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Student Senate for California Community Colleges

Chenelle Win, Darius Rogness and Haily Holston

[5:00 pm] Pam

[Dr Pamela Luster #EquityAvengers #RealCollegePrez @DrPamLuster·1m](#)

Welcome to [#EquityChat](#) sponsored by [@CollegeFutures](#) -tonight we finish [#communitycollegemonth](#) strong w/ 3 [@CalCommColleges](#) students! Welcome Chanelle [@yeaitsfroyo](#) [@HolstonHaily](#), & Darius Rogness [@SSCCC\\_OFFICIAL](#) ! [@DrPamLuster](#) [@Iamkeithcurry](#) [@EquityAvengers](#)

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo](#)

Thank you for all your work! [#EquityChat](#)

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily·2m](#)

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Excited to be here for my first [#EquityChat](#)!! Thank you having me!

[5:05 pm] Tammeil

Q1 Chanelle [@yeaitsfroyo\\_](#), Haily [@HolstonHaily](#), Darius [@SSCCC\\_OFFICIAL](#). What is your walk-up song or anthem as you engage in equity-focused work? [@DrPamLuster](#) [@Iamkeithcurry](#) [@CollegeFutures](#) [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

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Hi everyone, I'm Darius from the SSCCC! My walk-up song for equity-focused work would be "Love" by Al Green. The soulful and uplifting melody of the song fills me with hope and reminds me of the power of love to drive positive change. [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

[Chanelle W](#)

[@yeaitsfroyo](#)

Thank you for the question, Dr Gilkerson! I'm Chanelle with the SSCCC. I believe my walk-up song would be Ain't No Rest for the Wicked by Cage the Elephant because it reminds me to not give up no matter the circumstances! [#equitychat](#)

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily·11s](#)

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Thank you for the question, Dr. Tammiel! My go to anthem has to be successful by Ariana Grande! It gives me the perfect amount of energy and allows me to channel the most "successful" version of myself.

[5:11 pm] Keith

Q2 @yeaitsfroyo\_ @HolstonHaily @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL. Our education, background, and experiences make us who we are. Please tell us more about you. We want to know what is on your resume and what is not. @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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I pursue my passion for social change by volunteering for political campaigns and representatives through utilizing my skills in social media and youth engagement. In my free time, I love to spend it with family by cooking, surfing, or watching films [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily](#) · 2m

Thank you for the question! Well first off I am the Regional Affairs Director for Region II of the SSCCC! But I am also an engineering student, a sister, a tutor, and a friend! I really enjoy problem solving and science, and on a different token representing the student voice!

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo](#) · 2m

Hi Dr Curry! I'm a second year Community college student studying Business Administration and Political Science in Diablo Valley College. I am a first generation immigrant who hopes to go into a law career path in the future! I am planning to transfer next year! [#equitychat](#)

[5:18 pm] Pam

Q3 @yeaitsfroyo\_ @HolstonHaily @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL. Please tell us about your involvement with the @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL in support of California Community College students. @DrTammeil @IamKeithCurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily](#) · 47s

I am very lucky that I got to serve as both a Legislative and Regional Affairs Director for Region II! When I was a LAD my focus was on bills that specifically affected community college students such as AB 1040 and SB 444! Now, I work more directly with Region II Delegates!

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo](#) · 1m

Hi Dr Luster! First off, I served as the Legislative Affairs Director for Region III which is the Bay Area and Easy Bay! I oversee everything related to policy and legislative work and host advocacy events and trainings! I am also the VP of Legislative Affairs elect! [#equitychat](#)

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This is my second year on the SSCCC board, where I continue to advocate for policies that amplify student voices in decision-making and promote student equity. In my position, I work with students to hold legislative visits and advocacy events. [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

[5:25 pm] Tammeil

Q4 @yeaitsfroyo\_ @HolstonHaily @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL. What are some of the most pressing needs of California community college students, and how can we address them? @DrPamLuster @IamKeithCurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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Basic needs like food and housing insecurity, mental health, and access to resources are among the most pressing needs of California community college students. We can address them by advocating for policies that prioritize student well-being. [#EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily · 1m](#)

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I agree with Darius! Basic needs resources for students are constantly being brought to our attention as statewide student leaders. Students deserve to have adequate housing, 3 meals a day, and access to professionals such as therapists and doctors! We are fighting for that!

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo · 1m](#)

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Needs differ from students to students especially in our system where we serve a diverse group of constituents. One of the major issues I focused on in my role was basic needs like transportation because students are humans first. We need to stop the stigma that we are commuters!

[5:32 pm] Keith

Q5 @yeaitsfroyo\_ @HolstonHaily @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL. How can institutions of higher education support students, and what events or programs would you recommend institutions implement to support students? @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo](#)

I think the most important thing is to offer knowledge to the already existing programs like the basic needs center that [@SSCCC OFFICIAL](#) advocated for. Most students don't know that there are existing programs on campus. Of course, other support like housing would be great too!

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Institutions can support students by providing access to resources like counseling and academic support, and implementing programs that foster a sense of belonging and community on campus. These can be transformative to the student experience. [#EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily · 2m](#)

It varies depending on the college itself and the region. A universal issue again would be students' basic needs by ensuring they all the resources they need on campus. Also, honoring students' 9+1 rights and giving them spaces in faculty meetings to represent the student voice!

[5:39 pm] Pam

Q6 @yeaitsfroyo\_ @HolstonHaily @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL. How would you encourage other students to participate in SSSCC or other student leadership roles? How can we support students who want to become involved? @DrTammeil @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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Looking to join SSSCC? Head to <http://ssccc.org> and check out our "Get Involved" page for specific ways to participate, such as running for a regional or statewide position. Let's empower students to create positive change! [#EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily ·17s](#)

I think the biggest inhibitor of student engagement is students' knowledge of what's available on their campuses! Many students I speak to on campus are looking for ways to be involved but just aren't aware of opportunities. Informing them of these programs is so important!

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo ·51s](#)

great question! It is important for people to hear the actual voices of students in leadership roles and take us seriously! SSSCC always have regional officer positions or directors positions open that you can check it out on the <http://ssccc.org> website! [#equitychat](#)

[5:46pm] Tammeil

Q7 @yeaitsfroyo\_ @HolstonHaily @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL. As you reflect on your work, what gives you hope? @DrPamLuster @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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The resilience and passion of my peers gives me hope that change is possible. I'm so proud of our SSSCC team. We've held successful events such as our General Assembly and Advocacy in April. Every small victory brings us closer to a more just society. [#EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo ·26s](#)

I won't lie it gets tiring but I get motivated by the fact that we are giving voices to the students who may be incapable of speaking up due to different reasons. We are making actual change in the system that is educating the most Californians and I am so proud of it everyday!

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily ·38s](#)

The next generation of student leaders we are leaving behind! The 3 of us are all transferring next semester so this our last semester at CC. I am so beyond proud to see other students stepping up not only in my local SBA but in the SSSCC! CCC students are in good hands!

[5:53 pm] Keith

Q8 @yeaitsfroyo\_ @HolstonHaily @SSCCC\_OFFICIAL. The final question for tonight, what advice would you give to other equity practitioners? @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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This has been such a great [#EquityChat](#) ! My advice to other equity practitioners is to prioritize listening to and learning from those directly impacted by the systems we seek to change. Collaborate with others, stay committed, and never lose hope. [#EquityAvengers](#)

[Chanelle W @yeaitsfroyo · 1m](#)

Thank you for your service! It gets tiring during the process but your work is seen and it is okay to take breaks! Personally, I know so much time and energy goes into the work behind the scenes and I just want to say we appreciate everything you do! [#equitychat](#)

[Haily Holston @HolstonHaily · 36s](#)

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Thank you so much for having me on today's [#EquityChat](#)! My advice is to remind other practitioners that their power lies with their constituents! We are able to do our job because of the people we represent everyday.

**[6:00 pm] Pam**

TY so much [@yeaitsfroyo @HolstonHaily @SSCCC OFFICIAL](#) for joining us tonight on [#EquityChat @CollegeFutures @CalCommColleges](#) students are well represented! Stay tuned for next week's guest announcement soon! [@DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @lamkeithcurry @equityavengers](#) OUT!