

January 19, 2022 #EquityChat\

Dr. Julian Vasquez Heilig (@ProfessorJVH), Dean and Professor, University of Kentucky (@universityofky)

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Its Wed night and please welcome Dr. Julian Vasquez Heilig @ProfessorJVH, Dean & Prof @UniversityKY to our first #EquityChat sponsored by @CollegeFutures of 2022 ! To participate, follow along, click on the bubble & post responses & use #EquityChat @SDMesaPrez @lamkeithcurry

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) Glad to join the #EquityChat conversation for the next hour.

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q1 @ProfessorJVH Our education, background, and experiences make us who we are. What are three things about yourself that are essential to what makes you, you? @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) First thriving and succeed as a person of color in modern US society. Honoring my ancestors who came before me. <https://cloakinginequity.com/2021/09/16/a-very-personal-latinx-heritage-month-celebration/>

<https://twitter.com/DrPamLuster/status/1483968770162917379?s=20&t=FCpDMNtmMboiClf9-KgO2w>

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) Second, leaving a legacy. My mother always told me leave the world a better place than you found it.

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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) Third, paying forward all of the blessings I've received to the next generation of educators.

<https://soe.umich.edu/content/growing-education-profession-telling-right-story>

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q2 @ProfessorJVH. Tell us about @universityofky, and your work as Dean of College of Education.

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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) Its an honor to serve the 3,000 students, faculty and staff of the @UKCollegeofEd We've endeavored to engage in sustainable, community-engaged leadership in the midst of a global pandemic.

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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) We've focused on Five I's: Innovation in our educational programs Recommitment to Intellectual ambition Further development of International strategy Fomenting a culture of Inclusion and Integration of transdisciplinary activities via @HarvardBusiness

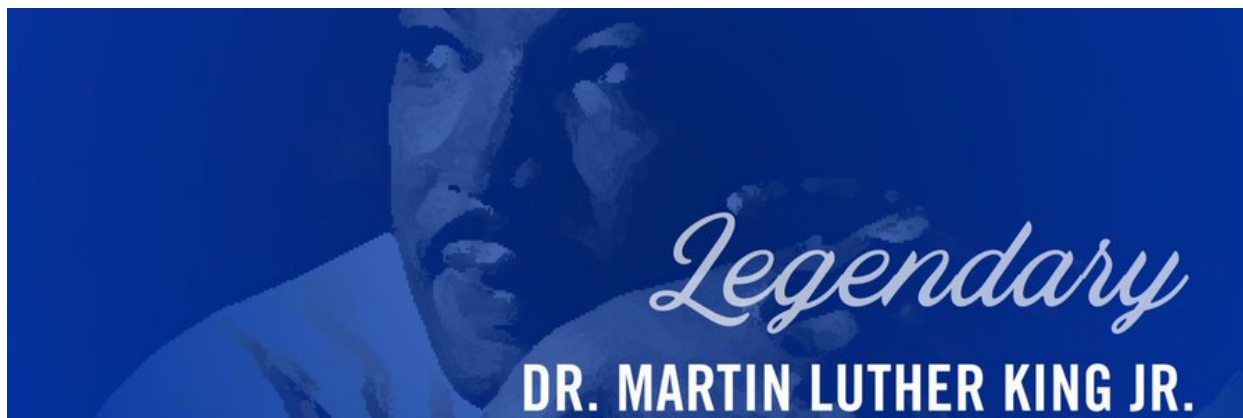
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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) We have also thrown everything we have at stemming the longterm enrollment drop in teacher education programs. We've stemmed the tide and our acceptance rates are indicating we are turning the corner and growing. <https://lex18.com/news/uk-noticing-stable-trend-of-enrollment-in-teacher-prep-program>

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q3 @ProfessorJVH. What is your definition of equity? How is equity-minded practice embedded in your work?@lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) We recently celebrated Dr. King a champion of equity. He once said, "A dream of equality, of opportunity, of privilege and property, widely distributed; a dream of a land where men will not take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few." This is how I envision equity



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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) In our work we are fomenting an inclusive community where students, faculty and alumni from diverse backgrounds are welcomed and celebrated. Not only will you see that work in our public communication but it's represented in the increased diversity in our students and faculty.

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q4 [@ProfessorJVH](#). Can you share with us some of your research interests and why your research is so important in education? [@SDMesaPrez](#) [@CollegeFutures](#) #EquityChat

[@ProfessorJVH](#) I also love your point to highlight courageous leadership in your profile. To make change, you have to be willing to be a courageous and committed leader.

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) My research and practice are primarily focused on K-12 and higher education curriculum, policy and leadership that impacts equity and innovation. I have endeavored to make research more readily available to communities via public scholarship. <https://uknow.uky.edu/professional-news/ranking-nation-s-top-public-influencers-education-features-uk-college-education>

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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) Part of the that public scholarship has involved conveying invited testimony in state and national legislative bodies. I have also served as volunteer education policy advisor and provided input for presidential and gubernatorial campaigns.

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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) It also important for our research to appear in referred journals and also expand audiences to print: New York Times, Washington Post, Associated Press, USA Today, Education Week, Huffington Post and TV: Al Jazeera, PBS, NBC, CBS, NPR, Univision, and MSNBC.

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q5 What projects are you currently working on that we can look forward to seeing from you?

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[@ProfessorJVH](#) Hey #EquityChat, I think I missed question #5.

[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q6 [@ProfessorJVH](#). What are your thoughts on the future of higher education as we continue to navigate through this pandemic? Do you have any recommendations for educators adjusting to the "new normal"?

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[@ProfessorJVH](#) We have to be as human centered as we can possible be. This work is balanced with the pressures of providing a residential experience for students. We've tried to be flexible with faculty and staff where we can be. We haven't had a crisis like this in 100 years.

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) I think one of the biggest concerns is that I am hearing from smaller institutions that enrollment is a big issue. The large, brand name universities have had some challenges too, but I the challenges will be particularly acute over the next few years if we don't expand access

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QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) The most impactful part of the new normal for #EquityChat is that higher ed is going to have find ways to provide access to student of color and poor students in ways that they haven't before. Especially campuses that have historically not provided that opportunity.

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q7 [@ProfessorJVH](#) What gives you hope? [@lamkeithcurry](#) [@CollegeFutures](#) #EquityChat

[@ProfessorJVH](#) I hope that you agree that conversations with young people assure me that this generation is committed to making a difference. They seem so much more talented and mature than I was at that age. THE STUDENTS GIVE ME HOPE!

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Absolutely

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) When is has come down to it, FACULTY AND STAFF have stepped into the breach and made it work despite the pandemic, snow, fires etc. Faculty and staff and their commitment to communities has been ASTOUNDING!

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q8 [@ProfessorJVH](#). What are you currently reading and what book(s) should we consider reading?

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[@ProfessorJVH](#) Well, I of course think you should check out our NEW BOOK that is coming soon Equity & Access: An Analysis of Educational Leadership Preparation, Policy, & Practice [@infoagepub](https://infoagepub.com/products/Equity-and-Access-Educational-Leadership-Preparation#.YeJBCMkYhBQ.twitter) <https://infoagepub.com/products/Equity-and-Access-Educational-Leadership-Preparation#.YeJBCMkYhBQ.twitter> with [@DenverJFowler](#)

[@ProfessorJVH](#) We also have a new chapter in the AERA Handbook on Teachers of Color. Check that out too!

<https://t.co/UkXfAHhdzW>

QT [@ProfessorJVH](#) I also wrote a chapter for parents considering charter schools in the [@DavidCBerliner](#) new book that came out in December 2021. Please check that out too <https://education.uky.edu/college-of-education-deans-essay-featured-in-public-education-book/>

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) TY [@ProfessorJVH](#) for kicking off 2022 #EquityChat. We knew this would be 🔥 & we're grateful for your time w/us & your commitment to racial equity in #HE. Join us next wk. as we host [@Sarah_Ancel](#) [@student_ready](#)!

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[@ProfessorJVH](#) Enjoyed the visit with #EquityChat Thanks for an amazing evening!

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Thank you! We will be reading and responding over the next few days!