

Podcast #3 Transcript

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Jaida Clouden: “Hello everybody, and welcome back to the G&S Podcast. Today, we have a special guest, Khemraj Persaud, a recent graduate and faculty member here at City Tech. During this podcast, Khemraj will be sharing his insights on the Gender and Sexuality around City Tech. Without further ado, let’s begin this podcast.”

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Jaida Clouden: “Hi, Khemraj, welcome to the podcast. Could you tell me a little bit about yourself?”

Khemraj Persaud: “Hello, my name is Khemraj Persaud, I am a recent graduate of New York City College of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Professional and Technical Writing. I am also working now at City Tech for the office of sponsored programs as a grants assistant that’s part of RF Cuny, the research foundation of Cuny. I deal with the pre-awards side, so I help Professors and anyone who’s applying for grants with all the pre-award matters, like you know applying for the grants, making sure all the documentation is ordered, that they fill out the right forms, and make sure everything you know compliance and things like that. I guess you can say the industry I’m in right now is research administration.”

Jaida Clouden: “While you were a student here at City Tech, how would you describe the school’s way of representing gender and sexuality?”

Khemraj Persaud: “While I was a student at City Tech, the way the school represented gender and sexuality I thought was pretty good. I always saw a lot of events for different types of gender and sexuality-related topics, a lot of LGBTQ, a lot of sexual awareness things, you know, sexual protection and things of that nature, and I thought it was pretty well represented.”

Jaida Clouden: “Have you heard of any G&S programs or taken any related courses during your years here at City Tech?”

Khemraj Persaud: “I unfortunately did not hear about any G&S programs at City Tech.”

Jaida Clouden: “In what ways do you think the campus should further promote the understanding and representation of gendered identities?”

Khemraj Persaud: “The campus could further promote the understanding and representation of gendered identities, I think one, just by continuing to do what they are doing from what I was seeing when I was a student, there were a lot of fliers and promotion and events that I saw. I think that’s always a great way just continue to be in the hotspots of the school, where there’s a lot of foot traffic, you know, near the cafeteria, you know, the library building middle part, you know, just where people are at.”

Jaida Clouden: “What events do you think the G&S program should offer to students?”

Khemraj Persaud: “I think G&S programs that should be offered, I think they should really center around expression, representation, you know, making sure that everyone is heard, everyone has a voice. I know that the world is not a great place for people who the world may deem as different, but everyone is a human being, and we all live and breathe and sleep the same way, so however you feel best representing and describing and expressing yourself, I think you’re completely entitled to that because your truth is your truth. We all deserve the right to be happy and live in the best way possible. So I feel that any programs that are offered should really be centered around just expression, just allowing people to be heard.”

Jaida Clouden: “Have you taken a look at our instagram page? If so, what are your thoughts?”

Khemraj Persaud: “Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to take a look at their social media, but I think social media is always a great way, especially in this day in age and with the generation, you know, just the college era, the college kids, college generation. I think that’s a great way to always reach people.”

Jaida Clouden: “That was the last question. Thank you so much for your time.”

Khemraj Persaud: “I just wanna say thank you for having me. It’s been a pleasure. You know, I hope that more awareness and more outreach happens, and you know, whatever topics are out there that needs to be discussed are discussed in a public form where everyone can be heard. So again, thank you for having me, and take care!”

Jaida Clouden: “This has been episode 3 of the G&S Podcast. Stay tuned for more interviews! This has been Jaida, Bye!”

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