Championed **COLLEGE ACCESS** and **SUCCESS**

EdSource journalist Larry Gordon moderates a conversation between President Michele Siqueiros and former U.S. Secretary of Education and incoming President & CEO of The Education Trust, John King.

Michele Siqueiros with our Champions of Higher Education celebration honorees, acknowledging campuses that excelled in supporting students through the Associate Degree for Transfer.

Executive Vice President Jessie Ryan joins House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, and Sacramento State President Robert Nelsen for a news conference to urge Congress to pass the DREAM Act.

Senior Vice President Audrey Dow with student advocates Kellien Evans and Wendi Lee doing capitol visits with legislators and their staff to share findings from the Campaign's California Higher Education Report Card.

Advocated for key **POLICIES** to improve higher education

- **Key Legislation to Fix Placement**
  
  Sponsored AB 705 authored by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, which ensures more students have access to college-level courses when they start community college by requiring colleges to use high school transcripts as a factor in determining course placement, substantially increasing students' chances of completing a degree, certificate or transfer.

- **Supported Efforts to Uphold Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**
  
  Convened groups to talk about ways to support and provide resources for DACA and undocumented students, participated in legislative news conferences calling on Congress to pass the DREAM Act, and pressed the Trump Administration to uphold DACA.

- **Stayed Vigilant on Transfer**
  
  Released, “The Transfer Maze: The High Cost to Students and the State of California,” a report that shows we have work left to do to ensure every community college student who wants to transfer to the state’s four-year universities has a clear roadmap to attain a bachelor’s degree.

- **A Focus on the State Budget**
  
  Advocated for an additional $160 million for community colleges for proven student success efforts, $150 million for guided pathways in the state budget and an additional $700 million to expand enrollment.
Increased **PUBLIC AWARENESS** through the release of 9 new publications including:

- **Transfer**
- **Practices with Promise**
- **The Status of California Higher Education**
- **Associate Degree for Transfer Implementation**

**CONNECTED** with Californians across the state:

- **223** news articles featuring our work and/or staff
- **25,000** stakeholders engaged through outreach events
- **3,194** page likes
- **4,773** followers

**RAISED** $4.7 million thanks to:

- Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- California Community Foundation
- College Futures Foundation
- ECMC Foundation
- Evelyn & Walter Haas Jr. Fund
- The Gilbert and Jacki Cisneros Foundation
- James Irvine Foundation
- Marin Community Foundation
- Ruiz Food Products
- Sand Hill Foundation
- Southern California Edison
- Working Poor Families Project
- California Business Roundtable
- San Bernardino Community College District
- Linda Griego Enterprises
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles
- Viridis Inc.