

## Byron Reaves, Officer of Equity Statement, Fall 2021



Hello,

I would like to express my interest for serving as the Senate's Officer of Equity. I have been a member of the SRJC community for the last 5 years, serving as the Coordinator of Student Success Programs on the Petaluma Campus and now as a counselor in the EOPS program. I have served on various committees and lead the charge on various equity related initiatives for our college community over the past five years. Some of highlights of my service in equity are:

- Closing equity gaps for in student success for students of color with the Petaluma Student Success Team - increasing course success, course retention, and persistence over district averages. Also, winning the Chancellor's award for innovation in Higher Education for the Student Success Team pilot program, awarded 1.6 million dollars for scaling up.
- Serving as a counselor and support staff for the UMOJA learning community - serving and closing achievement and success gaps for Black/ African American Students
- Serving as a mentor for the Puente Program
- Serving on the ISSC committee for over 3 years
- Serving as the Vice President of BLAC
- EOPS counselor serving economically disadvantaged students
- Various equity-based Communities of Practice

My commitment to equity for all students is unconditional and unapologetic. I believe this position is important as the Senate carries our college community to a more equitable campus community.

Thank you,  
Byron Reaves