ+ issues and show support for the queer community. This is a week-long series of events from Saturday, Oct. 7 through Saturday, Oct. 14. All events are hosted on Chico State's campus, unless otherwise noted with the specific address. This year's Queer Week theme is "Love is Love, Love is Revolution" to bring awareness and support for those who seek to change the world through activism. Queer Week events strive to foster a safe and supportive environment for Chico's queer community and to celebrate LGBTQ+ intersecting identities and experiences.

Saturday, October 7

- "Coming Out for Art" Opening Night hosted by Stonewall Alliance Chico from 6-10pm at the Museum of Northern California Art (monca) (located at 900 Esplanade)
 - o Stonewall's "Coming Out for Art" Exhibit will be open for viewing through October 15

Monday, October 9

- Safe Zone 1 Ally Training presented by Lindsay Briggs and Conner Wenzel at 10am in Meriam Library 043 (More information: http://www.csuchico.edu/diversity/safezone/)
- "Being Latinx & LGBTQ+" Panel by the Chicano/Latino Council, CSU, Chico from 2-3pm in Bell Memorial Union (BMU) 210
- Screening of Academy Award Winning Movie "Moonlight" at 7pm in University Housing Hub

Tuesday, October 10

- Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop for Faculty & Staff from 11-12pm at Selvester's Cafe; hosted by the CSU, Chico Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies
- Resource Tabling Fair & Tie-Dye with Crafty Cats at 6pm in Sutter Courtyard (First 200 to arrive receive free Queer Week shirts); hosted by Prime Time Productions and AS Gender and Sexuality Equity Center
- Coming Out Party: Celebrating the eve of National Coming Out Day with cake and ice cream at 8 p.m. in the University Housing Hub; hosted by Prime Time Productions and Chico State Pride

Wednesday, October 11 (National Coming out Day)

- Conversations on Diversity and Inclusion: Matthew Boger hosted by the Chico State Office of Diversity at 12 p.m. in BMU 210
- Wear Rainbow Day and Group Photo hosted by the Chico State Office of Diversity at 1:30 in Trinity Commons
- Drag Double Feature: "The Making of a King: a Drag King Documentary" at 5:30pm and "Paris is Burning" at 7:30pm in Ayers 106; hosted by the AS Gender and Sexuality Equity Center & the Chico State Office of Diversity

Thursday, October 12

- Safe Zone 2 Ally Training by Lindsay Briggs & Conner Wenzel at 9am in Meriam Library 043
- Third Annual Chico State Drag Show hosted by AS Gender and Sexuality Equity Center at 7:30 p.m. in BMU Auditorium; doors open at 7:00pm (Tickets will soon be available at http://bit.ly/2faELtX) | All proceeds will go to a local beneficiary soon to be announced.
 - o [Interested in performing? Find the application here: https://goo.gl/forms/h9tmXBnX9Yvov47p1]

Friday, October 13

• Pride March through downtown starting at 6pm from Trinity Commons (Pre-Party at 5 p.m. in GSEC Office: BMU 004); hosted by the AS Gender and Sexuality Equity Center

Saturday, October 14

• 8th Annual Chico Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide prevention at 10 a.m. in Chico Downtown Plaza (W 4th St)

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

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The Associated Students Gender & Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) is a student-run activist organization that strives to empower all students through its four programs: the Women's Program, the Queer Program, the Trans Program, and the 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. We offer a safe and inclusive space where the campus and community can effectively support the academic mission of the university.