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LGBTQ+ Welcome Reception Presents Opportunity to Make Alliances in Chico Community

CHICO, Calif.- The Associated Students Gender and Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) and CSU, Chico’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion are hosting the LGBTQ+ Welcome Reception for LGBTQ+ identified students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. This free event is a part of a series of Multicultural Welcome Receptions hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The reception will provide an opportunity for new and returning students to learn about resources and services on campus, as well as a chance to get to know Chico’s LGBTQ+ community and their allies. There will be appetizers and refreshments provided by Roots Catering.

The reception will be kicked off with an introduction made by GSEC’s Queer Program Coordinator, Margot van de Bie, and Trans Program Coordinator, Seve Christian. There will be an informational tabling fair consisting of LGBTQ+ identified and friendly campus and local community organizations. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with these organizations who will speak briefly about their purpose, programs, and upcoming events. Overall, the reception will be a great opportunity for students to network, make friends, and build community with both faculty and other students as well as organizations on and off campus that cater to the LGBTQ+ community.

Please join the GSEC on Wednesday, September 14 from 3:00–5:00 p.m. in Selvester’s Café to build community and have some fun! For more information, please contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at (530) 898-4764, visit the GSEC office in BMU 004, call the GSEC at (530) 898-5724, or email asgsec.queer@csuchico.edu.

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The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is committed to cultivating a culturally inclusive environment where diversity of thought and expression are valued, respected, appreciated and celebrated. It serves as a resource to our campus community by providing information, referrals, advocacy, coordination and support for diversity-related events, activities, initiatives and discussions.

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.