Greetings esteemed CEOs,

There is no doubt that one of the greatest challenges for us as a system is student equity. Knowing some of you personally and having met many of you in my role at the League, I know you care deeply about this issue and will seize every opportunity to help your college(s) move the needle.

I write to invite you to our annual student equity summit. This summit is by **special invitation only**.

$Equity2015 = I^3$ Implement, Integrate, & Institutionalize Student Equity

Sheraton Gateway LAX Wednesday, May 6 (1:00 pm) to Thursday, May 7 (4:00 pm)

We invite you to send a delegation of 3 members from your college. For a multi-college district, you could also send an additional delegation of 3 members from the district office or from the colleges.

- 1. CEO (or designee);
- 2. Student equity plan coordinator; and
- 3. An individual who is best to help integrate and institutionalize student equity at your college. *This person could be a classified professional, faculty, student, administrator, or community member.*

Please identify your trio team and register at:

http://www.ccleague.org/i4a/forms/index.cfm?id=104. Each team member will have to complete a separate registration. Space is limited, so register soon.

We will send out more details of the lineup of activities in the next few weeks. Note that student equity funding may be used for this professional development opportunity. (<u>California</u> Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Student Equity 2014-15 Expenditure Guidelines, September 2, 2014)

Every time we hear a discussion of the civil rights issues of our times, the conclusion is seemingly always the same: education is the solution. There is no doubt that our community colleges are part of the solution, and we need to make sure our solutions (as identified in our equity plans) are *implemented*, *integrated* with other plans, and *institutionalized* to ensure lasting change.

Thuy Thi Nguyen, Interim Executive Director