A pronoun is a word used in place of someone’s name. 

EX: Naomi transferred to UCSB this year. They are excited to get involved on campus!

Some people do not use pronouns at all.

EX: Mateo transferred to UCSB this year. Mateo is excited to get involved on campus!

**HOW DO I ASK ABOUT PRONOUNS?**

**Individual Interaction - Introduce and Share Yours First.**

EX: “My name is Naomi and I use they.them pronouns. What is your name, and what pronouns do you use?”

**Group Setting - Include Pronouns in Introductions.**

EX: “Let’s go around and say our name, pronouns, and hometown.”

**Don’t Be Afraid to Ask!**

EX: “I use they.them pronouns. What pronouns do you use?”

**WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE?**

We are not perfect! Apologize, correct yourself, and move on.

EX: “I’m sorry, I meant they.”

If someone else makes a mistake, correct them.

EX: “Naomi uses they.them pronouns.”

**WHAT IF I CAN’T ASK/DON’T KNOW?**

Use the person’s name or the gender inclusive pronoun - they.them.theirs - until you can ask, but make sure to use the correct pronouns once someone tells you.

**COMMON PRONOUNS**

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**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PRONOUNS ON CLASS ROSTERS AND IN GAUCHOSPANCE? LOG INTO GOLD TODAY!**

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