



LGBTQ+ Pride

Online Education Conference

As we celebrate LGBTQ+ history and culture with a fun day of welcoming, keynote speaker, workshops, health services topics and students sharing their experiences. This conference is free to all and we encourage junior high, high school, and college students for a wonderful educational experience. PARENTS, STUDENTS, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMEBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



Saturday, April 25, 2020

To register go to: mjc.edu/news/2020pride

Event Time: 8:30am - 12pm

FREE ADMISSION | (209) 575-6700 | mjc.edu/campuslife

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Cindy Barragan Lopez ***Keynote Speaker***

As Modesto Junior College hosts, the inaugural LGBTQ+ Pride Education Conference it is only fitting that the keynote speaker be Cindy Barragan Lopez. Cindy Barragan Lopez is a sought after public speaker on the topics of social justice, LGBTQ+, leadership, and Sociology. This is in addition to speaking out about being a survivor of sexual assault.

Cindy was born in San Jose, California and later moved to Oakdale, California. Through most of junior high school and high school, Cindy was the victim of bullying. Additionally, nobody knew anything about her sexuality. After high school, Cindy Barragan Lopez enrolled at MJC. She was accepted into the Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S) Bridge Program. While in the Bridge program, Cindy came out for the first time to her peer mentor. Cindy would go on to become MJC's 145th student body president. She was only the fourth Latina and third openly gay president in school history. Prior to graduating Cindy was voted MJC Student of the Year.

Cindy earned Associate of Arts Degrees in Sociology and Psychology from MJC and transferred to California State University, East Bay where she will complete her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology this coming fall semester. Cindy works as Peer Leader at Project YES (Youth Employment Services) where she helps youth with job development and Educational assistance.

Cindy has previously been a keynote speaker and workshop presenter at MJC's Hispanic Education Conference, African American Education Conference and Martin Luther King Commemoration.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome!

Welcome to Modesto Junior College and today's LGBTQ+ PRIDE Conference. Our college has been serving Modesto and the surrounding communities for 98 years. Over that period, we have been a beacon of hope and a source of encouragement for our students and our community. Our campus is committed to access to higher education with a student first philosophy, with outstanding faculty and staff committed to helping you achieve your dreams and your educational goals. You will experience an environment that is intellectually sound, innovative, socially responsible, and alert to change; and that is recognized for excellence in preparing students for their place in society and prepared for the future.

Our college understands the struggles that many of you face for a better life for yourself, your family, and your community. The journey to a degree or certificate begins with the first step, with many to follow. Joe Kennedy once said "you are a part of our story. We will fight for you and we will not walk away". Take these words to heart and stay focused on your dreams. Modesto Junior College will be with you every step of the way.

Sincerely,

James L.J. Houpis, Ph.D.
President, Modesto Junior College



Mikayla Ramirez **Tri-Chair**

Mikayla is the 147th Student Body President at MJC and is the 5th Latina, 15th female and identifies as She/Her/Hers. She has dedicated herself to ASMJC and to the students for the last 3 years. She has served as a Student Senator, Director of Student Relations and now as President. She will be graduating in Spring 2020 with her Associates of Arts in Sociology and Social and Behavioral Sciences and plans on continuing her education in Sociology at Sacramento State. Her dream career is to work with children who are either in the juvenile system or foster youth. Mikayla is a proud tri-chair for the LGBTQ+ Pride Education Conference and one of the Masters of Ceremonies. She is honored and humbled to be one of the student leaders to bring this event to life and is excited to see this continue for many years.



Anthony Guzman **Tri-Chair**

Anthony identifies as a cisgender gay man, and his pronouns are he/him/his. Anthony was born and raised in Modesto, CA. He graduated from Peter Johansen High School in 2017. He then came to Modesto Junior College, where he is majoring in Political Science with a focus on public opinion. He then joined the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College (ASMJC), first starting as a senator, then moving up to Director of Political Development. This is Anthony's third and final year at MJC. He is graduating in Spring 2020 and plans on attending Sacramento State in the Fall. He is one of the tri-chairs for the Pride Education Conference and one of the workshop presenters. He is so excited to be making a positive impact in the central valley LGBTQ+ population. Anthony recognizes the need for more LGBTQ+ representation and support in the central valley, and he is so enthusiastic about putting on this event for his community. He is so happy to play a critical role in the first Pride Education Conference, and he hopes that this conference will last years way beyond his years here.



Zola Hayes **Tri-Chair**

Zola is a student in their last year at Modesto Junior College. Zola came out as queer when they were 12 years old, and has been using they/them pronouns since 2017. As an out and proud member of the LGBTQ+ community in Modesto, they are no stranger to the importance of having events that include the LGBTQ+ community, such as the Pride Education Conference. Aside from being a chair of the Pride Committee and Master of Ceremonies, Zola serves as Pride Director of MoPRIDE, Inc., Speaker of the Inter-Club Council at MJC, and as an intern for the LGBTQ+ program for California Rural Legal Assistance. Since they were seven years old, they've wanted to be a lawyer. Zola plans to attend a four year next year and obtain their bachelors in philosophy, then their Juris Doctor to practice law.

Conference Agenda
Pride Education Conference
Saturday, April 25, 2020

Conference Purpose: The purpose of the LGBTQ Pride Education Conference is to promote the empowerment, education and enrichment of the LGBTQ culture throughout our community with an emphasis on the life changing impact of higher education.

8:30am **Masters of Ceremonies**
Mikayla Ramirez, ASMJC President
Zola Hayes, ICC Speaker

Welcome
Dr. James Houpis, MJC President
Mikayla Ramirez, ASMJC President

Special Message
Congressman, Josh Harder

9:00am **Keynote Speaker**
Cindy Barragan Lopez, MJC Alumnus

9:30am **LGBTQ+ History**
Hans Hauselman, MJC Professor

10:00am **LGBTQ+ Student Panel**

10:30am **Workshops**
LGBTQIA+ Ally Training

Health Services: Mitigating the Impact of Health
Diparities Among LGBTQ+ Patients

11:30am **Conference Ends**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Pride Education Conference Topic Descriptions

LGBTQ+ History

Hans Hauselman, MJC Professor

9:30am - Main ZOOM link

“Queering the Family” and I will be talking about the legal struggles that the LGBTQ+ community faced regarding marriage and the creation of families in American history from the 1960s through 2015. Focus will be on the role California played in the national debate on same-sex marriage and will walk through the various initiatives and legislation over the last 20 years.

LGBTQ+ Student Panel

*Anthony Guzman, Zola Hayes, Elle Souza,
Samantha Carvajal, Lisandro Godinez,*

10:00am - Main ZOOM link

Join us for an inspirational story of four diverse students within the LGBTQ+ community. Here you will hear their stories of the struggles that they have faced growing up as LGBTQ+ and the struggles they face today. They will talk about multiple coping mechanisms they used and the support they reached out to. You will learn how they overcame trials and tribulations to get where they are today.

LGBTQIA+ Ally Training Workshop

Britni Hodge, Pride Center

10:30am - ZOOM link will be provided

Breakout session

In LGBTQIA+ Ally Training we will discuss what it means to be an ally to the LGBTQIA+ community. We will explore what being an ally looks like in school, in the workplace and within the community itself. This training will discuss privilege and other social dynamics showing why intersectionality is vital to building a truly inclusive LGBTQIA+ Community.

Health Services Workshop

Andrea Silva, M.D.

10:30am - ZOOM link will be provided

Family Medicine Resident Physician

Breakout session

Members of the LGBTQ+ community face unique challenges regarding healthcare. Studies show that LGBTQ+ patients have higher rates of physical illness, such as obesity, heart disease and cancer, along with higher rates of mental illness, such as substance use, depression and PTSD. Additional challenges include limited access to medical care and discrimination by health care providers. Transgender individuals are a particularly vulnerable group, experiencing numerous barriers to gender-affirming therapy, which are known to be life-saving. The Rainbow Clinic provides a safe space for patients to obtain comprehensive health care services, in order to alleviate health disparities in the LGBTQ+ community.

Special Thanks

Dr. James Houpis, MJC President

Flerida Arias, MJC Vice President of Student Services

Bryan Justin Marks, MJC Dean of Student Services and Public Relations

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WHO CAN USE PIRATE CARE?

Any enrolled Modesto Junior College student can use Pirate Care.

WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

24/7 mental health support is available for free.

HOW DO I LOG IN?

Go to PirateCare.care and read through the FAQs for specific log-in information. When you're ready to start a visit, click Sign In.



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PirateCare.care



Housing Assistance

Housing Navigator-Center for Human Services
(For students under the age of 24)

Abigail Williams
(209) 672-0281, awilliams@centerforhumanservices.org

- Housing assistance
- Employment readiness
- Education resources
- CAL-Fresh/CAL-Works connections
- Referral to mental health services
- Referral to substance use treatment
- Financial budgeting help
- Emergency assistance
(food, water, hygiene, clothing)

Modesto Housing Assistance
(For Students over the age of 24)

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