

October 27, 2021 #EquityChat

Dr. Rowena Tomaneng (@Rowena_SJCCPrez), President of San Jose City College (@SJCityCollege) and Vice President of Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (@APAHENational)

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Welcome back to another #EquityChat sponsored by @CollegeFutures and hosted by @SDMesaPrez & @lamkeithcurry. We're excited to have @Rowena_SJCCPrez, President @SJCityCollege and VP @APAHENational! Welcome Dr. Tomaneng!

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) TY #EquityAvengers for having me on #EquityChat tonight! Happy #FilipinxAmericanHistoryMonth!

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q1 @Rowena_SJCCPrez. Our education, background, and experiences make us who we are. Please share three things that we should know about you. @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) 3 things about me 😊

First-Generation Immigrant--born in the #Philippines

@CalCommColleges transfer student--#CypressCollege

Community Organizer for 10 yrs--#immigrant and #workersrights

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q2 @Rowena_SJCCPrez. What is your definition of equity? How is equity-minded practice embedded in your work? @SDMesaPrez @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) Equity=fairness, social justice, dismantling systemic racism & other social oppressions that prevent BIPOC student success. My #EquityMinded practice=💜 co-creation, engaging in deeper dialogues & taking cultural humility approach. #EquityChat @lamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q3 @Rowena_SJCCPrez. Tell us about @APAHENational and @SJCityCollege and your roles with both institutions. @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) #Blessed to lead these 2 orgs! #APAHE centers on #equityineducation for AAPI students & hiring of AAPI faculty, staff, administrators. #SJCC programs strive to meet the values of #Equity #Opportunity #SocialJustice 🙌🙌🙌 #GoJaguars #EquityChat @lamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q4 @Rowena_SJCCPrez. How do organizations like @APAHENational support DEI, and in particular AAPI leaders? @SDMesaPrez @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) #APAHE has been advancing DEI & AAPI leaders since 1997. We partner w/Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc #LEAP to put on LEAP Advance, which provides leadership training, coaching & networking w/current AAPI Higher Ed leaders. #EquityChat @lamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q5 @Rowena_SJCCPrez. You have a strong presence on social media. What is your approach to using these platforms to advance your work and that of @SJCityCollege? @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) 1. I take your lead #EquityAvengers! 😊

2. I've become more involved in social media since becoming a prez because I want to tell my institution's story. My jaguars=#SJCCBrilliant

3. I rely on LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q6 [@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#). How has [@SJCcityCollege](#) utilized its status as an AANAPISI institution to advance equity efforts for AAPI students? [@SDMesaPrez](#) [@CollegeFutures](#) #EquityChat

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) Proud #SJCC is #HSI & #AANAPISI institution. Did you know AANAPISIs are least funded #MSI? SJCC doesn't have a grant but we have increased mental health & career education support for Southeast Asian students & immigrants. #StopAAPIHate #EquityChat [@lamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#)

[@SDMesaPrez](#) We just received our first AANAPISI grant [@sdmesacollege](#) - one of things I would love to do is connect CA AANAPISI work more deliberately!

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) Congrats! You have to join us for APAHE's Spring 2022 conference in Long Beach. We have a pre-conference convening of AANAPISIs. #EquityChat [@SDMesaPrez](#) [@lamkeithcurry](#)

[@SDMesaPrez](#) ok-since my buddy Wyman Fong is not on twitter... I'll make sure I get in touch!

[@ThuyThiTweets](#) Good call to seek her out. Prez Ro is one of the AANAPISI gurus. Congrats on your grant!

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

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) For me, it's our students! They inspire me, fill me w/ hope for the future. I learn from students all the time. They show that our colleges are creating confident, strong leaders, who are collaborative, empathic, and compassionate. #EquityChat [@lamkeithcurry](#) [@SDMesaPrez](#)

[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q8 [@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#). Let's close today's chat with an #EquityChat favorite. What are you currently reading and what book(s) should we consider reading? [@SDMesaPrez](#) [@CollegeFutures](#)

[@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) In memorium, I'm re-reading #CharlesMills #TheRacialContract, a foundational text for critical philosophy of race. Also check out:

-The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the 21st Century

-From Equity Talk to Equity Walk

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) TY [@Rowena_SJCCPrez](#) for sharing your experiences and unique perspective with us. We'll be back here next week – same time, same place – for more of #EquityChat. Next guest will be announced soon! Until next time, [@SDMesaPrez](#) [@lamkeithcurry](#) [@equityavengers](#) OUT!