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**EQUITY SUMMIT AT SKYLINE COLLEGE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2020
DESIGNED TO GENERATE ENGAGEMENT IN EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

San Bruno, California – November 2, 2020: Skyline College announced today it will host its third bi-annual Equity Summit on Friday, November 6, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. PST offering an opportunity for educators, practitioners and community members from throughout the region to engage in a teaching and learning experience centered on equity. Bree Newsome Bass, community organizer and activist, will deliver the keynote address.

The purpose of the summit is to immerse the business and educational communities into the conversation about equity, race and student success through the scholarship of experts. “It is absolutely essential that we take time to intentionally engage in authentic conversations, and hear the stories and experiences of our colleagues and students. Sharing and listening deepens our appreciation of cultural diversity, grounds us in humility, and works to break down barriers to understanding each other. Hopefully, this work activates our antiracist agenda, and participants can be inspired to engage similarly at their home colleges,” explained Skyline College president, Melissa Moreno, J.D.

Ten presenters representing diverse perspectives and approaches regarding equity will deliver 3 TedxTalk-style presentations along with 1 plenary sessions throughout the day. Full biographies for all speakers can be found on the [Summit Webpage](#). Topics covered in the equity talks and plenary session includes:

- Humanizing Pedagogy
- Culturally Responsive Teaching

- Transformative STEM Education
- Transformative School Leadership

Registration is required to attend. Participants can register at https://smccd-czqfp.formstack.com/forms/equity_summit_2020_smccd. Media interested in covering the event are welcome to attend; please RSVP to colinc@smccd.edu.

Keynote speaker Bree Newsome Bass Biography:

This contemporary civil rights icon first garnered national attention for her daring act of peaceful disobedience in June 2015. Following the brutal murder of nine black parishioners at Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, S.C., Bree climbed the flagpole at the South Carolina statehouse and pulled down the Confederate Battle flag as a protest against racist symbolism. Her arrest galvanized public opinion and led to the permanent removal of the flag. As a recognized and celebrated voice on the topics of injustice and racial discrimination, Bree brings to light the importance of leadership development in building and sustaining social movements. Also an accomplished filmmaker and musician, Bree skillfully outlines the relationship between activism and art, and captivates audiences as she describes in cinematic detail the heroic gestures of ordinary people on the front lines of activism.

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.

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