



# EQUITY AVENGERS

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## Big news for #EquityChat!



Equity Avengers Community,

After five incredible, transformative seasons on X/Twitter featuring more than 200 guests, we're thrilled to announce an exciting evolution of our #EquityChat!

While we've loved connecting with all of you on X, we're taking our discussions to the next level—audio format! This new venture will allow us to dive deeper into the crucial conversations about equity in higher education and bring our community closer through more dynamic and engaging content.

Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to share this new experience with you! Get ready to listen, learn, and engage as we continue to break barriers and make a difference together.

## Dr. Keith Curry featured in *Inside Higher Ed*



Big News Alert! **Dr. Keith Curry** is making waves in a major news story about the recent federal challenge to race-conscious practices in higher education. As institutions nationwide grapple with sweeping changes, Dr. Curry's insights shine a light on the steadfast commitment to inclusivity and student success at Compton.

Dive into the full story to discover how leaders like Dr. Curry are navigating these turbulent times. Don't forget to share this pivotal moment with your networks and spark a conversation about the future of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our institutions.

[Read the full article here.](#)

## The 2025 RealCollege California Basic Needs survey is underway



### Real College California

Building upon the important work completed in the 2023 *RealCollege California Basic Needs Among California Community College Students* report, the Affordability, Food, and Housing Access Taskforce has just launched the 2025 survey in 90 community colleges across the state.

Other key dates:

- By April 30: Colleges receive unitary data files to support local analyses.
- By June 30: 2025 statewide report published.
- By November 30: Statewide findings presented.

Read the [2023 RealCollege California Basic Needs Among California Community College Students](#) here.

## The Latest in #EquityChat



We were joined by **Ramiro Frausto**, Senior Director of the University of San Diego's Institute of College Initiatives. With 17 years of experience in TRIO programs, including McNair Scholars, Student Support Services and Upward Bound, Ramiro has helped empower first-generation and underrepresented students on their academic journeys.

Ramiro understands the transformative power of TRIO firsthand and is committed to developing future leaders in higher ed. Don't miss his knowledgeable and passion as he shares his vision for student success.

[Read the full transcript here!](#)

We flipped the script this week and did a deep dive into our podcast, *Equity Avengers, Assemble!* Did you know we already have nine episodes?

From unapologetic leadership to policy shifts, and student success innovations, each episode tackles the pressing issues in higher ed with names you know, and names you should!

Catch highlights from thought leaders like Dr. Gina Ann Garcia, Dr. Frank Harris III and AACC's David Baime—then join the movement for equity!

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## What's new on *Equity Avengers, Assemble!*



### Streaming now:

In this episode of *Equity Avengers Assemble*, the Equity Avengers sit down with **Donna Linderman**, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Success at The State University of New York (SUNY). Drawing on her leadership in scaling transformative programs like CUNY's and ASAPACE and SUNY's systemwide initiatives, we'll discuss proven methods and strategies, equity-focused solutions, and the future of student success. Further, the conversation will highlight what's working and how institutions can better

serve all students.

[Listen now!](#)

### Up Next:

In the next episode of *Equity Avengers Assemble!*, we are excited to sit down with Dr. Tia Brown McNair, partner at [Sova](#), an organization that collaborates with higher education systems and institutions, associations, and philanthropies to achieve large-scale change through careful attention to actionable strategy and practical implementation support.



**Attention! Are you or someone you know engaged in exciting, transformative equity work? Let us know!**

We are always looking for more guests for #EquityChat and *Equity Avengers, Assemble!*

Whether you are a practitioner, researcher, policymaker, advocate, leader, student or organizer, [we want to get to know you!](#)

[Be our guest!](#)

### About the Equity Avengers

The [Equity Avengers](#) are Dr. Keith Curry, President/CEO of Compton College, Dr. Tammell Glikson, Chancellor of Perla Community College District, 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 landscape, increasing access for those historically marginalized by academia.

The Equity Avengers host the popular #EquityChat on Wednesday evenings on X/Twitter and are regularly invited to speak at state and national conferences to share their vision. The College Futures Foundation has generously supported the Equity Avengers' mission through a grant, allowing them to support and develop leaders who act and drive large-scale change toward achieving racial equity in higher education nationwide.



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