

September 2, 2020 #EquityChat
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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Good evening & welcome to #EquityChat w/@iamkeithcurry and @SDMesaPrez -ea wk we host colleagues who advance #equity praxis...tonite its @rubenecanedo @UCBerkeley #Basicneeds - we will post questions, our guest responds and you can too! Simply #EquityChat Welcome Ruben!

[@rubenecanedo](#) Thank you fam! So grateful to be here with you. @iamkeithcurry and @SDMesaPrez are living legends!!!

[@SDMesaPrez](#) You are too kind!

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Let's jump in with Q1. @rubenecanedo Our education, background, and experiences make us who we are. Please tell us about the non-resume you? We want to know what's not on your resume. #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry

[@rubenecanedo](#) Heat Q1. 99% of my journey is NOT in my resume. Bad at resume-ing. Answer: I believe our life journey is moving beyond #WhiteSupremacy + #Capitalism + #Patriarchy. We are moving life towards healing, belonging, equity, justice, and love. @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez #EquityChat

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Loving this @rubenecanedo -how do stay focused on these amidst the distractions?

[@rubenecanedo](#) By staying in community with my chosen family, femtors, and teachers: @adriennemaree

@prentishemphill @ResmaaMenakem @kristatippett @jerrycolonna @cripchick @bellhooksinst

@generativesoma

[@SDMesaPrez](#) ❤️

[@iamkeithcurry](#) Q2. @rubenecanedo. Tell us about @UCBerkeley Basic Needs Center? Why is the work at the @UCBerkeley Basic Needs Center so crucial to students? @SDMesaPrez @iamkeithcurry #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) Multigen dream realized. Space, in-person/online, where community can trust that their basic needs are centered & all are dedicated to their belonging + justice. <https://tinyurl.com/UCB-BNC-C19> @iamkeithcurry

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) And so grateful I got to tour with you-were opening our #TheStandResourseCenter very soon

@sdmesacollege @sdmesastestand

[@rubenecanedo](#) that was one of the most special and meaningful moments in our journey. too ready to visit you all as soon as we heal the rona.

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Ready!

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q3. @rubenecanedo We know you are involved in many organizations nationally and in California that address Basic Needs. Can you please tell us more about California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance (CHEBNA)? #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry

[@rubenecanedo](#) #CHEBNA unites @CCGRAdvocates, @calstate, and @UofCalifornia basic needs efforts. We are only getting started in the possibilities of our powers combined. We hosted the 1st summit in FEB 2020. All content here: <http://tinyurl.com/CHEBNA2020> @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez #EquityChat

[@SDMesaPrez](#) CHEBNA2020 was amazing and agree we have so much capacity if @CalCommColleges

@UofCalifornia & @calstate continue this level of collaboration

[@rubenecanedo](#) yes! we are the generation to unite our CA public higher education family and revolutionize public higher education. no more hierarchies of values. only amplification of wisdom, power, and values :D

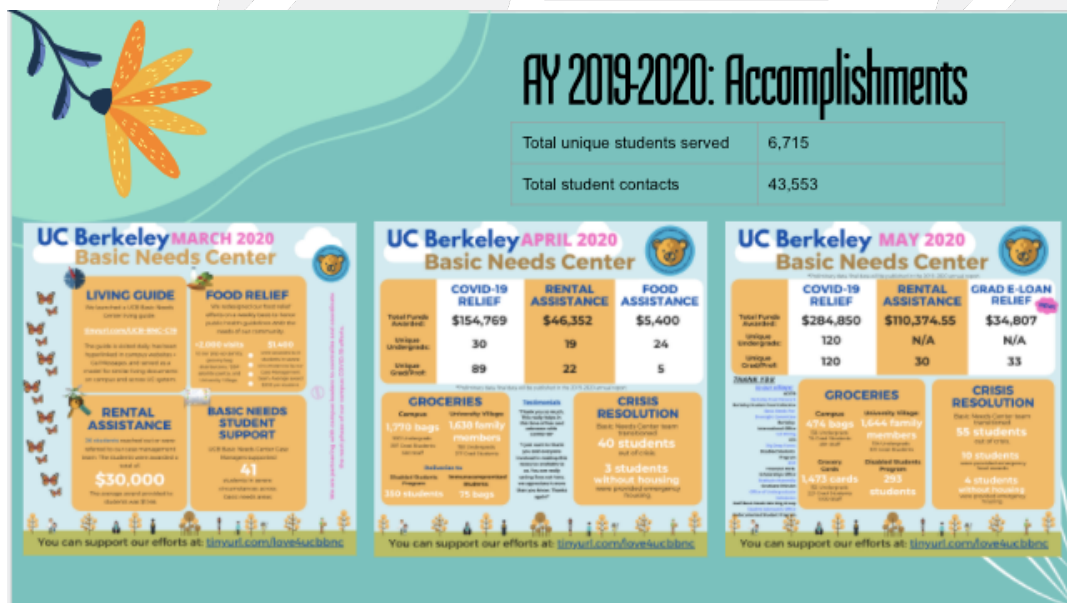
[@iamkeithcurry](#) Q4. [@rubenecanedo](#). How have [@UCBerkeley](#) Basic Needs Center adjusted due to COVID-19? Post COVID-19, how can colleges/universities improve to serve the most vulnerable student population? [@SDMesaPrez](#) [@iamkeithcurry](#) #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) Q4P1. Called community in. United resources. Reimagined in-person/remote services. We believe in creating/innovating/transforming the crisis rather than the crisis doing that to us. [@iamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#) #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) Q4P2 We communicated directly with all campus influences and leaders: how are your conversations and decisions moving us towards belonging, equity, and justice? [@iamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#) #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) Q4P3 If your protocols aren't accessible to #poor, #disabled, #firstgen, #BIPOC, #LGBT+, #immigrant/#undocumented - your protocols are incomplete. [@iamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#) #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) Q4P4 Don't let anyone believe or say that belonging, equity, and justice can't be realized. We are realizing them already. More justice. More joy. [@iamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#) #EquityChat



[@SDMesaPrez](#) This is next level [@rubenecanedo](#) -for [@CalCommColleges](#) folks-can you tell us a bit about how you're funded?

[@rubenecanedo](#) we started with nothing! fundraising, a lot of fundraising, partnerships, donors who believe in our values & journey, students passing student fees, funds from [@UofCalifornia](#), funds from our state for Basic Needs and Rapid Rehousing. [@iamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#) #EquityChat

[@SDMesaPrez](#) That could be a whole workshop! Leveraging philanthropy, public and private! #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) let me know when you're ready for us to dance and invite others to dance with us, we are just getting started. #CHEBNA may be the key we needed for big foundations, we then distribute equitably across, starting with CCC.

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q5. [@rubenecanedo](#) How have you been involved in anti-racism work@UCBerkeley? What advice would you provide to educational leaders who are engaged in anti-racism work? #EquityChat [@iamkeithcurry](#)

[@rubenecanedo](#) sickness of #racism, #patriarchy, and #capitalism is abundant. we must proactively heal. Be led by Black womxn/LGBT+ fam. what they need, how they need it, pace they need, roles they want + want from us. Listen & honor their leadership. [@iamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#) #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) highly encourage folx to read [@ResmaaMenakem](#)'s book: <https://resmaa.com/store/my-grandmothers-hands-hardcover...>

[@rubenecanedo](#) highly encourage folx to read [@DrBurkeHarris](#)'s book: <https://t.co/r0dPZcYmC2?amp=1>

[@poppyfitch](#) Thank you for bringing your voice to #EquityChats and for lifting up [@DrBurkeHarris](#) powerful work! The Deepest Well was illuminating personally & helped cement my commitment to whole person service to students and colleagues. ❤️

[@rubenecanedo](#) highly encourage folx to read [@generativesoma](#) <https://t.co/p89fGTjiEA?amp=1>

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Just ordered

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[@iamkeithcurry](#) Q6. [@rubenecanedo](#). If you could make three policy changes in our educational system, what are those changes? [@SDMesaPrez](#) [@iamkeithcurry](#) #EquityChat

[@rubenecanedo](#) (i) [@yesprop16](#). (ii) health & wellness metrics. students should be healthier and better as the year progresses. (iii) just transition federal budget from military, prison, and police to health, low-income infrastructure, and education. [@iamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#) #EquityChat

[@SDMesaPrez](#) TY [@rubenecanedo](#) our brother in #RealCollege #basicneeds justice. Can't wait to read ur recs...always learn so much from you! Next week join us as we host our fave [@CalCommColleges](#) Deputy Chancellor [@daisygonzales](#)! Pls continue to respond & post [@iamkeithcurry](#) #EquityAvengersout!