



## **Press Release**

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# **Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Opens New Pride Center**

**New center's opening coincides with the week of National Coming Out Day and provides an inclusive space for students who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community**

(Los Angeles—October 10, 2024) Los Angeles Technical-Trade College (LATTC) on October 10, 2024, hosted a grand opening celebration for its new Pride Center. The Center, named Bucky's Pride Center after the college's mascot, Bucky Beaver, will provide community-based resources and programming to empower, educate, and support students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or asexual (LGBTQIA+). Bucky's Pride Center meets a college priority to ensure that all LATTC students feel a sense of belonging and community so they can achieve academic and personal success.

The grand opening celebration began with a raising of the Pride flag outside of the new Pride Center space, followed by remarks at the college's Culinary Arts Plaza by Dr. Alfred McQuarters, President of LATTC; Dr. Henan Joof, Vice President of Student Services; and Dr. Ralph Davis, Dean of Student Services. The afternoon continued with special performances by drag artists Kalista Stage, Calypso Jete Balmain, HoSo Terra Toma, Jaharia, and MiAmi Knight Wild, and concluded with closing remarks from Los Angeles Community College District Trustee, David Vela.

Throughout the event, guests visited with LGBTQIA+ vendors, mental health and wellness services, and STI testing/health resources—and enjoyed music from a live deejay, and free Habit charburgers and snacks.

## **About Bucky's Pride Center**

The new Center features computer stations, free printing, a lounge area for students to socialize, and resources for mental health and wellness, sexual education, financial assistance, four-year university pride centers, and more.

Additionally, the Center will organize future programming to address the needs of the LGBTQIA+ student population and to encourage LGBTQIA+ community and advocacy on campus.

Bucky's Pride Center officially opens to students on October 15, 2024, during the following hours:

Mondays and Wednesdays: 10 am–4 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10 am–6 pm

### **About LATTC**

Located just south of downtown Los Angeles, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) is one of nine public community colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Established in 1925, the college offers more than 80 career-technical programs that move students into careers in two years or less. In addition to an unmatched selection of quality career programs, LATTC prepares students for transfer, with 18 CSU transfer degrees, and transfer guarantee programs with the University of California and local private and independent colleges and universities.

**Location:** 400 West Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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