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**The USU's Pride Center presents Chaz Ashley-Cruz's
"BlaQ Future & BlaQ Magic" Intersectional Workshop**

Northridge — The Pride Center of the University Student Union (USU) invites all Matadors to attend this exciting evening in celebration of Black History Month. On Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., come explore where black culture and the LGBTQIA+ community intersect at “BlaQ Future & BlaQ Magic” with multidisciplinary scholar Chaz Ashley-Cruz. It will be an insightful evening that will provide you with fundamental knowledge on the history of BlaQ identities and experiences, also known as BlackQueer. Join us for this important free event in the Thousand Oaks Room located on the second floor of the Southwest Addition at the University Student Union.

“We are more than thrilled to have Chaz Ashley-Cruz be part of our observance for Black History Month,” said Tyler Neroes, Student Administrative Support Assistant at the Pride Center and Event Lead for ‘BlaQ Future & BlaQ Magic’. “At the Pride Center, we focus on raising awareness for and celebrating every part of our community, which is what we strive to do for our black LGBTQIA+ CSUN students and allies during this special month.”

Trans person of color and poet Chaz Ashley-Cruz earned a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California State University, Los Angeles, a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership: Higher Education & Student Affairs from the University of



San Francisco, and has facilitated workshops, performed and lectured at universities, colleges, and national organizations across the country. At the upcoming CSUN event, Ashley-Cruz will guide you through the history of BlaQ identities, celebrate BlaQ elders, and recognize the work that still needs to be done as you investigate the complexities of race, sexuality and futurity.

Come celebrate Black History Month with the USU's Pride Center at Chaz Ashley-Cruz's "BlaQ Future & BlaQ Magic"! For more information about this special workshop, the Pride Center and the University Student Union, please visit csun.edu/pride or contact the USU's Pride Center at pride@csun.edu.

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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.