

## Extensive Programming for Students

Programming for students and the campus community at large is one of the core components of the Pride Center. Events are organized by the Pride Team through an intersectional lens, centering QTBIPOC (Queer Trans Black, Indigenous, People of Color) voices. Pride Center



programming explores the intersections across race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, social class, ability, religion, immigration status, and other identities.

Pride student staff, classified staff, and faculty are instrumental collaborators in creating events that are student centered and informed.

Equity centers on campus, such as Undocuscholars and UNITE, have also been important collaborators in creating spaces for students to engage in social justice education. Community partnerships from local LGBTQIA+ organizations such as The Stonewall Foundation, The Gender Health Center, Sac LGBT Center and The Lavender Library, have shown up and supported the Pride Center in its formative years creating a bridge between campus and the local community.



Programming is built upon a framework to holistically support LGBTQIA+ scholars through community development, healing & empowerment, leadership development, academic support, health + wellness, professional networking & community resources, mentorship, and transfer support. The first two years of Pride Center programming have been able to bring events to campus such as Transgender Day of Remembrance, Trans & Queer Wellness Week, Intersex Awareness, Lavender Art Show, Guest Artists Jade Phoenix Martinez & Julio Salgado, Name & Gender Update Clinics, and an annual Lavender Graduation. Creating these spaces on campus has brought together students, staff, and faculty to begin creating a campus climate that is affirming to LGBTQIA+ people.

Before the COVID 19 pandemic, the spring of 2020 saw the first co-hort of QTBIPOC students from ARC, sponsored by the Student Senate, to attend the annual Queer Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Leadership Conference at UC Riverside in late February. The Stonewall Foundation also offered the first LGBTQIA+ community college student Sam Catalano scholarship, two LRCCD students were awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year. The spring of 2021 also launched the first ever series titled The Movement Will Be Intersectional: QTBIPOC Virtual Speaker Series that highlighted scholars, artists, and activists doing incredible work in the world.