

November 18, 2020 #EquityChat

Jee Hang Lee,

VP of The Association of Community College Trustees (@CCTrustees)

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Good evening and welcome to #EquityChat tonight your #equityavengers are hosting @CCTrustees Sr. VP Jee Hang Lee for -We'll talk about all things @Comm\_College & ask how an @JoeBiden admin will support #CommColleges and advance equity. @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez Welcome VPLee!

[@CCTrustees](#) Thanks, Dr. Luster! It's great to #EquityChat w/ you both, @iamkeithcurry & @SDMesaPrez. We at ACCT appreciate the work you do.

Just an FYI for anyone who follows @CCTrustees and is reading this: I'm Jee Hang Lee, ACCT's Sr. VP, and I'll be signing my personal responses w/ —JHL

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q1. @CCTrustees 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 @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) I'm a husband and a father of two great kids, living the dream of being a #swimparent. I'm a sports fanatic. Having grown up in California, I have a fondness for the Bay Area teams, as evidenced by my extensive bobblehead collection. —JHL #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Love it #Baygal here...

[@iamkeithcurry](#) Q2. @CCTrustees. Tell us about @CCTrustees? And your position with @CCTrustees? @SDMesaPrez @iamkeithcurry #EquityChat

[@CCTrustees](#) ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing publicly elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the U.S. & and beyond. —JHL (1/2)

[@CCTrustees](#) As ACCT's Senior Vice President, I oversee our national community college advocacy, membership, policy research, events and communications efforts. I've been with ACCT for 15 years. —JHL (2/2) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@deezgrl](#) Tell us what trustees do?? What is their role at the college?

[@CCTrustees](#) Community college trustees are public officials who have a fiduciary duty to their local communities. So they represent the interests of their communities to make sure that colleges are doing what need to be done to serve the interests of people who live in the area. #EquityChat

[@CCTrustees](#) It gets more complicated from there, so visit <http://acct.org> for more information. :) —JHL (2/2) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@deezgrl](#) I will!! Thanks 😊

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q3. @CCTrustees Tell us how @CCTrustees provides supports to community college Trustees? #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) ACCT advocates on behalf of our member colleges. We also provide standards of good governance to boards, board retreats and evaluations, CEO searches, conduct research to help improve equity and meet unmet needs, and more. —JHL (1/2) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) Our Board of Directors' values say a lot about what ACCT stands for. They are:

1. Boardsmanship
2. Advocacy
3. Student Success
4. Innovation
5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
6. Service

See <http://acct.org> for more. —JHL (2/2) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q4. @CCTrustees. A lot is happening in Washington D.C. What three policies or programs are @CCTrustees looking forward to working with the Biden administration? @SDMesaPrez @lamkeithcurry #EquityChat

[@CCTrustees](#) Yes, a lot is happening in the nation's capital indeed, and we look forward to continuing progress in securing federal support for our members. Support is needed now perhaps more than ever before. Here are three priorities... —JHL (1/2) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) 1. Securing additional stimulus & workforce training resources for community colleges.

2. We look forward to full #DACA restoration, allowing for new applicants and 2-year renewals.

3. Realizing the #CollegePromise movement. —JHL (2/2) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) (P.S. We will be revealing additional legislative priorities soon in anticipation of the 2021 Community College National Legislative Summit. Go to <https://nls.acct.org> for more information about the event.) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q5. @CCTrustees Anti-racism work is critical to student success. How is @CCTrustees providing professional development to community college Trustees as it relates to anti-racism? #EquityChat @lamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) 2020 has been an extraordinary year in this regard, and our leadership is fully committed to anti-racism and to making intentional, conscious efforts to advance diversity, equity and inclusion. This is very important to ACCT. —JHL (1/3) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) ACCT and @Comm\_College have made a joint commitment, which can be seen here:

<https://acct.org/article/our-commitment-diversity-inclusion-and-equity> —JHL (2/3) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) Our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee also published a checklist & implementation guide for community college boards: <https://acct.org/DEI-guide-2020> These are parts of an ongoing effort to support and advance ALL students. —JHL (3/3) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) We look at all our materials with an eye to these considerations, and we create an abundance of educational materials for community college trustees and other community college leaders, policymakers/influencers and other advocates. #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q6. @CCTrustees. From your perspective, what role will higher education play in the federal economic recovery? Post COVID-19, how can higher education improve to serve the most vulnerable student population?

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[@CCTrustees](#) Community colleges will be crucial to revitalizing the economy, from certifying healthcare workers and manufacturers to providing an onramp to higher ed to all students. Our colleges are imperative to economic recovery.

—JHL (1/4) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez



[@CCTrustees](#) Community colleges need to be more intentional to ensuring the broadest access & support to the most disadvantaged students. Wraparound services, additional counseling and advising, additional financial aid support are crucial. —JHL (2/4) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) Just being open-access institutions is not sufficient to making sure students come through our doors and stay through to completion. So part of ACCT's job is to help our colleges continue to improve in these regards. —JHL (3/4) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) We'll actually be releasing a new paper next week, just before Thanksgiving, detailing some ways community and technical colleges can help communities recover from the post-pandemic recession and workforce needs. (4/4) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q7. @CCTrustees What are you reading? And what book(s) would you recommend we consider reading? #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) I just finished The Victory Machine: The Making and Unmaking of the @Warriors Dynasty by @SherwoodStrauss Looking forward to another championship in 2021! #GoWarriors —JHL (1/3) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) We just published the 2nd edition of our cornerstone book, Trusteeship in Community Colleges, and I'd recommend everyone read it to understand the unique role that governing boards play in public higher ed. <https://acct.org/publications> —JHL (2/3) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) The next one isn't a book, but it's a must read...

[@CCTrustees](#) Pls also read a recent report by the @NatUrbanLeague called Unmasked: The State of Black America: <https://nul.org/event/state-black-america> The report reveals systemic inequalities facing black America that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. —JHL (3/3) #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@CCTrustees](#) And if I may ask, I'd love to know what you're both reading right now and what you'd recommend to others. Our staff and our members always appreciate good recommendations! —JHL #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@SDMesaPrez](#) EquityTalktoEquityWalk -@ebensimon PostTrajmaticSlaveSyndrome @DrJoyDeGruy Wolfpack @AbbyWambach

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Thank you so much @CCTrustees VP Jee Hang Lee for joining us! Next week we are taking break...we return on 12/2 to hear about the #RealCollegecalifornia #basicneeds conference <https://ccleague.org/event-calendar/realcollegecalifornia-basic-needs-summit-2020> TY everyone and stay safe! #EquityAvengersout!

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[@CCTrustees](#) Thank you, Dr. Luster and Dr. Curry!