

Throughout PRIDE Month, CTI will be featuring profiles of local LGBTQ+ leaders to celebrate #LowellLGBTQExcellence by learning about their experiences, perspectives, and the wisdom they share in our local communities.

CTI Celebrates Local LGBTQ+ Leader of Excellence ~ MALACHI ROBINSON

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CTI is proud to recognize the Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs at UMass Lowell, Malachi Robinson during Pride Month for his exemplary dedication to the community.

• What is your title/role/organization and/or involvement in the community?

Malachi Robinson, Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs – UMass Lowell. In my role as Associate Director, I have the pleasure of overseeing our LGBTQ+ Resource Center and Social Justice Center. These areas serve as spaces of study, programmatic efforts and resources, and a place to be your whole self. The LGBTQ+ community means so much to me as someone who identifies and advocates for the rights and betterment of all. As an educator, I work to serve and create spaces for LGBTQ+ - identifying and questioning students. It brings me so much joy and pride to help others live safely.

• What does Pride Month Mean to you?

Learning, growing, and educating self and others! It's a time of reflection for me, understanding the nuances of these identities and the safety that everyone does not have. It is also a time to celebrate how far we have come while looking at how much more work we need to do.

• What can the community do more of to recognize Pride during the year?

Continue to educate yourself on history and what is going on in the LGBTQ+ community. Know that care and compassion are needed 365 days a year, and donate to organizations that center the voices and experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals, especially BIPOC ones.

• What advice would you give to future generations of leaders in the community, especially those who identify as LGBTQ+?

You belong in these spaces! Your voice, stories, and queerness are valid. Taking on a leadership role is not only for you but for the others that are looking up to you and aspiring to be in a leadership role one day.

We are thankful for Malachi's passion in supporting young voices and nurturing future leaders.

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