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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## "Peer Mentor Program" at the Pride Center Helps LGBTQ and Questioning Students Navigate CSUN Life

Northridge — The Pride Center at the University Student Union invites all LGBTQ and questioning students to meet in-person with other students just like them through the "LGBTQ Peer Mentor Program," who are trained to help them on their journey at CSUN. Connect with one of the peer mentors and feel free to discuss LGBTQ topics such as coming out and gender identity. You can also receive helpful guidance and encouragement regarding personal and academic concerns, as well as important campus resource referrals.

"Our trained mentors are dedicated to making all students who come to the Pride Center feel welcome and comfortable to talk about whatever they want," said Pride Center Coordinator, Sarina Loeb. "This is another one of our many resources dedicated to helping the LGBTQ and questioning students of CSUN find their own sense of community and identity."

The Pride Center's Peer Mentors are trained student employees who have received over 20 hours of training on various LGBTQ topics, including coming out, internalized homophobia, transgender awareness and more. All Peer Mentors can provide support and guidance to CSUN students who can feel comfortable to discuss any topic they would



like and know that everything they say will remain private.

Students interested in participating in the "LGBTQ Peer Mentor Program" can sign up today at www.csun.edu/pride/programs/peer-mentor.

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The University Student Union (USU) is committed to inclusion, diversity and personal growth for all students while providing services such as study areas, a computer lab, TV lounge, games room and wireless printing kiosks in addition to a variety of food options and a wide range of events. The USU includes the Student Recreation Center, Oasis Wellness Center, Pride Center and Veterans Resource Center. To learn more, please visit www.csun.edu/usu.