## Distinguished Graduate



## Jeremy Sarten

"Maybe the journey isn't so much about becoming anything. Maybe it's about unbecoming everything that isn't really you, so you can be who you were meant to be in the first place."

- Paulo Coelho

Jeremy Sarten (he/they) is a queer, first-generation, and non-traditional student. He is also an LGBTQIA+ activist, mental health advocate, intern at Pride Center San Antonio, and founder of Sober Over the Rainbow.

After an eight-year career in the hospitality industry, Jeremy's passion for advocacy, heart for marginalized communities, and lived experience led him to study sociology at SAC.

He is the 2021-2022 president of the Gender & Sexuality Alliance on campus and an unapologetic advocate for LGBTQIA+ students. During his term, Jeremy served on the Queer Heritage Month committee and crafted the 2021 theme, The Magic of Queer Resilience. He has interviewed San Antonio City Council member Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, hosted a panel on the state of our community with queer and non-binary sociologist Dr. Amy Stone, and helped institute SAC LGBTQ+ Health Awareness Week and SAC PrideFest.

Jeremy intends to transfer to the UT Arlington School of Social Work to receive a BSW with a minor in Substance Abuse Treatment. His academic goals include attaining a master's degree in clinical social work and a graduate certificate in queer studies. In his career, Jeremy aspires to open a LGBTQIA+ addiction treatment center in Bexar County and help establish a gender & sexuality studies program at San Antonio College.





