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**THE EQUITY INSTITUTE OF SKYLINE COLLEGE OPENS IN APRIL  
AIMING TO EMPOWER AND TRANSFORM LEADERS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH**

**San Bruno, California – January 16, 2019:** Skyline College announced today, the Equity Institute of Skyline College will open in April 2019. The Equity Institute’s mission is to empower and transform a global community of leaders. The work of the Equity Institute will focus on administering assessments, publishing research and facilitating professional development opportunities for educational and government organizations, nonprofits and corporations who wish to deepen their understanding of equity and raise their consciousness around issues of equity. The Equity Institute is designed for organizations who are committed to increasing their fluency in the areas of culture, race, gender and institutional equity.

The Equity Institute’s approach utilizes data, inquiry and assessment to address multiple domains within an equity-focused institution. The institute’s key activities include:

- **Equity Academies (4 per year)** – The Equity Academies are professional development opportunities for leaders to immerse themselves into themed, multi-day experiences introducing participants to baseline concepts, interrogating data and mapping implementation strategy for participants to explore the equity-centered work at their respective institutions. Institutions will register as “teams” and work collaboratively throughout the academy to develop the best solution for their institution.

- **The Equity Summit (bi-annually)** – The Equity Summit is a one-day experience held at Skyline College, featuring 13 scholars and practitioners in social justice and equity. Six of the scholars deliver “Equity Talks” and six participate in plenary sessions while the last speaker delivers a keynote address. The event has been held twice, in 2016 and 2018 and attracts over 500 educators and social justice advocates from across the nation.
- **The Cabinet Roundtable (bi-annually)** – The Cabinet Roundtable will feature former and current community college presidents and vice presidents offering trainings and coaching to newly minted presidents and vice presidents. This two-day experience is designed to prepare executive administrators for their leadership journey through an equity-minded lens.

“The Equity Institute represents an incredible opportunity for organizations to critically engage around matters of equity and to challenge themselves to show up differently,” said Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D, President of Skyline College. “The professional development opportunities presented in the Cabinet Roundtable and the Equity Academies are hands-on, specifically tailored to their audiences, and unlike anything currently available. It is through these programs, and the research it will publish, that the Equity Institute will empower organizations to transform the way they show up.”

For more information on the Equity Institute and the first Equity Academy to be held in April 2019, please visit [skylinecollege.edu/equityinstitute](http://skylinecollege.edu/equityinstitute).

### **About Skyline College**

*Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 students annually, offering 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs as well as a Bachelor’s Degree in Respiratory Care. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.*