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## Honor a Local Activist with a Maggie and Marsha Award!

ATTN CHICO, CA: Nominations for the <u>Associated Students Gender & Sexuality Equity Center's (GSEC's)</u> Annual Maggie and Marsha 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, requested via email at <u>asgsec.trans@csuchico.edu</u>, or online via <u>Google Forms</u>. Nominations are due **Sunday, April 15 by 11:59PM.** 

A little history: The Maggie Awards, originating in 1994, were named after Maggie Pattison, who was the Associated Students' Government office manager for 23 years. In 2011 when the Women's Center was expanded to be the GSEC, the award ceremony was renamed to the Maggie & Milk awards, commemorating Harvey Milk, the city supervisor of San Francisco and the first openly gay officer in the city's history. This year, 2018, the GSEC has renamed the event to the Maggie & Marsha Awards and have added several new awards under names that honor the legacy of more erased activists in LGBTQ+ and Women's history. 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. The awards are named after the following:

For an outstanding woman activist for feminist issues:

- Maggie Pattison Award
- Kimberlé Crenshaw Award
- Angela Davis Award

For an outstanding LGBTQ+-identified activist:

- Marsha P. Johnson Award
- Bayard Rustin Award
- Harvey Milk Award

For a faculty member who is working to better the lives of the people on this campus community in the spirit of feminist and/or queer activism:

Carol Burr Award

The Maggie and Marsha Awards ceremony is a private ceremony and will be held on Sunday, May 6, in BMU 203 from 1:00p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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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.