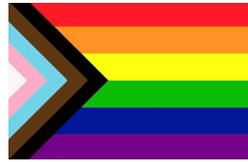


Pride Scholar



Highlights



We're glad you're here!

MJC is proud to address your needs as we work with you to provide resources, a safe environment in which to share your experiences, and the information needed to reach your personal goals. We are proud to serve LGBTQ + students because we believe in upholding student equity

MJC LGBTQ+ Advocates Scholarship Recipients

Chosen Name Resolutions

LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program

MJC LGBTQ+ Advocates

email: mjclgbtq@yosemite.edu

website:

mjc.edu/student-services/equity/lgbtqsupport.php



mjc_lgbtqadvocates



MJC Celebrates PRIDE

MJC Administration invests in the inaugural celebration of Pride Month at MJC. Check out a video from our event: www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwR_PxvAXuU



Inaugural LGBTQ+ Scholarship

For many LGBTQ+ students, college is a place and opportunity to develop community, and better understand their intersectional identity. Having a supportive environment is paramount to students' mental health, and for their chance at a brighter future.

The MJC LGBTQ+ Advocates participated in MJC Foundation's first Day of Giving, community members donated funds to create a scholarship to show LGBTQ+ students that the MJC community is in their corner. We invite you to help us grow our scholarship fund for next year by donating at:

<https://tinyurl.com/mjcLGBTQ>

There were many qualified recipients, the committee selected students for their academic accomplishments and their dedicated community service. MJC LGBTQ+ Advocates are proud to introduce this year's recipients (*continued on page 3*).

Scholarship Donors

Many Anonymous Donors

Sue A.

Ryan Amaral

Jessica Brennan

Lynn Bristow

Liz Camboia

Shaila Christofferson- In memory of Mickey Johnson

Annaliese Hausler-Akpovi

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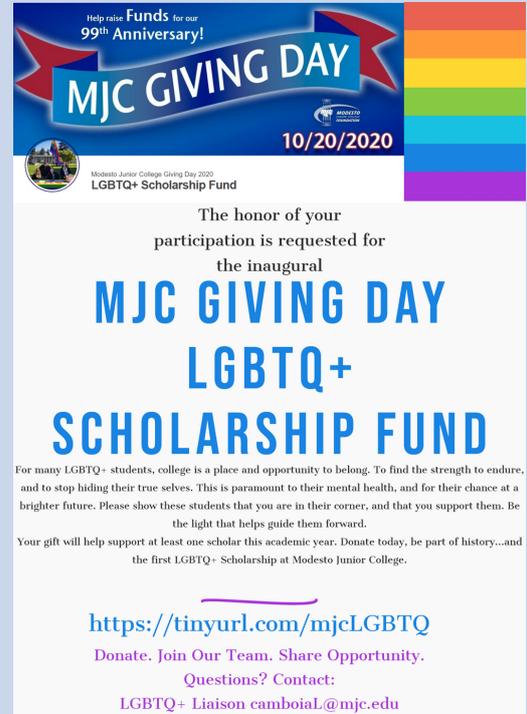
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Help raise Funds for our 99th Anniversary!

MJC GIVING DAY

10/20/2020

Modesto Junior College Giving Day 2020
LGBTQ+ Scholarship Fund

The honor of your participation is requested for the inaugural

**MJC GIVING DAY
LGBTQ+
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

For many LGBTQ+ students, college is a place and opportunity to belong. To find the strength to endure, and to stop hiding their true selves. This is paramount to their mental health, and for their chance at a brighter future. Please show these students that you are in their corner, and that you support them. Be the light that helps guide them forward.

Your gift will help support at least one scholar this academic year. Donate today, be part of history...and the first LGBTQ+ Scholarship at Modesto Junior College.

<https://tinyurl.com/mjcLGBTQ>

Donate. Join Our Team. Share Opportunity.

Questions? Contact:
LGBTQ+ Liaison camboiaL@mjc.edu

Daniel Chavez



Daniel is beginning his second semester at Modesto Junior College with a dedicated focus on Substance Abuse Counseling, Chemical Dependency and Human Services. Daniel started off his career as a professional Makeup artist for 21 years before making a major change in his life and education goals, due to his own personal experience. Daniel is a recovering addict who has a passion and purpose for helping his LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters in our community get clean and sober. Daniel knows that one addict helping another is without parallel and that the LGBTQ+ community is in need of role models who have been at rock bottom and found a way to climb out of the darkness of addiction. Daniel is currently working in the SUD field and he is using the amazing education and tools at MJC to better his understanding of making a difference in someone's life. Daniel is working to give the suffering addict a second chance at a first rate life.

This has been an exciting year for Daniel and the gifts that recovery and education offer are manifesting in his life. Daniel will marry his husband Casey on July 18th, 2021. He is also the Fundraising and Entertainment Chair for the Narcotics Anonymous 2021 Convention in Modesto Ca. and Daniel was recently casted in Modesto Performing Arts rendition of West Side Story performing at the Gallo Theater this summer. Not to mention Daniel's continued education with MJC including summer classes and a full fall schedule.

Daniel is grateful for this award and will use this scholarship to the fullest. He will be one of the champions leading the fight against addiction by walking hand in hand with our struggling community. If you or anyone you know is looking to get clean, Daniel will be there waiting to hold our hands though the journey.

Francisco Del Valle



Hi there,

My name is Francisco and I am now an Alumni of the MJC Dance Program and now a current SJSU Spartan. I am currently studying dance with hopes of later on achieving a Master's of Fine Arts degree so I can become a Professor of Dance like my honorable professors Kim T. Davis and Maggie Sniffen. I felt welcomed and like I had a space to learn and grow thanks to them and I would like to provide a safe place for all my students and give them the best experience I can give like the one I was given here at MJC. I am grateful to be receiving this scholarship as it will help me a lot within my higher education as it will help pay for my education as higher education isn't known to be the most affordable. It will allow me to pay for some school supplies so I can be successful and hopefully graduate on time so I can take out less loans. I couldn't have achieved what I have achieved now without such a supportive and loving faculty. I am forever grateful.

Thank You,

Francisco Del Valle

MJC Dance Alumni 21'

SJSU BFA Dance Major

Hector Flores

Hello,

My name is Hector Flores and I have the honor of being selected as a scholarship recipient! I am currently a 2nd-year student at MJC majoring in Agriculture Business. I plan to transfer out to a 4-year University in hopes to become involved in law and help advocate for the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals. I am so thankful for this opportunity and look forward to making a difference for the community!



Holly Wilson

I am Holly Wilson and I just graduated from MJC this Spring as a Child Development and Psychology major. I am transferring to Sacramento State University this Fall into the Child Development Social and Community B.A. Program. At Sac State, I will be earning a Masters in Child Development and a minor in Art. I plan on becoming an art therapist for children, adolescents, and young adults who would benefit from creative expression, emotional regulation, and building self-esteem. My future goal is to create a safe community space where people from all diverse backgrounds can come together and create art, connect socially, be themselves, and heal from trauma. As an advocate for suicide prevention and survivor of suicide, I know how important and valuable supportive community programs can be for people, especially the LGBTQ+ community. I was in my third semester at MJC in 2018 when I came out to my family and the world, so having an overwhelming amount of advocates on campus for LGBTQ+ rights meant a lot to me during my time here at MJC. I am grateful and truly honored to accept this scholarship from the MJC LGBTQ+ Advocacy group. This scholarship will help me get closer to achieving my educational goals, thank you!!!



Parents of LGBTQ+ children share why they are proud

Pride celebrations have been popping up all over the country during the month of June—commemorating the fight for LGBTQ+ equality. In their own words, parents of LGBTQ+ kids and adults tell “CBS This Morning” about their own acceptance journeys and why they are proud of their children.

CBS June 25, 2021



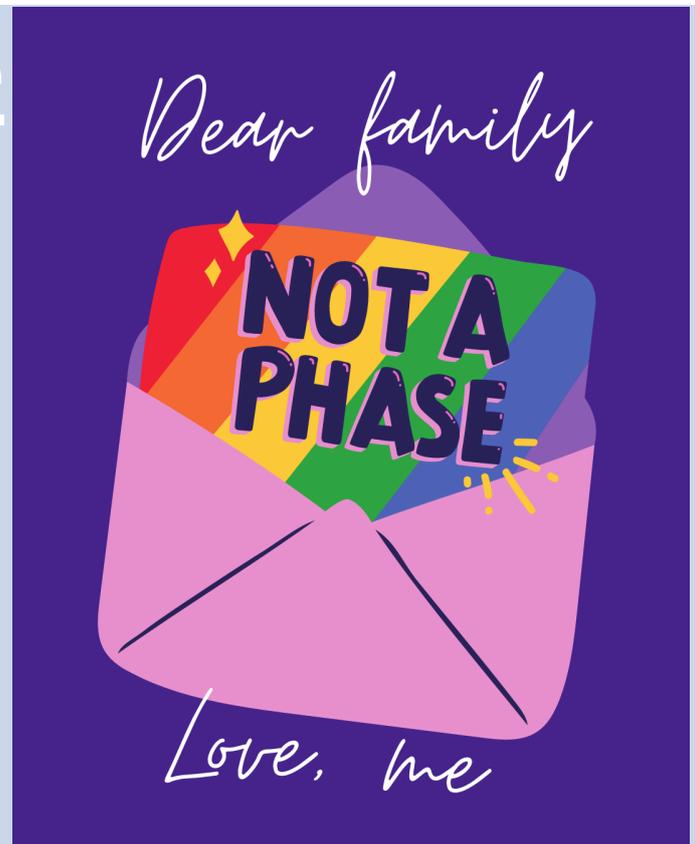
Wendy VonSosen, right, marches with her family in the 2017 San Francisco Pride parade. Courtesy of Mama Dragons

Preferred Name Process

1. Email Cheryl Chavez chavezC@mjc.edu to update your Canvas name.
2. You will receive an email when the update has been made to the master list.
3. Recommended - Email your instructor (s) to let them know your Canvas name will be different from Piratesnet for submitting final grades.

Add Pronoun in Canvas

- Pronoun options and steps for updating in Canvas
- Pronouns Matter - What pronouns are and how to use them





“There Is No Pride For Some Of Us Without Liberation For All Of Us.” -Marsha P. Johnson

On 28 June 1969, the New York police raided Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village on grounds that New York did not grant a license to bars that served gay people. They arrested 13 people that day. Marsha ‘Pay it no mind’ Johnson, an African-American transwoman from New Jersey, became a key figure in the events that followed the incident and the subsequent LGBTQ+ rights movement that it gave birth to. Amidst the Black Lives Matter movement and Pride month, Marsha – a forgotten hero behind the LGBTQ+ rights movement – emerged as a symbol of black and trans power. Incidentally, I recently stumbled upon a documentary on her called ‘The Death and Life of Marsha P Johnson’ directed by David France, and was in awe of this unsung hero, this torchbearer of Pride – who until recently was forgotten in the shadow of racism and transphobia.

Having resisted arrest on 28th June, Marsha and her friends led a series of protests that became the rallying cry for the LGBTQ+ rights movement, including the famous Stonewall riots. A month after the protests, they organized the first open pride march that took place in New York – a pivotal moment for the LGBTQ+ community everywhere. Marsha, along with her friend Sylvia Rivera, also founded ‘STAR – Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries’ – an organization to support gay and trans individuals who had been left homeless.

The documentary started with Victoria, a member of the Anti-Violence Project investigating the death of Marsha – years after her death being declared a suicide by the NYPD. Marsha’s body was found in the Hudson river in 1992, and the incident was suspected to be a hate crime by her friends and admirers. They believed that to say she killed herself was an insult to her for she had “too much to live for and was too full of life”.

Being an economically disadvantaged African-American transwoman, Marsha’s identities – with regards to race, class, and gender – overlapped when it came to vulnerability and discrimination, yet she chose to live a life helping others and her legacy lives on today in organizations such as the Marsha P Johnson Institute, which protects and defends the rights of black trans persons. Being a pivotal and admired figure in her life, the disregard of her potential murder as suicide was an injustice to her memory and her legacy. The best way to pay her homage, Victoria believed, was to get her justice in death. Owing to the pressure put on the NYPD to re-investigate the facts surrounding Marsha’s death, her case was reopened in 2012 and remains so to this day.

Within the course of her investigation, Victoria met and interviewed Marsha’s friends who stood alongside her in the fight for their rights. While Pride has now become synonymous to a celebration of non-binary gender identities, sexuality, love, and freedom – Marsha’s companions in the movement talked about how at the forefront of it stood the homeless drag queens and Latinx-Black women whose contributions have been disregarded for too long. It also uncovered some horrific facts about hate crimes against the LGBTQ+ community. The year Marsha died alone had recorded 1300 cases of attack on the LGBTQ+ community by civilians and police alike – but most of these didn’t get their due attention from media. Even today, the non-binary community remains vulnerable to hate crimes and harassment, with nearly 1 in 5 hate crimes motivated by anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetoric.

As we witness and stand in solidarity with movements like Black Lives Matter against racially motivated crimes and against the discriminatory administrative policy of the American government that takes away the right to healthcare for trans persons – it is pivotal to acknowledge and celebrate people like Marsha P Johnson, who stood in the forefront of such historical movements. Recently, the Mayor of New York renamed the East River State Park in Brooklyn to ‘The Marsha P Johnson State Park’ and announced there will be a statue created in her honor, to be unveiled in 2021.

Yet for a long time, the role played by black and Latinx trans women for LGBTQIA+ rights have been dismissed, even though their political and cultural contributions are deeply relied on for the progress of the community. Even today, these communities continue to face discrimination outside and inside the queer community and are often left to fend for themselves. Therefore, it’s important to acknowledge that while we’re celebrating Pride Month, we stand side by side with vulnerable communities and realize that we aren’t truly free until we ensure that people with multiple vulnerabilities are free too. Or in the words of Marsha P Johnson – “(there is) no pride for some of us without liberation for all of us”.

Dubey, A. (2020, July 20). *What we need to know about Marsh P. Johnson and the First Pride.* <https://Inbreakthrough.Org/Marsha-p-J>





Modesto Junior College (MJC)
Academic Senate Resolution
FA 20-B: Preferred Name Recognition

Proposed by: Ryan Amaral, Liz Camboia, Ariana Gonzalez, Alynna Martinez, Judith Martinez, Rob Stevenson, Jessica Brennan, Yvonne De La Cruz Sanchez, Susan Cassidy, Shelly Fichtenkort, Bobby Hutchison, Ruth Luman, Tina Giron, Tracey Potts, Skaria Schimjel, Dimitri Keriotis, Natalie Hassell, Crystal Hinchman, Alicia Arceo, Joshua Sigman, Dejeune Shelton, Amy Yribarren and Senators Belen Robinson, Gabriel Tovar, Jamie DeRollo, Marc Anaya, Ashley Kipple, Hans Hauselmann

Whereas: Article 3 [1], Article 3.5 [2], and Article 4 [3] of Chapter 4.5 under Title 3 of the Education Code under California Law, states that public higher education in California strives to provide educationally equitable environments listed in Section 66270, a reasonable opportunity to fully develop [their] potential; (Student Senate)

Whereas: The invisibility, both by omission and by design, of [LGBTQ+] students and their issues in curricula, co-curricular activities, and campus practices perpetuates prejudice against [LGBTQ+] individuals and promotes heterosexism; and,

Whereas: California Law allows legal ID's to include preferred pronouns in compliance with CA state law SB 179; and

Whereas: MJC's student information system (Datatel) preferred name & pronoun screens already exist and can implement preferred name through an IT work ticket and process.

Whereas: the CCC Application for admission already solicits students preferred name and MJC currently does not recognize the student request; and,

Whereas: Canvas has ability to change first name upon Faculty approval for each class- the name change does not show on the roster, as a result students are forced to out themselves several times each semester; and,

Whereas: students have requested MJC stop dead-naming them. Students have voiced concerns over faculty who are not able to make requested change for student. It is not the students burden to carry when the campus has the capability to create a process, implementing preferred name will honor the student without forcing them into an uncomfortable situation every semester;

Whereas: 30 Community Colleges have a Preferred Name Process

**Not a comprehensive list:*

San Joaquin Delta College, Gavilan, Los Rios Community College District (ARC, Sac City, Cosumnes, Folsom Lake), DeAnza College, Foothill College, Santa Rosa Community College, Santa Barbara Community College, Glendale Community College, Riverside Community College District, Palomar Community College District, Santa Monica College, Long Beach City College, City College of San Francisco, Santa Ana College, Contra Costa Community College District (Contra Costa, Diablo Valley, Los Medanos), Butte Community College, Cabrillo Community College, Cerritos College, Cuyamaca College, Mira Costa, Coast Community College District (Coastline Community College, Golden West College, Orange Coast College

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The Academic Senate will work with MJC administration to implement students' preferred name and pronoun using the models developed by the aforementioned California Community Colleges.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The Academic Senate will submit an IT work order to request Preferred name and pronoun processing be programmed and implemented at MJC.

Therefore, be it resolved: The Academic Senate will help ensure MJC's LGBTQ+ is included in the MJC equity plan and commits to address institutional barriers faced by the MJC's LGBTQ+ community.

Therefore, be it resolved: The Academic Senate will help promote the process for preferred name and pronoun in Canvas until Datatel is in place.

First Reading: September 17, 2020
Final Reading: October 1, 2020
Disposition: Carried

Referenced Resolutions: [Support for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgender \(GLBT\) Students and Staff](#) (ASCCC, Fall Spring 2009 Resolution Number: 03.02); Gender Equity Resources Centers (Student Senate of the California Community Colleges, Fall 2018)



Senate Resolution 2020-2021 Chosen Name at Modesto Junior College

Whereas, The California Community College's "mission and vision of the California Community Colleges" is "putting students first", and

Whereas, The YCCD mission statement states, "the Yosemite Community College District is committed to responding to the needs of our diverse community through excellence in teaching, learning and support programs contributing to social, cultural, and economic development and wellness", and

Whereas, MJC's mission statement states, "we provide a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate educational environment for the ever-changing populations and workforce needs of our regional community", and

Whereas, The ASMJC mission statement states, "to create cultural and ethnic awareness on campus and in the community; to ensure that all students voices are heard; to promote respect regardless of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender", and

Noting, that ASMJC defines diversity as the understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies, and

Adding, that there is a large portion of MJC students that are from the LGBTQ+ community, and may have a chosen name, different from that assigned at birth, that makes these students feel safe on campus, and

Emphasizing, that as of January 29th, 2020, California has enacted AB 2023 requiring California Community Colleges to use the "preferred names" of their students, and

Adding, that the use of a student's chosen name shows respect, support, and acceptance to the LGBTQ+ students and community, and

Noting, that the students also have the support of Academic Senate as they have a Preferred Name Recognition that was approved in September of 2020 Resolution stating, "30 Community Colleges have a Preferred Name Process", and "the Academic Senate will help promote the process for preferred name and pronoun in Canvas until Datatel is in place", and

Adding, that this will also benefit for some individuals, such as international students who use an "Americanized" name or individuals who use a nickname such as a shortened version of their legal name, and

Stressing, ASMJC is committed to representing, welcoming, and being inclusive for ALL who attend or visit our college, and

Emphasizing, ASMJC is a student driven, student lead organization and encourages diversity, cultural awareness, and open mindedness as ASMJC has served, is serving, and will continue to serve students that will be affected by having the ability to display their chosen name in places such as the class roster, Canvas, Datatel database, Starfish, student emails, student ID cards, SARS, and most importantly their degree or certificate, and

Mindful, by encouraging diversity, cultural awareness, and open mindedness we help our student body prepare for the diversity that is to come when they transfer, and or go into the workforce furthering the purpose of California Community Colleges, and

Furthermore, our continued desire to serve evolving and changing student body ASMJC strives to continue doing research, hearing our student's needs and concerns, and including every student's background in everything we do, be it

Resolved, The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College fully, unanimously, and whole-heartedly support the Modesto Junior College implementation of a Chosen Name Policy for the student body. Additionally, we respectfully ask that the Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College understand, acknowledge, and continue to fully support the policies, conferences, and activities that focus on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies, and most importantly, students.

MJC LGBTQ+

mentorship program

Mission Statement

MJC's LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program aims to support LGBTQ+ students to thrive as their authentic selves. Through one-on-one mentoring, social events, educational workshops and connecting students to resources, our goal is to provide a safe place for our participants to grow as a whole--both inside and outside the classroom.

Are you an MJC student who wants to join our program!?

Check out the mentor bio's by scanning QR code and complete the application when you are ready. Scan QR code to access Mentorship Webpage:



Join MJC LGBTQ+ Advocates at our next meeting!

We regularly meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, register today to calendar meetings on your calendar (click on image below)

MJC LGBTQ+ Advocates MONTHLY MEETINGS

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING* ALL WELCOME * RSVP REQUIRED

When: 2nd Thursday of Every Month

Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th, Nov. 18th, Dec. 9th*

Time: Noon-1:00pm

Where: Zoom Meeting

Why: Introduction to newly established MJC LGBTQ+ Advocates, relevant laws, resources, and next steps.

Questions? Contact MJC LGBTQ+ Liaison:

Liz Camboia ext. 6480 CamboiaL@mjc.edu

*Nov. 11th is a Holiday