

August 30, 2023
#BestOfEquityChat
Sources of Hope

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Welcome to the [#BestOfEquityChat](#)! We've saved the best for the last episode of this series. Tonight we're sharing our guests' sources of hope for continuing the sometimes difficult but always important equity work [@IamKeithCurry @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil](#)

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[@A2MEND1](#) works to ensure the interest and success of African American students, faculty, staff and administrators at California's community colleges. Organization leaders [@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz @swthayer](#) share how they stay inspired to do the work. [#BestOfEquityChat](#)

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil](#)

Q7 [@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer](#)-As you reflect on your experience in Ghana, what gives you hope? [@DrPamLuster @IamKeithCurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

[Dr. Scott W. Thayer @swthayer · Feb 8](#)

The thing that gives me hope are the people who tirelessly do this work because they believe in it. I'm down with that. [#equitychat](#)

[DocBuul @AbdimalikBuul · Feb 8](#)

Our colleagues, partners such as yourselves and the students in our system they have so much to offer & are resilient beyond belief!

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[@nsav](#), Exec. Dir. of [@nandiorg](#) cites the timeless bell hooks as a source of inspiration and hope through collectivism and solidarity with other Black women. [#BestOfEquityChat](#)

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Q7 [@nsav](#)-As you reflect on your work with your [@nandiorg](#) sisters, what gives you hope? [@DrPamLuster @IamKeithCurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

[Dr. Nesha Savage @nsav · Feb 22](#)

Building a safe space for Black women to have solidarity, sisterhood, community and healing gives me hope. Solidarity requires sustained, ongoing commitment. -bell hooks

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See her full conversation with us here: <https://bit.ly/3KKQM89> #BestOfEquityChat @DrTammeil @IamKeithCurry @DrPamLuster

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As Sr. VP of Public Relations for [@comm_college](#), [@coastmartha](#) has the unique challenge of representing a large and diverse national organization. Maintaining hope in the future is critical, and she finds it within AACC's own membership. [#BestOfEquityChat](#)

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil](#)

Q7 [@CoastMartha](#) [@equityavengers](#) -As you reflect on your work, what gives you hope? [@DrPamLuster](#) [@IamKeithCurry](#) [@CollegeFutures](#) [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

[Dr. Martha Parham @coastmartha·Mar 8](#)

Recently met with cc presidents on how we can provide resources to those that want to be allies. Despite politics and the constant divisive rhetoric cc leaders want to be better and do better for cc students. [@DrTammeil](#) [@IamKeithCurry](#) [@CollegeFutures](#) [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

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Secretary of Higher Education for [@NJGov](#), [@SecSmithEllis](#) is inspired by the very work that she is engaged with, directly leading to her efficacy as an equity policymaker. [#BestOfEquityChat](#)

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Q7. [@SecSmithEllis](#). As you reflect on your work, what gives you hope? [@DrPamLuster](#) [@IamKeithCurry](#) [@CollegeFutures](#) [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

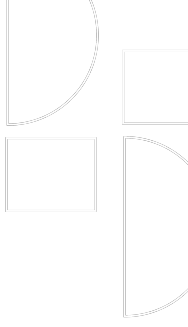
[Dr. Zakiya Smith Ellis @SecSmithEllis· Mar 22](#)

This work gives me hope! This chat gives me hope! The fact that people care about this issue, are tuning in, are thinking about their commitments. The wonderful, bipartisan group of leaders who signed onto the Call to Action, all give me hope.

[Dr. Zakiya Smith Ellis @SecSmithEllis·Mar 22](#)

The [#EquityAvengers](#) give me hope! I'm thankful for you all inviting me into this space. It is so wonderful to be in community.

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Researchers [@mehodara](#) and [@libbiebrey](#) know that their work is critical for policymakers and practitioners, providing essential data to help make their case. [@educationnw @ecmcfoundation #BestOfEquityChat](#)

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Q7 [@mehodara @libbiebrey](#). As you reflect on your work, what gives you hope? [@educationnw @ECMCFoundation @DrPamLuster @Iamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures @EquityAvengers #EquityChat](#)

[Libbie Brey @libbiebrey·May 10](#)

As researchers, we have the opportunity to talk to students, educators, administrators, and community members who are experiencing and advocating for increased access to basic needs services. Talking to these individuals about their work and experiences gives me hope! [#EquityChat](#)

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See their full [#EquityChat](#) episode here: [#BestOfEquityChat @Iamkeithcurry @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil](https://bit.ly/3sz1x7a)

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[@CabrilloCollege](#) Pres. Dr. Matt Wetstein says what we're all thinking. At the end of the day, it's always about the students. [#BestOfEquityChat](#)

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

Q7 [@DrTammeil @cabrillocollege](#). As you reflect on your work with the [@ccleague](#) Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce, what gives you hope? [@Iamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures @EquityAvengers #EquityChat](#)

[Cabrillo College @CabrilloCollege·May 24](#)

Another element of hope & optimism tonight: Dr. J. Luke Wood getting named President of Sacramento State! That is energizing... [@DrLukeWood](#)

[Cabrillo College @CabrilloCollege·May 24](#)

What gives me hope? It's the STUDENTS! Our students are amazing – they overcome so many hurdles and thrive! To quote Tina Turner – they are Simply the BEST!

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil·May 24](#)



1/2 I was on a panel this afternoon honoring the impact of [@immigrantsrise](#) & supporting undocumented students. It reminds me of the power of the collective--when love, brilliance & sheer determination refuses to not allow anything to stop us in our quest to serve students

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil·May 24](#)

2/2 with dignity and belief in their inherent worth and capabilities. I've been blessed to be a part of a number of coalitions like the [@ccleague](#) Affordability Taskforce, and I've seen the impact. Change can happen when you stand up.

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See his full conversation (along with [#EquityAvenger @DrTammeil](#)) right here: [@DrPamLuster @lamkeithcurry](https://bit.ly/3E0ct08)

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[@ProfNai](#), Pres. of [@Spencer_Fdn](#), finds inspiration in the innovation and energy of future generations. [#BestOfEquityChat](#)

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Q7 [@profnai](#). As you reflect on your work, what gives you hope? [@Spencer_Fdn @DrPamLuster @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures @EquityAvengers #EquityChat](#)

[Na'ilah Suad Nasir @ProfNai·Jun 7](#)

What gives me hope is young people. This generation is unapologetic about holding us all (and our systems) accountable in new ways. It's powerful. [#EquityChat](#)

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There's no introduction that can capture the essence of [@CCarroll_PhD](#)'s story. Please just read and reflect on her testimony. [#BestOfEquityChat](#)

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil](#)

Q7 [@CCarroll_PhD @DrPamLuster](#). As you reflect on your work, what gives you hope? [@CAbaccalaureate @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures @EquityAvengers #EquityChat](#)

[Constance Carroll @CCarroll_PhD·Jun 14](#)

1/4 Education gives me hope, as well as persistent advocacy. I grew up in Baltimore, MD, during the period of segregation. I was denied many opportunities bc of my race, so I

know what it's like to live a life w/o equity. I've also experienced discrimination based upon my gender.

[Constance Carroll @CCarroll PhD·Jun 14](#)

2/4 However, the Civil Rights Movement and Women's Liberation Movement confronted & surmounted many of the barriers I encountered as a child & as a young woman. Both movements emphasized educating people re: the moral imperatives of equal opportunity and the economic benefits.

[Constance Carroll @CCarroll PhD·Jun 14](#)

3/4 Although some obstacles remain, and others are reemerging on the horizon, I'm convinced educating people, legislative advocacy, & other strategies can bring about improvements. [#EquityChat](#)

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4/4 Participating in the effort to get the two key pieces of CA legislation passed, SB 850 & AB 927, despite challenges and criticism, has also given me hope that the same menu of education and advocacy and will continue to work. [#EquityChat](#)

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Students, always students...many that I have come to know in my career are out there creating & curating their lives in ways they were not expecting before the light of knowledge changed their world. [@CalCommColleges](#) transforms lives.. [@sdmesacollege](#) transformed mine. [#EquityChat](#)

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That is all for [#BestOfEquityChat](#) for Season 3! Make sure to SAVE THE DATE for our first [#EquityChat](#) episode of Season 4 on 9/13 at 5pm PT! [@IamKeithCurry @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil](#)