

MAY NEWSLETTER



Sacramento Rainbow Chamber
of Commerce



Don't Miss **Big Day of Giving** on May 2nd!

Hello Fred,

Sacramento's non-profit philanthropy day - **Big Day of Giving** - is coming up this week on **May 2nd**. If you can, we highly encourage you to donate to one – or many! – of the invaluable organizations in our community. We would be especially moved if you chose to **donate to the Rainbow Chamber Foundation!**

The Rainbow Chamber Foundation was created by the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber in 2008 to create a greater impact on Sacramento's LGBTQ+ community. Since inception, we have done just that. From ensuring that local LGBTQ+ scholars have funding available and access to resources they need to succeed in their educational journey, to supporting community efforts like the 2008 No On 8 Campaign and the Lavender Heights rainbow crosswalks, the Foundation has been a source of support and investment in our community's future.

If you are unable to offer monetary support this Big Day of Giving, please consider donating your time, sharing our fundraising efforts, starting a fundraiser of your own, or even telling a friend to support. **Contact us** if you are interested in becoming more involved in the Chamber or the Foundation this year. From committee positions to volunteering at our booth during Sacramento Pride, we will gladly help connect you with the right opportunity.

We are so grateful for your support and for continuing this work alongside us. We are stronger together!

Warmly,

Samuel N. Jones, Chair
Fred Palmer, Executive Director



*Pictured: Samuel N. Jones, Rainbow Chamber Chair
Photography by: Amy Medina Photography*

LGBTQ+ Students are counting on you!

Change someone's life on May 2nd!

Did you know?

Some LGBTQ+ people look to college as an opportunity to distance themselves from their unsupportive or unsafe families or living situations. LGBTQ+ Students were more than **three times as likely to pick a four-year college elsewhere to get away from family** as their non-LGBTQ+ peers (34.3% vs. 11.1%). About **four times as many LGBTQ+ students selected a four-year college in a different city or state to find a more welcoming environment** than their non-LGBTQ counterparts, 18.0% vs 4.0%, respectively.



Information from: <https://pointfoundation.org/hubfs/Research%20Reports/LGBTQ%20POC%20Report%202.23.23.pdf>

Did you know?

- Nearly **one in four** (23.4%) LGBTQ+ People of Color (POC), and a statistically similar proportion of their White LGBTQ+ peers (29.5%), reported that they **felt they did not fully belong at school** at some point in their lives because they are LGBTQ+
- More than **twice as many LGBTQ+ POC** as White LGBTQ+ (14.6% vs. 6.5%) participants **reported that lifetime school-based unfair treatment, harassment, or bullying due to being LGBTQ+ was a barrier** to getting the amount of education, training, or degrees that they wanted.
- Among adults ages 25 to 40, **fewer LGBTQ+ POC had completed a post-secondary degree or certificate** compared to their White LGBTQ+ peers (55.5% vs. 69.5%).
- A third (33.3%) of LGBTQ+ POC, similar to the proportion (37.0%) of their White LGBTQ+ peers, **reported having current federal student loans**



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Did you know?

Existing research shows that LGBTQ+ students face challenges in their K-12 experience that factor into their college enrollment and experiences. Data has shown that **nearly 10% of LGBTQ+ students** who experienced frequent verbal harassment didn't plan to attend college after high school. Available data shows us that LGBTQ+ students who do enroll in postsecondary education continue to face unique challenges.



Information from: https://pnpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/LGBTQ_Factsheet_June2022.docx.pdf

How can I get involved?

Pledge your support for the

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RAINBOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



The mission of the Rainbow Chamber Foundation is to provide scholarships, awards, and programs that promote career growth and professional development benefitting LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in the greater Sacramento Region in partnership with the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce.



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Education is crucial to lifelong success --- but for many gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) students, like Joey in the video above, the obstacles to graduation are numerous.

Our LGBTQ+ friends, neighbors, and community members are less likely to finish college, less likely to earn a living wage, and less likely to achieve their dreams than their cisgender and straight peers.

At the Rainbow Chamber Foundation, the nonprofit giving arm of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, we want to see every member of our Sacramento-area LGBTQ+ community thrive!

Since 2008, the Foundation has proudly supported more than 120 students in achieving their dreams. And we're thrilled to be participating yet again in the Big Day of Giving, where the entire region comes together to make an enormous impact on our local community.

This Big Day of Giving, we hope you'll keep the Rainbow Chamber Foundation in mind - your support helps LGBTQ+ students like Joey stay on track and "make the grade!"

Use the button or QR Code below to donate today!

**Make A Difference and Donate
today!**

HELP OUR STUDENTS MAKE THE GRADE

FOR MANY LGBTQ+ COLLEGE STUDENTS, THE
OBSTACLES TO GRADUATION ARE NUMEROUS.

YOU CAN HELP!

SCAN TO DONATE
FOR THIS BIG DAY OF
GIVING



**Big
Day of
Giving**
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Rainbow Chamber Monthly Updates

Welcome New Members!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to these members who recently joined the Chamber:

- [All Stage Canine Development](#)
- [Sugar Coated Cupcakes](#)
- [Heart Vibes Training Center, LLC](#)
- [Bodywork By Bodie](#)
- [Cafely](#)
- [River District Community Foundation](#)
- [Heart of Possibility](#)
- [Independence Pride](#)
- [Your Actual Self](#)
- [Najahe](#)
- [G4 All Access Transport, LLC](#)
- [Metta Consulting](#)
- [ADP](#)

We are proud to have you as part of our business community!

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN *Click on the images*

below for more information and how to apply!



2024 Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarship

NOW ACCEPTING

APPLICATIONS!

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GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

- Funds are available to LGBTQ+ and LGBTQ+ supportive students.
- Scholarships are \$1,500. A minimum of one Super Scholar will be selected for a \$2,500 Scholarship.
- Scholarships are paid in one installment and will be awarded at our annual Boas and Bow Ties Gala.
- Graduating High School Seniors, Vocational, Undergraduate, and Graduate students are welcome to apply.
- Applications will be accepted April 15th, 2024 through August 16th, 2024.
- **SAVE THE DATE- October 10th, 2024:** All selected scholarship recipients plus one guest are invited to attend the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Annual Boas & Bow Ties Gala. In the event social gatherings are still being limited, the awards will be presented virtually.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must reside in or attend school in the following counties: Sacramento, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Joaquin, Sierra, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, or Yuba.
- Must be enrolled in 12th grade of high school, college, or a qualified vocational school by fall 2024.



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Have questions?



Please submit your questions to:
scholarships@rainbowchamber.com

To download a scholarship application
visit: rainbowchamber.com/Scholarship-Program

2024 RAINBOW CHAMBER FOUNDATION'S PALMER FAMILY HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS!**



**The Palmer Family Healthcare
Education Scholarship was
Established in Memory of Mary &
Frank Palmer, who both passed
away in February 2018.**



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GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

- Funds are available to LGBTQ+ and LGBTQ+ supportive students in Culinary Arts and related programs.
- There are 4 Scholarships: 2 at \$1,000 each and 2 at \$500 each.
- Scholarships will be disbursed by September 30, 2024.
- Graduating High School Seniors, Vocational, Undergraduate, and Graduate students are welcome to apply.
- Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2024.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** On September 12, 2024, selected scholarship recipients plus one guest are invited to attend the Annual Farm 2 Scholar dinner.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must reside in or attend school in the following counties: Sacramento, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Joaquin, Sierra, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, or Yuba.
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CULINARY ARTS & RELATED PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024





**2024 Rainbow Chamber Foundation's
Residents & Fellows Debt Relief
Award
NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS!**

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**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION:**

- Funds are available to LGBTQ+ and LGBTQ+ supportive students.
- LGBTQ+ identifying and LGBTQ+ supportive resident and fellow physicians actively in a healthcare training program are welcome to apply
- The award value is \$1,500. Based on the number of applications received, there may be up to two (2) awards provided for two (2) separate selected applicants
- Scholarships are paid in one installment and will be awarded at our annual Boas and Bow Ties Gala.
- Applications will be accepted April 15th, 2024 through August 16th, 2024.
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REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be in an "active" status for a current resident or fellow physician training program; OR have been offered, accepted, or matched to a residency or fellowship training program by August 31, 2024.
- Must reside in or attend an active resident or fellow physicians training program in the following counties: Sacramento, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Joaquin, Sierra, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, or Yuba.



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Upcoming Chamber Events

California LGBT Business Owners:

Learn About the Benefits and Opportunities of Certifying Your Business as a LGBT Business Enterprise!

Interactive Live Workshop via Zoom

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 9:00am PT

Topics covered will include:

- **LGBTBE® certification process**
- **Benefits and opportunities by certifying your company**
- **Importance of certifying your business**
- **How to work with California regulated utilities**

Register today at: bit.ly/cert5-1-24

**A partnership project with the
7 California Affiliate Chambers and the
National LGBT Chamber of Commerce**

For more information, contact
Info@DesertBusinessAssociation.org

Interactive Workshop: Certifying Your Business as a LGBTBE!
A Project of NGLCC's California Certification Growth Initiative

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 1 at 12pm ET/9am PT

[Click here for Zoom Registration Link](#)

Description: NGLCC in partnership with NGLCC's Affiliate Chambers in California are excited to present this one-hour, interactive workshop on how to certify your business as a LGBT Business Enterprise® (LGBTBE®) as part of the California Certification Growth Initiative (CCGI). Topics will include:

- LGBTBE® certification process
- Benefits and opportunities by certifying your company
- Importance of certifying your business
- How to work with California regulated utilities

chico networking mixer

hosted by:

DISCOVERY

BAR • KITCHEN • PATIO

250 COHASSET RD. CHICO, CA

✦ **may 8th 2024** ✦

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

free for members
\$10 for non-members

light appetizers included

 **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** 

WWW.RAINBOWCHAMBER.COM

Chico's next networking mixer will be held by Discovery at 250 Cohasset Road, Chico CA, and will be on May 8th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required for this event.

Register for this event by clicking the flyer to the right or by clicking [here](#).

May Networking Mixer

Hosted By:



1330 H Street - 95814

May 21, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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BEAR DIVE IS UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

FREE FOR MEMBERS
\$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Registration Required

www.RainbowChamber.com

This month's networking mixer will be held by a proud member of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Bear Dive at 1330 H Street, Sacramento CA, and will be on May 21st from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required for this event.

Register for this event by clicking the flyer to the right or by clicking [here](#).

Sacramento LGBT Center South - PAID Internship!

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South SaQ Leadership Internship

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When:
June 27 - August 9 (6 weeks)

Hours:
10 hours weekly

Compensation:
Paid internship \$1000 stipend

Who is eligible?
Youth ages 16-25
prioritizing QTBIPOC youth
from South Sacramento

TO APPLY:

VISIT THE LINK IN BIO!



YOU CAN ALSO SCAN THE QR CODE

OR VISIT <https://bit.ly/3rl0ly8>

NOTE: LINK IS CASE SENSITIVE

For more information, email Alexis Sanchez at alexis.sanchez@saccenter.org



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FIRE & ICE
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LIVE DJ'S
DRAG PERFORMANCES
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FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2024
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Pride
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**Ace of Spades is set to throw the Second Annual
Pride Prom!**

A Fire & Ice Themed Dance Party where ALL are welcome. REDO PROM YOUR WAY! Kick off your Pride Weekend at *Ace of Spades* on Friday June 7th for a night to remember with dancing, drag performances, DJ's, Drink specials

and onsite photo opportunities. Grab your corsage & boutonnieres from queer owned partner florist Raquel's florist + Poppy & Pot! Tickets start at \$15, find a date or group of friends and live out your Prom fantasies. More information can be found on Instagram @aceofspadessac.

Event Details:

Ace of Spades

1417 R Street

Pride Prom– Redo Prom Your Way

June 7th, 2024

7pm

18+ Event

Theme: Fire & Ice

Décor, Cocktails, photo ops, Drag, Dj's & more.

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Get Tickets Here!

We hope you have a beautiful Spring and can't wait to see you this month!



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