The Importance of Gender Pronouns

Gender Pronouns are used when referring to someone in the third person. A person may change their gender pronouns to better represent their gender.

*It is very important not to assume gender by physical appearance alone, as to not misgender someone!*

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**Ask**

It is completely ok to (politely and privately) ask what pronouns someone prefers if you are unsure.

**Respect**

If someone tells you their name and pronouns, respect them! It helps them feel more comfortable.

**Practice**

Nobody’s perfect! Make an honest effort towards using correct pronouns and learn from when you’re mistaken.

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Why stating your pronouns matters:

- It creates a more inclusive environment where everyone is comfortable expressing themselves.
- It’s a way to show that you’re serious about being an ally and supporting your peers.
- It acknowledges the fact that someone’s gender pronouns aren’t assumed.
- It ensures that folks will get everyone’s pronouns right!