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59TH ANNUAL
HUMANITARIAN
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

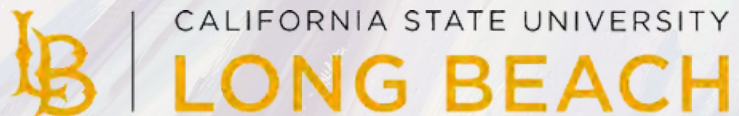
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Honoring



Dr. Keith Curry
Humanitarian Award



Rabbi Howard Laibson
Humanitarian Award



Valerie Dickson
*Gene Lentzner
Human Relations Award*



LA vs. Hate
Building Bridges Award

Welcome

The California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) warmly welcomes you to our 59th Humanitarian Awards Celebration, highlighting the contributions of this year's Humanitarian Award honorees, who have dedicated their lives and careers to equality and justice: **Dr. Keith Curry** and **Rabbi Howard Laibson**.

We are proud to uplift their incredible leadership and humanitarian efforts in our communities.

This year, we are delighted to honor **Valerie Dickson** with the Gene Lenzner Human Relations Award for her dedication to promoting equity and justice, and to positively impacting the lives of her students, peers, and community.

CCEJ also proudly presents the Building Bridges Award to **LA vs. Hate**, in appreciation for their commitment to rooting out hate and building respectful and resilient communities.

Since 1963, CCEJ has worked to **educate and empower youth and adults to lead change for equity and justice in our communities**. Today's event raises funds to support CCEJ's programs year-round. Thanks to you, we will be able to sustain our work, innovate, and meet the increased demand for dialogue, education and training for youth and adults. We serve more than 4,000 people each year, building toward our **vision of a world where people live free of oppression and thrive**.

On behalf of CCEJ's Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the many people that you help us serve, thank you for joining us today!



Reena Hajat Carroll,
MSW
CCEJ Executive Director



Megan Kerr
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Directors

Event Program

Welcome

Dr. Mike Muñoz
Event Emcee

Building Bridges Award

LA vs. Hate
accepted by Robin Toma
LA Human Relations Commission
Executive Director

Gene Lentzner Human Relations Award

Valerie Dickson

CCEJ PRESENTATION

Humanitarian Award

Dr. Keith Curry
Rabbi Howard Laibson

CLOSING



Thank you to our
event emcee!

Dr. Mike Muñoz

Superintendent- President
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BUILDING BRIDGES AWARD



*LA vs.
Hate*

LA vs Hate is a community-centered program designed to support all residents of Los Angeles County. Led by the LA County Human Relations Commission, LA vs Hate partners with community partners from all five County districts, representing a diverse coalition of voices committed to ending hate. By tracking and reporting hate, the coalition ensures that resources are allocated appropriately, that those targeted by hate receive the support they need, that offenders are held accountable, and that together, we can build respectful and resilient communities. The goals of the LA vs. Hate campaign are to address the normalization of hate and inspire people to stand up to it; build understanding about what constitutes a hate act and how to report it; and support individuals and communities as they heal from the trauma of hate.

**Award accepted by Robin Toma, LA County Human Relations Commission*

GENE LENTZNER HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD



*Valerie
Dickson*

Valerie Dickson's passion for social justice began one afternoon many years ago after watching the movie *Do the Right Thing* by Spike Lee. As a Bi-racial adolescent she began to recognize how we co-exist with diverse people and yet never really connect - barriers related to race, gender, class, religion, age, ability, nationality and sexual orientation keep us living insulated, fearful lives and often our interaction with others is rooted in stereotypes and prejudices rather than actual knowledge of the 'other'.

Valerie has spent nearly 30 years volunteering and working with nonprofit organizations like the California Conference for Equality and Justice to help people, communities and organizations engage in uncomfortable but critical social justice dialogues. Valerie believes that people do not change because they are shamed into change - rather people change because growth is the natural state of humans. Dr. Maya Angelou said, "When You Know Better, Do Better" and Valerie believes that dialogues are the key to all of us 'knowing better and doing better'. Valerie cannot do this work without the love and support of her fiancé, her 3 children, 2 bonus children, her mother, and the Fly Crew.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD



*Dr. Keith
Curry*

Dr. Keith Curry is the President of the Compton College and CEO of the Compton Community College District. Dr. Curry has been recognized regionally and nationally for his integrity, principle, compassion, and his strength in leadership. He prioritizes student-centered policies that produce equitable outcomes and expand opportunities for Californians.

Compton College is the 114th California Community College, achieving initial accreditation status on June 7, 2017. Dr. Curry is responsible for overseeing all departments and functions of Compton College and the District and serves as secretary for the CCCD Board of Trustees. He brings an abundance of energy and innovative ideas to Compton College, along with a wealth of experience as a postsecondary education administrator. Dr. Curry is an active member of the Foundation for Compton Community College District, the Association of California Community College Administrators, the California Community College Athletic Association, the Statewide Association of Community Colleges (SWACC), the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice Advisory Board, and the President's Roundtable. He has participated on Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Visiting Teams, most recently for San Quentin University Prison Project. In June 2020, Dr. Curry was invited by Governor Newsom's Senior Policy Advisor for Higher Education Lande Ajose to serve on the California Higher Education Recovery with Equity Task Force. Dr. Curry earned his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of California, Irvine, and a bachelor's degree in American studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Dr. Curry is an adjunct faculty member for the Charter College of Education at California State University, Los Angeles.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD



*Rabbi
Howard
Laibson*

Rabbi Howard O. Laibson has devoted his life and career as a community leader to Jewish diversity, interfaith communication, intergroup relations and religious education. Ordained as a rabbi in 1981, Rabbi Laibson's community involvement began long before that. As a child growing up in Downey, California, he spent his summers at Camp Swig: A Camp for Living Judaism, over the years morphing from camper to counselor and eventually song leader and program director. In the 1970's, as the Southern California youth director for the Reform Jewish movement and coordinated a summer program which brought Jewish youth to Los Angeles to volunteer in Black and Latinx communities.

In addition to his rabbinic education, Rabbi Laibson earned a degree in Community Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz (1971), MA in Counseling from California State University at Northridge (1975) and a Master's degree in Rabbinic Literature from Hebrew Union College (1979). Rabbi Laibson has served congregations in Texas, New Mexico, Long Beach and Lakewood, using his unique blend of counseling, teaching and musical skills to guide him. He retired and became Congregation Shir Chadash's Rabbi Emeritus in June, 2015. Rabbi Laibson has served on numerous Boards, including Jewish Long Beach (formerly known as The Jewish Federation) from 2007-2017, the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis, and the South Coast Interfaith Council, where he became the first non-Christian president in 2006. He has served on the Board of the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) since 1990, and was Chairperson from 2020-2023, helping the organization navigate the COVID pandemic and create a new strategic plan for CCEJ's future work.

Past Honorees

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

1964

Maurice Harris*
Dr. Carl McIntosh*
Herman Ridder *

1965

Blanche Collins*
David Feuer*
W. A. Harrington*

1966

Harry Buffum*
Harvey B. Franklin*
RADM. Ned W. Sprow*

1967

Msgr. B.J. Dolan*
William J. Mooney*
Charles Savitz *

1968

Burton Chace*
Joseph A. Ball*
Polly Chace*

1969

C. LeRoy Doty, Jr.*
John R. Mansell*
Irving Schneider *

1970

Sr. Mary Alphonsus*
Henry H. Clock*
Judge Max Z. Wisot*
George* & Gloria Deukmejian
Alex Horowitz*
Msgr. Ernest J. Gualderon*

1971

Loraine Miller Collins*
Roy L. Anderson*
Myron Blumberg*

1972

Revan D. Komaroff*
Msgr. James P. Lynch*
Judge Beach Vasey*
Dr. James* & Virginia* Brennan
Emanuel Gyler*
Dr. John Kashiwabara*

1973

Robert Baldwin*
Ida Frances Lowry*
Bernard E. McCune *

1974

Edwin C. Bechler*
Judge Charles Litwin*
Vaile G. Young *

1975

Fred Neuburger*
Ray Stricklin*
Edwin W. Wade *

1976

Mary D. Butler*
Dr. Orville W. Cole*
Rabbi Sidney Guthman*
Daniel H. Ridder*

1977

Eugene Lentzner*
Weckford Morgan*
Sister Mary Timothy*

1978

Helen Crehan*
Allan R. Ide *
Eugene Schlesinger *

1979

Raymond L. Monnahan*
Charles F. Severson*
Roselle Sommer*

1980

Olga P. Bowers*
Rabbi Wolli Kaelter*
Jean Bixby Smith

1981

Stanley V. Goldin*
Kenneth T. Norris*
Frani Ridder

1982

J.S. "Bud" Holton*
C. Robert Langslet*
Dr. Jules Robbins*

1983

George* & Gloria Deukmejian
Alex Horowitz*
Msgr. Ernest J. Gualderon*

1984

Judge Robert Parkin*
James Gray
Arthur Miller*

1985

Dr. James* & Virginia* Brennan
Emanuel Gyler*
Dr. John Kashiwabara*

1986

Judge Sheila Pokras
James Willingham*
Dorothy Wise*

1987

Dr. Malcolm* & Ruth* Todd
George & Joyce Murchison
Robert* & Jean* Blakey

1988

Jack Jacobs*
Robert Creighton*
Ruth Wright*

1989

James P. Zarifes*
G.A. Walker*
Roger Reyburn*
Renee Simon

1990

Sister Mary Lucille Desmond*
William C. Barnes*
Dr. Seymour Alban*

1991

Michael Choppin*
Evelyn Dempsey duPont*
Dr. Beverly O'Neill
Tilly Weil*

1992

Jack & Binnie Berro
Eunice Sato*
William Rusnack
Bishop Carl A. Fisher *

1993

Dr. June Cooper*
Dr. Jim & Nancy Linden
RADM John * & Nancy* Higginson
USN (ret)

1994

Don Haller
Carl Cohn, Ed.D.
Josephine Gumbiner *
Mort Stuhlberg*

1995

Audrey Langslet*
Gordon Lentzner
Allan Tebbetts *
Marie Treadwell

1996

Rev. Ken McMillan*
Suzanne Nosworthy
Henry Taboada
Dr. David Tillman

1997

Carmen O. Perez
Steve Oettinger
Jill Rosenberg

1998

Ray * & Barbara* Alpert
Gloria Cordero
Luciann Maulhardt
Ken Walker

1999

Karl W.E. Anatol
Bernie Jones*
Arlene Solomon*
Mary Soth*

2000

Skip Keesal
Richard Lipeles
Ernest McBride*
Myrna Wigod*

2001

Betty Eastman Todd
Maycie Herrington*
Judith Lentzner
Robert Maxson, Ph.D.

2002

Diane C. Creel
Jeanne Karatsu
Dr. Joseph M. Molina
Joseph Prevratil

2003

Frank Berry
Lyn Epstein
The Hon. Alan Lowenthal
Kimball Wasick

2004

John Blowitz
Barbara & Ned Gaylord
Barbara & Larry Jackson
Zelma Lipscomb*

2005

Stephen Gordon
Elizabeth & John Hancock
Alan Nishio
Robert Stemler

2006

Sara Wenkle Kaplan*
Jane Netherton
Sande & Larry Rice
Arline & Dr. Mike Walter

2007

Dr. Minnie Douglas
Jim Hankla
Dr. E. Jan Kehoe
Lillian Sachs*

2008

Jack Hinsche
Roberta & Matthew* Jenkins
Ron Piazza
Doris Topsy-Elvord*

2009

Dr. Virginia Baxter
Dr. Bryna Kane
Vera Mulkey
Doug Otto & Freda Hinsche
Otto

2010

Mary Alice Braly
Dr. Ebenezer Bush*
Julie & Don Knabe
Shirley Wild

2011

Stephen M. Goodling
Amy Lipeles
Christopher Steinhauser
Marlene & Don* Temple

2012

Rich Archbold
Mike Murray
Richard Steinke
Rocky Soares

2013

F. King Alexander
Ivy Goolsby
Christopher Lytle
Judly Ross

2014

Joyce & Hank Feldman
Nancy & Bob Foster
Lynne Pillsbury
Felton Williams

2015

Margie & Frank Newell
Naomi Rainey-Pierson
Braden Phillips
Drs. Martha & Faustino Bernadett

2016

Liz & Jim Breslauer
Terry Geiling
Chief Robert Luna
Darick Simpson

2017

Theresa Bixby
Michele A. Dobson
Don & Carl Ann Wylie

2018

Sofia Riley
Cynthia Terry
Jim Zehmer

2019

Dr. Jane Close Conoley
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Hayes Reams
Kevin & Jennifer Peterson

2021

Wini Carter
Annette Kashiwabara
Cindy & Servando Orozco

2022

Rosecarrie Brooks
Gail Meredith

* Deceased

Past Honorees

GENE LENTZNER HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

1988

Gene Lentzner*

1989

Anthony Rogers*
Prany Sananikone

1990

Steve Blancarte
Debra Crockett
Nancy Gray

1991

Mary Brizzolara
Jan Foster*
Virginia Williams

1992

Sen. Bonnie Lowenthal
Dr. Randolph Ward
Lt. Linda Fierro

1993

Lillian Lew
Toby Rothschild
Olivia Herrera

1994

Yolanda Benavidez
Dwight Prince
Sandra Arun San

1995

Rev. Joe Ealy
Maria Flores Miller
Hy & Janice Sunshine

1996

Elisa Ann Nicholas, MD
Teresa Gonzalez
James R. Porter*

1997

Ron Arias
Dennis Thys
Mary Fehr

1998

Bryant Ben
Alvin Bernstein
Erin Gruwell

1999

Paul C. Blanco
Lt. Joseph Levy
Chantara Nop

2000

Jacob Green
Rachel Plotkin
Dave San Jose

2001

H.J. Green
Maria Norvell
Melanie Washington

2002

Jeffrey M. Cornejo, Ed., D
Raymond Chavarria
Joanne O'Byrne

2003

Sun-Himm Chhim
Arlene K. Mercer
Autrilla Watkins Scott*

2004

Rev. Ginny Wagner
Mel R. Collins
Evangelina Ramirez

2005

Willa Heart
Rev. Larry Ginn
Amelia Nieto

2006

Rosa Cortez
Stella Faye Davis
Alice Robinson
Lysa Gamboa-Levy

2007

Faye & Frank Clark
Naomi Rainey
Jan Ward

2008

Ines Echegaray
Maria Giesey*
Lydia Hollie

2009

Rev. Sunshine Daye
Chan Hopson
Dora Jacildo

2010

Martha Cota
John Malveaux
Sara Pol-Lim

2011

Alicia Carrera
Anita Gibbins
Lt. Ty Hatfield

2012

Francisco Rodriguez
Doris Cooper-Robinson
Justin Rudd

2013

LaVerne Duncan
Roberta Lanterman
Candace Meehan

2014

Arnel Calvario
Lian Cheun
Anitra Dempsey

2015

Bill Cruikshank
Jessica Quintana
Matthew A. Saldana

2016

Porter Gilberg
Heather Green
Mary Zendejas

2017

Marsha Gail Chapman
Rebecca Suzanne Caverly
David J. Fernandez

2018

Marisol Barajas
Emily Grijalva
Latino Muslim Unity
Hieu Nguyen

2019

Marianne Drummond
Susana Sngiem
Dr. Shay Sorrells

2022

Rodney Jones

* Deceased

BUILDING BRIDGES AWARD

Long Beach Unified School District
Los Altos United Methodist Church
St. Mary Medical Center
McDonnell Douglas
Press-Telegram
Southern California
Edison
TABC
Long Beach Police Dept.
McDonnell Douglas
Employees Community Fund
Toyota Motor Sales

GTE
City of Long Beach
The Boeing Company
SISCO
Keesal, Young & Logan
Molina Healthcare, Inc.
Greater Long Beach
Foundation
CSULB
Dwight Stuart Youth Fund
Long Beach City College
Port of Long Beach
The California Endowment

TABC
Barbara & Ray Alpert Foundation
Leadership Long Beach
Community hospital Long Beach
Assistance League of Long Beach
Rotary Club of Long Beach
MemorialCare Long Beach
Medical Center
Performance Plus Tire
The Rudolph J. and Daphne A.
Munzer Foundation
ABC Unified School District

HENRY MEYER YOUTH AWARD

Adonis Rubio
Dezmin Hemmans
Taizin Barnhardt
Lupe Granados
Josh Aguilar
Ryann Bonner



The Center for Equitable Higher Education (CEHE) at Cal State Long Beach would like to congratulate

Dr. Keith Curry - President of Compton College

Recipient of the 59th Annual Humanitarian Award



Thank you for being an all-star of the student basic needs movement and champion of racial equity in higher education!

With gratitude,
Dr. Rashida Crutchfield and the CEHE team



A Community Partner

The Port of Long Beach is proud to support the 59th Humanitarian Awards Celebration and joins CCEJ in recognizing your honorees for their work for equity and justice in our community.



Congratulations to this year's honorees:

Dr. Keith Curry
Rabbi Howard Laibson
Valerie Dickson
LA vs. Hate

Your dedication to promoting equity and justice is inspiring to all. Thank you for your work.



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Rabbi Howard Laibson,
Valerie Dickson and **Dr. Keith Curry,**
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LA vs. Hate

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YOUNG
&
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Here's to always making a difference.

MemorialCare congratulates this year's honorees for advocating for equality and justice, and for your dedication to improving the communities you serve. We are inspired to show that same dedication across all 225 of our locations.

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Building Bridges Award

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The Matthew & Roberta Jenkins Family
Foundation congratulates this year's
honorees for the 59th
Humanitarian Awards Celebration.



We join in unity for CCEJ's mission to educate and empower
youth and adults to lead change in our communities.

It's About The Journey –
Mine And Yours –
And The Lives We Can Touch,
The Legacy We Can Leave, And
The World We Can Change For
The Better.

Rabbi Howard And Honorees,
Our Congratulations And
Heartfelt Thanks,

Binnie & Jack Berro

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to this year's honorees!

*My heartfelt appreciation
to the honorees for their
many contributions to our
community and beyond.*

Rosecarrie and Dr. Alan Brooks

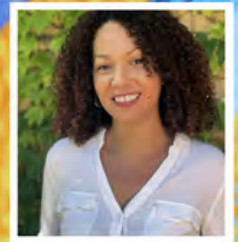
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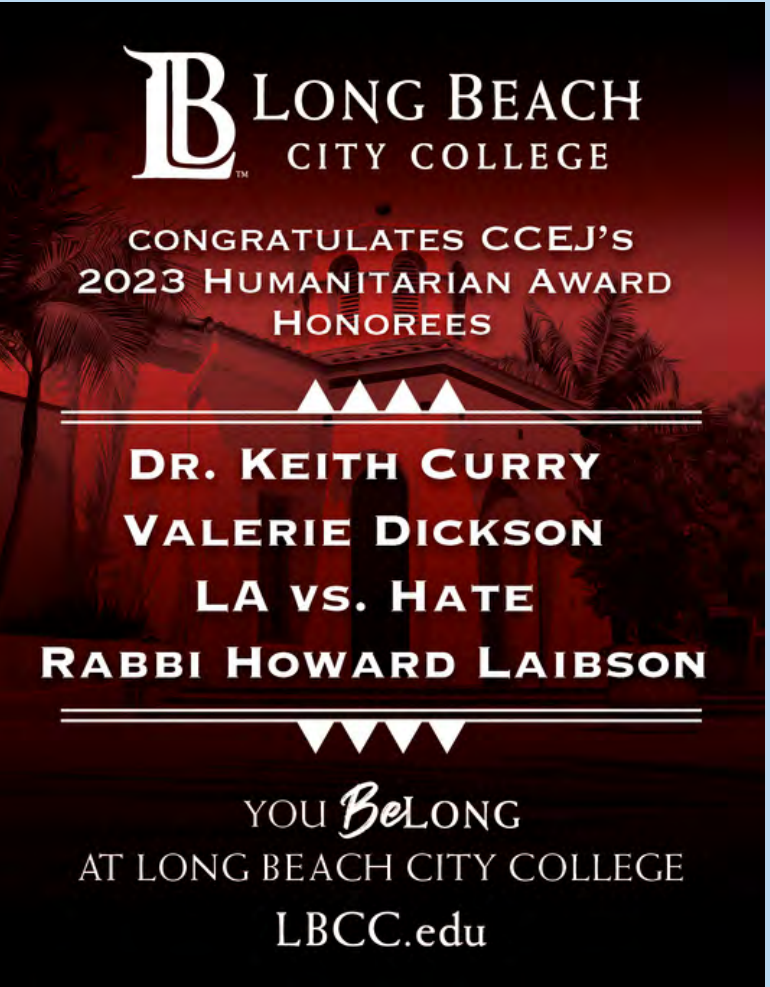
Congratulations to the 59th Annual
CCEJ Humanitarian Award
honorees. Your commitment to
equity and justice in our
communities inspire mutual
understanding, respect and unity.





Congratulations and thank you to my fellow honorees for your commitment to equity and justice in our communities.

Rabbi Howard Laibson



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HONOREES

DR. KEITH CURRY
VALERIE DICKSON
LA VS. HATE
RABBI HOWARD LAIBSON

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Congratulations to Dr. Keith Curry, Rabbi Howard Laibson, Valerie Dickson, and LA vs. Hate for a well-deserved honor.



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Breakfast & Convening
The Grand Long Beach
March 8, 2024



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Congratulations to all of the 2023 award recipients!

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO TODAY'S HONOREES

DR. KEITH
CURRY

VALERIE
DICKSON

RABBI
HOWARD
LAIBSON

LA VS. HATE

Equity and justice for all communities are at the heart of our work to serve as a safety net for our 10 million residents. That's why I'm proud to support the shared vision and extraordinary service of leaders like Valerie, Dr. Curry, Rabbi Laibson and of organizations like LA vs. Hate and CCEJ to empower individuals and communities and to illuminate the darkness. **Thank you.**

Janice Hahn



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JANICE HAHN

Valerie Dickson **CONGRATULATIONS**

On receiving the Gene Lentzner Human Relations Award! You truly embody human relations in all that you do. We at Groundswell are honored to join you in creating a more equitable future!



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We're proud to share CCEJ's Strategic Plan 2023-2027



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MISSION STATEMENT

To educate and empower youth and adults to lead change for equity and justice in our communities.



VISION STATEMENT

A world where people live free of oppression and thrive.

CCEJ'S IMPACT

800

youth diverted from the criminal legal system since 2013

23,000

youth trained through Building Bridges Camp since 1993

10,000

adults trained to create more equitable schools and workplaces since 2018

OUR VALUES

Relationships

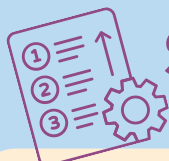
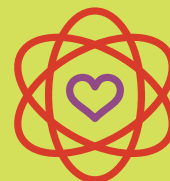
Care

Curiosity

Accountability

Imagination

Interdependence



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

TELLING OUR STORY

As CCEJ deepens and expands our work, we will strengthen our internal capacity to measure and assess our programs and increase the visibility of CCEJ and our impact more broadly. This strategic priority will help us tell our story more effectively, with a focus on branding, communications and program evaluation.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

CCEJ's youth programs are well-known for building their understanding of racism and other forms of oppression. In our plan, we will create more intentional pathways for youth to remain in relationship and community with CCEJ, supporting them in their growth as leaders and change agents for equity and justice in their colleges and workplaces. We will also expand our support for the young people we serve in our Youth Diversion program who have contact with or are impacted by the criminal legal system.

INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION

CCEJ has a long history of training and empowering adults to challenge the systems in which they operate to promote equity and justice. With this strategic priority, we will build upon our successful adult training and coaching services to create deeper, systemic change within critical institutions, particularly schools, nonprofits, and the juvenile criminal legal system. We will develop a model to intentionally shift institutions and structures towards equity and justice, working in partnership with institutions to create systemic change.



CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

The California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) is dedicated to educating and empowering youth and adults to lead change for equity and justice in our communities.

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