**PRESENTING: STUDENTS ASK THE QUESTIONS- An Associate for Transfer Degree Series**

00:00:00 **Christina**

This academic year, the Magic Mountie Podcast presents a special series about the disciplines offering ADT degrees. Each episode features a student host asking the questions that are most important to them.

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Listen in, as they have conversations with their professors, alumni, and fellow students about the realities of their chosen paths, how different disciplines intersect, as well as how they apply them to the real world. Here's a sneak peek.

00:00:29 **Ajana**

Welcome back Mounties. My name is Ajana Orozco. My pronouns are she, her. I'm a first-generation transgender, Chiricahua Apache Mexican Filipino. I'm also an alumni of Mt. SAC, where I majored in art history, humanities, and sociology.

00:00:50 **Ajana**

I'm currently a pre-law student at UCLA, majoring in gender studies and minoring in LGBTQ studies. On today's Magic Mountie Podcast, I'm here in conversation with Professor Jean-Pierre Gatillon. Welcome, Professor Gatillon.

00:01:06 **Ajana**

We know each other because I was a student worker for the sociology department and then became one of your students. I'm so excited to be sharing space with you on this podcast and learn a little bit more about your journey as a sociologist. So, can you introduce yourself to the listeners and a little bit about your background and your journey?

00:01:28 **Professor Jean-Pierre**

Thank you so much, Ajana, for being here today. Hi listeners, by the way, I'm super proud of you for your journey. Now, you're at UCLA, so congratulations, pre-law, I knew you can do it.

00:01:38 **Professor Jean-Pierre**

My name is Jean-Pierre Gatillon. My pronouns are he, his, him. I'm a first-generation college student now turn professor, who is Latinx and part of the LGBTQIA+ community. Like from the bottom of my heart, this is so transformative. And I love teaching and being here. I just feel like I'm living my dream. I encourage all students to pursue their passion.

00:02:00 **Yanira**

What degrees can they get? So, I already went through the experience of theater, I worked on shows, I got hired. Now, I'm ready to lead. What degrees can I expect to get in Mt. SAC?

00:02:10 **Mathew**

Well, we have a transfer degree, the AAT in theater. And then we also have a technical theater certificate which really focuses on technical theater, which is really just non - performance. It's a fancy way of saying non - performance. So, it's stage management, those kinds of disciplines; crew building sets, all of that kind of technical direction, all of that stuff.

00:02:28 **Lizeth**

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to the Magic Mountie Podcast. I'm Lizeth. I'm a host for this episode today. I am a former alumni from Mount San Antonio College. I'm a communications major.

00:02:41 **Lizeth**

Okay. And with that, we're going to go ahead and get started, discussing the department of communication here at Mt. SAC.

00:02:50 **Jendi**

Mt. SAC really did cultivate my natural inkling towards advocacy, just from the work I was doing, the writing experience that it gave me.

00:03:00 **Tyler**

This is the way I thought I felt. But now, that I have all the facts from both sides in front of me, it's jarring.

00:03:05 **Andrea**

You see it from a different perspective.

00:03:07 **Tyler**

It can be jarring because you wonder has my thinking been flawed? Have I been ignorant? And it really is eye-opening, like you said.

00:03:15 **Andrea**

And then ethics class, we study a lot of very contemporary topics like animal welfare. And I remember you connected very nicely with that. We study environmentalism, we study brain research and consciousness, and neuroethics.

00:03:26 **Andrea**

So, these, again, I'm trying to relate that; these topics are very relevant, very current, very cutting-edge and topics that I think students would find fascinating. I don't think they realize how amazing philosophy is as a subject to study.

00:03:42 **Elizabeth**

For those of you listening at home, I definitely have had my share of challenges. I took an oceanography class and it was chemistry, biology, physics, all in one. And it definitely touched a little bit of everything, which is the beauty of geography.

00:03:56 **Elizabeth**

Like it's not only just like studying the earth, it's studying the oceans, it's studying different components, it's studying people. If you're trying to decide like maybe what I go into in terms of STEM field, and even like humanities - it's that cross-section, beautiful cross-section of being able to study a little bit of everything.

00:04:14 **Brando**

My name is Brenda Reynoso and I'm a business student here at Mt. SAC. There are very incredible professors. So, I'm pretty sure you will all learn a lot of great information today. So, let's get started with our first question.

00:04:27 **Brando**

One of many degrees that Mt. SAC offers is the business administration associates in science transfer degree. Can each one of you share some information about the AST degree and programs?

00:04:42 **Nicolas**

Is the pressure what pushed you to go into like the doctor on the first place? Or was there a point in time when that is genuinely what you wanted to do?

00:04:50 **Ruh Lani**

I thought that's what I wanted to do, but I think it was more pressure because that's all I heard my whole life from the time I could remember. It was, "You need to choose something like this, like doctor, lawyer, dentist." And I was like, oh, okay. That's kind of a narrow scope.

00:05:03 **Ruh Lani**

So, I chose doctor. At the end of it all, I wanted to be a medical examiner. That's really what I was kind of pointed towards. I just wasn't sure about the whole thing. I wasn't really committed to it, but I think it was more pressure from the family more than anything else.

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Just it's one of the greatest things, especially being at Mt. SAC, which is a community college. It doesn't necessarily feel like ... because I know some people look down on like community colleges and how it's like, you know, not a real university to some people. But like it's truly like such a good stepping stone and like basis for your education that should easily be taken advantage of by everyone.

00:05:39 **Ajana**

Your major doesn't define your career. You don't have to go for a vocation, you could go for the education. And that leads to so much more with each level that you do.