



University Union
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Mission

The PRIDE Center provides students with programs and events, access to resources on campus and in the community, a welcoming space, and opportunities for education about LGBTQIA communities and the intersections of many identities and experiences.

We exist to create and maintain a campus environment that is open, safe, and supportive of student diversity in the areas of gender identity, sexual orientation, and expression of both.

Signature Events

Fall Semester

- Queer Welcome: Sep 3, 2026, 2:30pm at Union Cottonwood Suite
- PRIDE Week: Oct 6-9, 2026, various events
- Transgender Awareness Week: Nov 13-19, 2026, various events

Spring Semester

- Queer Prom: Apr 2, 2027, 6:00pm at University Union Ballroom
- Lavender Graduation: May 5, 2027, 5:30pm at Union Cottonwood Suite

Other Programs & Services

- Social Support Groups / Peer Support Groups
- Academic Advising and Mental Health Discussion / Support
- Panels / Sharing from LGBTQ Alumni or Students
- Resources: PRIDE Center Library, Rainbow Wardrobe, Safer Sex and Feminine Hygiene Products
- Rainbow Ally Training

Stay Connected!



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LIVING BY THE HISTORY

The movement for a more queer-friendly campus began on the heels of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement and the quest for an approved Ethnic Studies major on campus through student activism from the Society for Homosexual Freedom and Associated Students Inc. Over decades of advocacy and standing firm on the needs of women, queer, and transgender students, the center was established in 2006.

Currently, each of the 22 California State University campuses offers services, support, and community for LGBTQ+ students, faculty, and staff. Sac State is one of about 12 campuses that has a dedicated space for the PRIDE Center with fully funded staff.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



In 1970, George Raya and a group of friends formed a gay and lesbian student club but got denied by the College administration. Raya's case, *Associated Students at Sacramento State College v. Butz*, was heard by the Superior Court in Sacramento, California, and the Judge ruled in his favor. The Society for Homosexual Freedom (SHF) at Sac State was formed.



In 2006, PRIDE Center was established. The Center shared an office with the Women's Resource Center until 2016. The PRIDE Center now locates in the University Union with its own space.



In 2017, the PRIDE Center celebrated its 10th anniversary. The event brought together many current and former students and staff of the PRIDE Center, Multi-Cultural Center (MCC), and Women's Resource Center (WRC).

Our Goals

- Increase understanding of the LGBTQIA+ experience and to elevate academic achievement and student life at Sac State
- Enrich the diversity and equity of Sac State to ensure an inclusive environment and foster a community of belonging
- Raise the PRIDE Student Resource Center's visibility through stronger community engagement and partnerships to secure resources for the center

Visit the PRIDE Center website to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and programming. Offerings will include discussion groups on a range of topics, as well as crafting, wellness, movies, games, and other community-building activities.

The PRIDE Center also delivers customized presentations, workshops, or facilitated discussions for any campus department or office who requests it for their staff and for any faculty who would like the PRIDE Center to present to their class. Contact PRIDE Center at pride@csus.edu for details.