Show Ohlone students they are being heard

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to be in that restroom. Other times they see me washing my hands at the sink, as they come in, and they stop to double check the door, to make sure that they are in the right place. Either way, it leaves me feeling awkward and unwelcome in the restroom."

Trent is not the only one who feels this way. Our school is full of students who fall all over the gender spectrum who have to face this inner struggle on a daily basis. A third single stall restroom would be a perfect way to open up the conversation with our transgender students on other steps we can take to ensure they are just as comfortable as any other cis-gender (a person who identifies as the gender they were given at birth) student. This will do so much more than just add another place to use the restroom; this will show our students that they are being heard and their struggles are not going unnoticed.

If you are gender nonconforming, have a friend who is questioning their gender, or are just interested to learn more and understand gender, you can reach out to the Ohlone Speech and Communication Club by e-mailing vanessamluis@gmail.com for more resources.

If you are having an immediate struggle with your gender identity and would like to speak to someone, contact the Trans Lifeline, a crisis hotline run by trans people for trans people, at 877-565-8860.

TV OPEN HOUSE

Actors Joe Corso, left, and Tiffani Lopez take direction from instructor Lawrence Iriarte on Sept. 2 during the Broadcasting Television and Film Open House at the Television Studio on the Fremont campus. Below-left: The control room. Below-right: Instructor William Moore demonstrates one of the Broadcasting Department’s cameras.

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