



## August 2024 Network Updates



### 2024-25 Middle Leadership Academy Applications Now Open!

The application for the 2024-25 Middle Leadership Academy is now **open through September 12**. The MLA is grounded in a problem-based learning model that motivates participants to "lead from the middle" as they explore and apply strategies to support equitable student learning, engagement, progression, and success on their campuses. We invite cross-functional teams of staff, students, administrators, and faculty from each campus to apply.

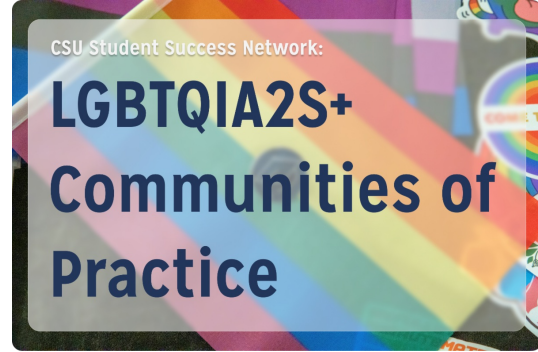
**Apply Now**



## Championing Equity at Chico State: Ellie Clifford Ertle's Leadership at the Middle Leadership Academy

Learn about Ellie Clifford Ertle's transformative leadership at Chico State, where strategic initiatives through the Middle Leadership Academy are advancing equity, fostering inclusive pedagogy, and driving long-term student success. As Chico State continues to prioritize student success, an upcoming Network series will delve deeper into a comprehensive case study on their campus efforts, showcasing their initiatives and strategic projects designed to amplify student success and advance equity. Stay tuned for an in-depth look at these transformative efforts.

[Read Our Q & A with Ellie](#)



## Launching Soon: Communities of Practice for LGBTQIA2S+ Student Supports

After months of planning, the Network hosted the CSU LGBTQIA2S+ Student Success Symposium from March 7-8, 2024, in Sacramento, CA. This September, the Network launches our new Communities of Practice focused on improving basic needs, advocating for gender centers, and creating gender-affirming campuses for LGBTQIA2S+ students across the CSU.

[Read Highlights from the Symposium](#)

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## Welcoming Our New Advisory Board Members!



We're pleased to welcome Professor Jennifer Eichstedt, Cal Poly Humboldt, (left) and Professor kyzyl fenno-smith, Cal State East Bay (right) to our 2024-25 Advisory Board! [View the full list of advisory board members.](#)

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