# SOCCCD First Name Program: How to Get Started and What to Consider

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## PRIDE SCHOLARS AT IVC



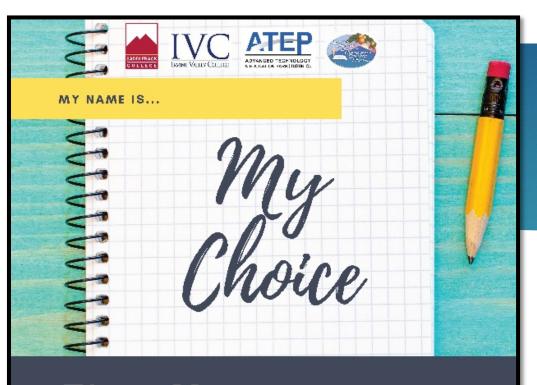


#### THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES

- One-on-one Academic, Career, and Personal Counseling
- LGBTQ+ Themed Events, Groups, and Activities
- 8, \$500 scholarships
- Support for the GSA student club
- Safe Space of the Student Activities Center with All Gender Restrooms And MORE...

## SOCCCD Name Program Basics

**DEFINITIONS & BENEFITS** 



## First Name Campaign

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The South Orange County Community College District recognizes that many students and employees use first names to identify themselves that are different than their legal names. Begin using a name of your choosing in Spring 2019.

For more information, visit the website! www.soccod.edu

## What is a First Name Program?

## A system that allows students to be known on campus by a name of their choosing

- These student-entered names are used across all systems
  - except official documents & unofficial transcripts
- Students choose which name will appear on their student ID
- Non-official documents such as roll sheets and Canvas will display student's personally entered names

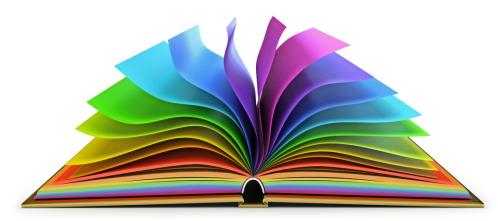
## Laws That Govern This Space

- AB 620 Equal Access in Higher Education Act
  - Expands "gender" to "gender identity" in definition of discrimination in CA higher education
- ► AB 1266 FAQ Document School Success and Opportunity Act
  - ▶ Guidelines by CA Depart. Of Education for protecting transgender status of our students
  - ▶ AB 1266 expands "gender" to "gender identity" in definition of discrimination in CA K-12 education
- <u>Fair Employment and Housing Act</u> (FEHA) Not using an employee's preferred name and gender may leave the employer liable under the act
- ► <u>SB 179</u> Gender Recognition Act
  - Created a 3<sup>rd</sup> legal gender in CA

### AB-1266 FAQ Highlights

Provides clear instructions for how to handle school records for trans students

- Transgender status is private
- Schools MUST protect a student's transgender status
- Students have the right to keep their transgender status private
- Schools cannot share/expose a student's transgender to parents, friends or anyone without permission
- Team sports
- Bathroom use
- Gendered school uniforms
- Supports counseling for transgender students
- Schools should review all gender-based policies



## Benefits of First Name Programs



- All students are able to be known on campus by the name of their choosing
- Removes the guesswork for our faculty and staff
- Sends the message to all students and employees that we care about engaging respectfully with our students
- Prospective employees looking for equity-minded inclusive campuses
- Particularly helpful to students who go by very different names (ex: Americanized names & transgender students)

## Preferred and Legal Name Displays





#### **Student-Entered Name**

- SARS
- Sherpa (texts and emails)
- MySite
- Roll Sheets
- Submission of Grades
- Canvas
- Email masking
- \*\*\*All unofficial documents except unofficial transcripts\*\*\*

#### **Legal Name Displayed**

- MySite Student Inquiry Screen
- Official Transcripts
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Anything associated with financial aid, registration, bursars
- All programs that report official student data internally and/or with other agencies
- \*\*\*All official documents\*\*\*

## Who Will Still See Legal Names?

#### Who needs to see legal information and gender marker?

<u>Anyone with access to Student Inquiry Screen</u> will have access to both legal names and gender identity

- ▶ YES: Counselors, A&R, Matriculation, Financial Aid, Bursar, Student Health, Campus Police, Deans, Administrators
- ▶ **NO**: Professors, Coaches, most classified staff



## STUDENT INQUIRY SCREEN

**EMPLOYEE VIEW** 



#### **Student Search** Student No.: SSN: example: 123456789 or last 4 digits Last Name: First Name: Middle Name: **Legal First Name:** Address: City, State, ZIP: example: mm/dd/yyyy Date of Birth: Phone No.: Current Name Only History Search: Include Name History

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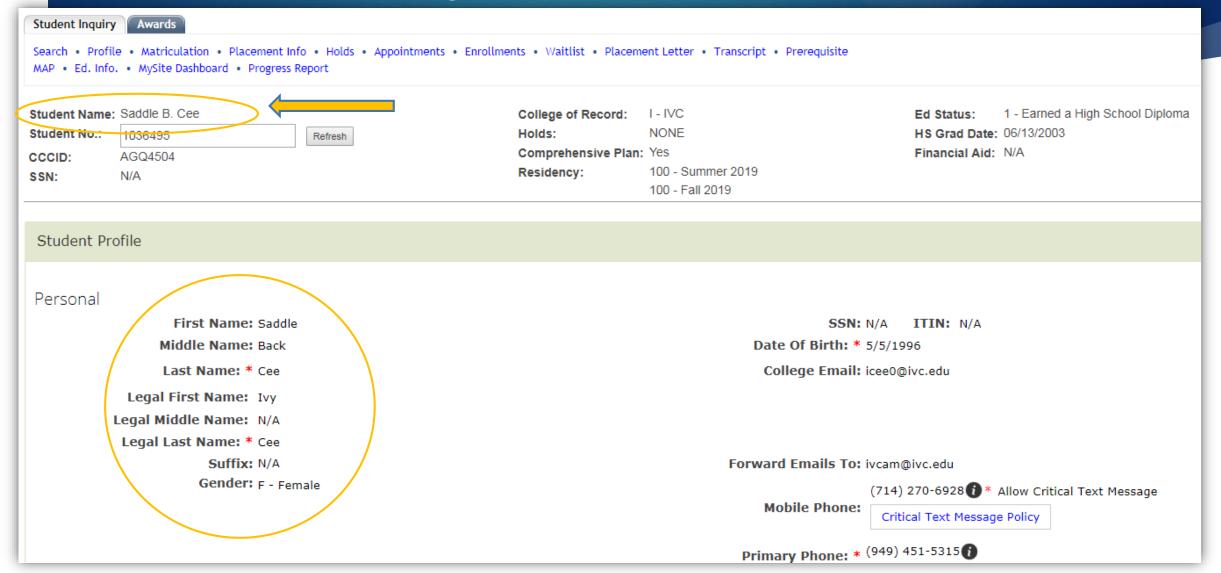
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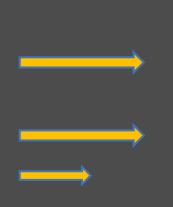
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"Last Name" = Legal Last Name

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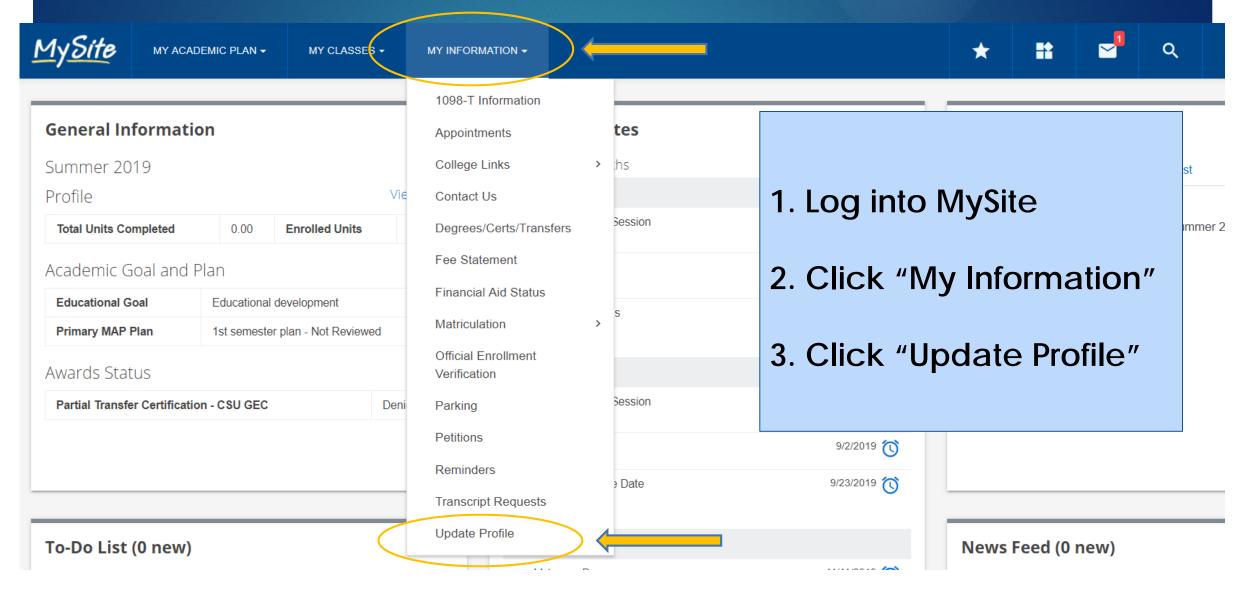
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## UPDATE PROFILE

STUDENT VIEW

#### How Students Enter a "Preferred" Name



## First Name Program Details



#### Students update their own names in MySite

- ▶ Both first and middle names are editable by students
- This one change auto updates all linked data systems

#### What Doesn't Change...Unless Specifically Requested

- Username
- Email address (but email will be masked with chosen name)
- Gender marker

#### **What Never Changes**

Last name is ALWAYS legal and cannot be changed without a legal name change

## FOR PROFESSORS

FACULTY VIEW

## Role Sheets - Updated

Now only displaying student-entered name

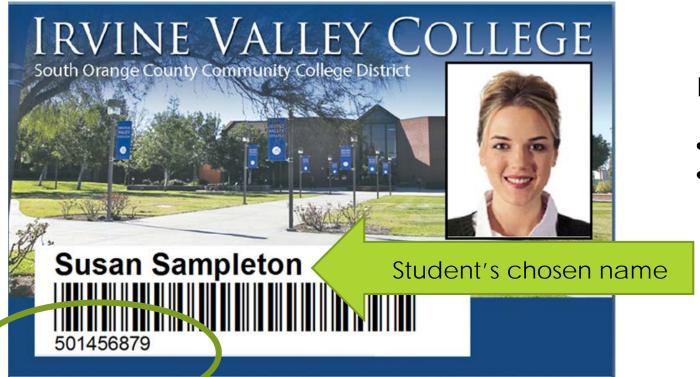
(Not legal first names)

## Creating Gender Affirming Classrooms

Counseling 6		
Fall 2019 – Prof. Erin Pollard		
My Student ID # is:		
Name I'd like to be called:		
My personal pronouns are:		
	Examples: she/her, he/him, they/them	
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What I'd like my teacher to know:		



## Checking Student ID's



#### REMEMBER:

- Student ID's will still verify student ID #
- Encourage your students to get a student ID card if they entered a "preferred name" in MySite

#### What Name Do I Use With The Student?

## Always use the preferred name even when communicating with colleagues

#### **Best Practices:**

- Don't say legal name out loud
- Ask what pronouns a student uses

#### When in doubt ask:

"I see you have two names in our system, what name would you like me to use?"



## NEXT STEPS

FOR SOCCCD



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## Transparency With the Student

- SOCCCD District Website
  - ► First Name Program FAQ's
- Student must be clear who will see:
  - Chosen name information only
  - ▶ Both legal and chosen
  - Gender marker
  - Middle name



## QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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