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Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D.

In 2011, Dr. Pamela “Pam” Luster began her tenure as the President of San Diego Mesa College. She has been active in creating collaborative and progressive initiatives alongside stellar teams at the college with local high schools, universities, and community partners to create inclusive, diverse, and equitable opportunities for students.

Dr. Luster formerly served as the interim Vice President of Instruction and permanent Vice President of Student Services, and Dean of Academic Services at Las Positas College in Livermore, Calif. Her career began at West Valley College in Saratoga, Calif., where she was the Dean of Career Education and Workforce Development, Student Services Division Chair, Coordinator/Instructor and an adjunct in the Disabled Students Program.

Dr. Luster has served in several positions in local, state and national organizations. She is currently serving as the President of the Chief Executive Officers of California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) Board, and she was appointed to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Commission on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Dr. Luster served as board member and President of the California Community College Athletics Association (CCCCAA), and co-chaired and is still a member of the CEOCCC Affordability, Food and Housing Task Force.

Closer to home, she serves on the board of Bayside Community Center in Linda Vista, and is a current member and former board President of San Diego Youth Services. Dr. Luster is a Board of Governors member of the San Diego Foundation. She is a member of and has served as the Chair of the San Diego-Imperial County Community College Association (SDICCCA).

Her scholarly and professional pursuits are focused on student equity, diversity, and inclusion, and building campus and community coalitions towards racial equity. She is committed to finding permanent solutions to address the basic needs of community college students. She co-hosts weekly #EquityChat sessions on Twitter, and formed the #EquityAvengers with Dr. Keith Curry, President/CEO of Compton College. Together they aspire to create a broader community of equity-minded leaders in higher education.

Dr. Luster received her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Change from Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, Calif., and her MA and BA degrees in Speech Pathology and Audiology from San Jose State University in Northern California. Dr. Luster was an adjunct instructor at San Jose State University teaching master’s level courses in hearing science, and is currently an adjunct faculty member at San Diego State University, Doctoral Program in Community College Leadership.