

WHO WE ARE

The Equity Avengers are current community college presidents Dr. Keith Curry, of Compton College and Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson, of Evergreen Valley College, and President Emerita Dr. Pamela Luster of San Diego Mesa College.

The Equity Avengers have made it their mission to lead the charge for a more equitable higher education land-scape, increasing access for those historically marginalized by academia.

The Equity Avengers host the popular #EquityChat on Wednesday evenings on Twitter and are regularly invited to speak at state and national conferences to share their vision. Together, Drs. Curry, Gilkerson and Luster support and develop leaders who act and drive large-scale change toward achieving racial equity in higher education nationwide.

THE IMPERATIVE FOR RACIAL EQUITY ADVOCACY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Our vision is to build a higher education community focused on eliminating racial equity gaps by developing and supporting leaders who act and drive large-scale change, resulting in equitable student outcomes. Through our #EquityChat series and other areas of engagement, the Equity Avengers consistently center racial equity in our advocacy, elevating leaders, thinkers, practitioners, researchers and practices that are moving us forward.

BIOS

Dr. Keith Curry is the President of the Compton College and CEO of the Compton Community College District. Compton College is the 114th California Community College, achieving initial accreditation status on June 7, 2017. Dr. Curry is responsible for overseeing all departments and functions of Compton College and the District and serves as secretary for the CCCD Board of Trustees. He is an unapologetic leader, who brings an abundance of energy and innovative ideas, along with a wealth of experience as a postsecondary education administrator.

Dr. Pam Luster is President Emerita of San Diego Mesa College, where she served for 11 years until her retirement in 2022, and now continues her work as President/CEO of Luster Higher Ed Group.



Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson is President of Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, California. Prior to this role she served as the President of Laney College in Oakland. Dr. Gilkerson has decades of experience in economic development, policy, and higher education. She is passionate about building learner-centered institutions that reflect students' lived experiences, provide hope and practice love.

JUST A FEW OF OUR PARTNERS:

- A2MEND
- Achieving the Dream
- Alliance for Black Learner Excellence
- Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE)
- Association of California Community College Administrators
- Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)

- Black Student Success Week
- California Community College Baccalaureate Association
- College Futures Foundation
- Community College League of California
- Level Up
- REALCollege
- USC Race & Equity Center

























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OUR IMPACT

More than 8,550 deeply engaged followers, from higher education leaders and practitioners, policymakers, researchers and scholars.



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