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Season 1, Episode 13: *Education, Racial Equity, and Social Justice in the Sacramento Region*: A conversation between Dr. Jaime Jackson, Franny Dewey, and Joseph Sais.

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[The podcast trailer begins with a musical intro]

Musical intro lyrics: Company under construction, the function, justice for the human family we demand it. Justice, true freedom, equality is a must. Thus, decolonization of the planet. So bust this. People be the power now we're Building Justice. Pulling out divinations, now we're Building Justice. Welcome the planet to the Podcast, "Building Justice," "Building Justice," "Building Justice." Building is to add on, or to do away with.

So welcome to Build Building Justice, a podcast by Sacramento State University's Center on Race, Immigration and Social Justice.

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This organization explores critical issues affecting our communities with the hopes of creating a healthier and more just world.

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Your host for today is myself Assistant Professor Jaime Jackson from the Department of Political Science.

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I'm also the internship program director for our department and here today to talk with our civic engagement and social justice scholars.

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We're going to have a wonderful conversation with one of these scholars who is a student at SAC State, Franny Dewey.

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And then we'll be able to hear a little bit from our second scholar, Joseph Sais,

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who had the opportunity for this project to interview Alex Zuko from the California Student Aid Commission.

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Both of these students are part of a special grant awarded by the Anchor University grant program,

where we had the opportunity to have these students receive stipends for their time,	
interning with our community partners, social justice, political power here in Sacramento.	1:36
Social Justice Political Whitaker is an organization focused on civic engagement and	1:42
specifically increasing community engagement transparency around city and regional government	1:48 nt. 1:53
So let's get started. OK, so getting started, as I said with me here today, is my wonderful student, Franny Dewey.	1.55
For this project.	1:59
these students were asked to create a capstone podcast episode rather than sharing Franny's full fabulous interview,	
which we'll have her talk a little bit about in a moment.	2:10
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education and kind of evolved into a community conversation with your daughter.	2:42
So Franny, why don't you go ahead and introduce yourself? Yeah.	2:49
So my name is Franny. I am a student at SAC State and a political science major,	2:52
and I have been working as a civic engagement and social justice scholar through an internship w social justice, political art.	
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And so the assignment was to address,	3:10
have a conversation with a community leader addressing a issue relevant to the social justice wor done at our internship placement site.	'k
So social justice, political power really does so much work within Sacramento that I had options to choose from.	3:16 o
So I went and went kind of personally, and I was reflecting on my role as a parent, being an advoctor my kids who are nonwhite.	3:30 cate

And so it started, like you said, with this desire to address systemic racism in education and specifically K through 12.	
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But it really evolved, and I was having trouble finding community leader to talk to that.	4:06
Was working within education. Was a parent or was a person of color.	4:15
So. I kind of morphed and evolves, like you said, to having a conversation, I found my my posture	e is. 4:24
Works with she. Her name is pastured, Reid, the William Flournoy.	4:40
And she does a lot of work addressing mental health and social services in the black community Sacramento.	
And I chose her because. When I wanted to have a conversation with my daughter, I wanted to highlight the needs of our community.	
In a way that everyone can understand that a child can understand.	4:57
So in. With all of the critical race.	5:14
Theory debates going on and and much more conversations in society about the impacts of racia violence, I was I was drawn towards that conversation.	
But after talking to my pastor more, I realized how critical it was to create a safe space for my daughter.	5:32
So rather than having a conversation of her dissipate in a conversation that I wanted to have,	5:45
I needed to participate and create space where she felt safe, engaging in a conversation that she wanted to have.	5:57
That was still related. So, yeah, that kind of push me in a different direction.	6:04
I appreciate your your patience as I went down this discovery.	6:13
So really, it became a lot more focused on mental health and adverse childhood experiences and providing tools.	6:20 I
We're both adults and children to process these experiences.	6:26
And then there's the larger discussion is, you know, of course,	6:40
how are institutions and schools aren't equipped to address issues related to adverse childhood experiences and	6:47
and the contraction of the contr	6:52

identify appropriate tools needed to mitigate challenges that those children will face in the classroom setting?	
And that there's some spillover into inherent bias in how institutions and teachers	7:08
in classrooms perceive their students and and perceive the behavior of the students.	7:19
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So. Yeah, that's kind of the starting point.	7:32
Yeah, and I have to say for because I listened to your capstone a couple of times,	7:39
and I think in a lot of ways what you do model really well is that this isn't a really simple policy is:	sue. 7:46
Like here's the OK, here's a problem racial equity in schools.	7:53
Here's a solution, as you say.	7:58
You know, when you really speak with children and when you come at it from the position of a scholar and activist, a parent, right?	
You start to see the layers that are really involved in the process of bringing these important issu of racial equity to children,	
which is dealing with things like trauma or adverse childhood experiences,	8:11
which is meeting kids where they're at and making sure you're creating spaces that are safe for the conversations,	8:21 hese
but also recognizing the roles of community leaders like your pastor who aren't necessarily in traditional positions within education	8:25
systems but are actually providing services to communities and providing support to families in these really difficult situations.	8:34
And so, you know, a child's education isn't just in the classroom, it's also happening in these space too.	8:43 ces,
And how do we make both of these spaces a safe place for our kids?	8:55
And so I thought that your podcast really highlighted not only these the layers of challenges involved in these policy,	9:02
you know, quote unquote policy issues, but also the very human dimension of being a kid in this	9:06
space.	9:17

You know, and you're so I guess what I want to ask you is maybe you can share a little bit with about how the conversation with your daughter went.	JS
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I'd love for you to tell our listeners,	9:37
what were some of the things that you talked about with your daughter in this capstone project your daughter and your pastor?	
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And how did how did you feel at the end of the conversation and how did your daughter feel?	9:48
Yeah. And so we kind of let my daughter introduce yourself to start off.	9:56
And I wanted to frame the context of our home environment.	5.50
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So my I am separated from my husband and I addressed.	10:15
We've got separation with my daughters, so that's that's kind of where I started.	
So what I didn't directly or overtly say in this piece is that I am a survivor of domestic violence a	10:26
experienced,	nu i
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yeah, abuse in this relationship. And so.	10:48
They're coming from like a WASPy background talking about.	10.10
Caraily aballances and family spice things not working out well is not	10:54
Family challenges and family crisis, things not working out well is not.	11:04
Not something you do.	
And it's certainly not something you do with your children, at least in in the way that I had been	11:14 າ
socialized, you don't talk about.	11:16
You know, addiction or are your failure homelessness, you talk about your successes typically so	
So I've always tried to be direct with my kids so they can learn from my experiences.	11:25
And. It was important here to address my own mental health first before opening the conversat up for her to engage in.	11:35 tion
up for her to engage in:	11:47
Analyzing her own mental health and her her own state of being.	12.00
So there was a need to explain.	12:06
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In delicate terms, the trauma that I experienced, and I appreciate you talking about the complex it because.	kity of

I think that's that's something that has really marked my experience working with social justice,	12.22
political power is recognizing how complex all of these issues are.	12:33
And it's really important to be very well informed about all aspects in order to make the right chomoving forward.	12:40 oice
So, Franny, I want to pick up on something that you you just said that I thought was really interestabout	12:47 sting
how your own reflection on these experiences has really impacted your experience at social justice	13:01 ce, 13:07
political power, like being coming to the table really well informed.	13:15
So can you speak to that a little bit? Since social justice, political power is also a civic engagemen organization.	
You know, how does that being really well informed?	13:20
What role does that play, you know, representing an organization that's trying to inform the pub on political issues?	13:27 olic
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So just bliss, political power has a need to break down the density of public meetings to	13:40
communicate and share it with the masses.	13:51
And so for everyone to be on the same page and be informed and be able to engage.	14:10
In an effective way, there needs to be understanding, right, and so there's like there's a task.	14:21
You break down the complexity of issues in a way that everybody can understand, so they can man informed decision about how to move forward.	
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That's the whole point of internships. But you're also learning this.	14:53
In the process of trying to communicate difficult and complex topics as a parent,	14:58
as a mother and I want to, I want to recall a quote from your interview with your daughter,	15:03
where at one point you and your pastor sort of asking her about how she deals with difficult subjects,	

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and she's listing off these things she likes to do. And she says, Oh, and you've got to laugh and you've got a dance, you've got to dance it out.	
And she's talking about like these really like practical mental health practices.	15:18
And it's like, man, the things we can learn from children, right?	15:26
And the way they see the world and the way that they cope with difficult subjects and difficult t	15:31 imes. 15:35
And I just thought that was really, really beautiful. And yeah, does she does your daughter dance sing a lot?	e and
Is that part of her practice dance? And she's, yeah, she's picked up on that for sure.	15:42 15:48
That's amazing. So the next question I have for you, Franny,	15:59
is how how has this internship experience and also the creation of this kind of culminating pode episode?	
And we have another culminating event coming up on May 4th, which I'll talk about at the end.	16:03 16:13
How has this impacted sort of your perspectives on not only what is social justice,	
but how do we, you know, how do we strive for social justice in our kind of political practices?	16:18
Yeah, if there's not a easy fix, I think, is.	16:24
And it doesn't take. Just one solution.	16:32
So really, you know, building coalitions and addressing issues from every angle is necessary.	16:38
I wanted to have a conversation about racism and identity inherent bias with my child, but I I couldn't do that with.	16:44
Recognizing that there. Were larger needs connected to her identity, larger emotional need needs	16:54 eds? 17:12
Nippon, sorry. Yeah, so, yeah, so a larger emotional needs connected to to her identity,	17:12
and I think you also come to the podcast or the capstone project that you created and as well a you've come to your work at social justice,	
political power with a lot of sensitivity, right?	17:38
In recognizing that your identity is different in many ways than your daughter's identity in the s she occupies.	17:48 paces

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And so my my last question for us is, as you know, as a parent, but also as a scholar, social justic and civic engagement.	ce
And you kind of hinted at this in the beginning of our conversation. But what?	18:01
What would you like to see change in K through 12 education?	18:11
You know, recognizing that you in some ways come from a more privileged space than your daughter?	18:16
Not that you haven't had an enormous amount of hardship.	18:24
And you know your story is really I'm I'm always so proud of you and what you've been doing a what you've accomplished.	18:30 nd
But you know, given this,	18:33
this space that you occupy and this learning that you've experienced throughout this process are and then your position as a parent,	
what would you like to see kind of change in K through 12 education to improve racial equity arthings like that?	
Yeah, I mean,	18:50
there's so like there's that's a very tricky question to answer because there's so it's it's a complex issue and there's so many elements.	19:00 x
That go into.	19:01
Racialized violence in K through 12, I think for me, recognizing how to identify adverse childhoo	19:14 od
experiences and have some kind of like a.	19:19
A war that builds a capacity to address.	19:37
Mental health of. Of youth, this wasn't this didn't come up.	19:45
In my interview specifically, and you can take this out if it's too of a subject,	19:54
but my son, he he's in daycare now, so he's not in public school yet.	20:02
But he. His adverse childhood experience kind of overlapped with inherent bias of his	20:11
teachers to create a dynamic where he was being scapegoated in his classroom,	20:20

where he was being.	
Responded to by the teachers as if he was a problem.	20:30
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And so. There.	20:42
I paused because it you know, there's so many my mind goes to all the places where this is connected and identity autonomy,	20.40
self-actualization in order to pursue political change.	20:48
We have to believe that it's possible. Mm-Hmm.	21:06
And. And be grounded in in reality.	21:12
And talk about. The messy things, the uncomfortable things, the things that we don't want to talk about.	
So I think in K through 12,	21:20
like having a curriculum and a capacity of teachers to have conversations that are more delicate conversations about mental health,	21:30
about adverse childhood experiences, about inherent bias and structural violence.	21:32
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Those are the conversations that are necessary for teachers to be having with their students.	21:54
Mm-Hmm. Mm-Hmm. Yeah, well, thank you, Franny, this has been really amazing.	22:01
It's very thoughtful, I think things kind of note to sort of transition and pivot from if you want to	
Franny's full interview with her daughter and her pastor about their experience,	22:15
it will be linked. When we released this podcast through our various social media channels, it's really incredible interview.	a
I could spend literally all afternoon talking to Franny about this experience,	22:23
reduce spend interally all afternoon talking to Frankly about this experience,	22:33
but we're now going to transition to listening to our other civic engagement and social justice scholar who,	
like Franny, is really passionate about this question of racial equity and education.	22:39
He chose to focus on higher education,	22:45
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an environment where both he and Joseph and Franny have seen the good and the things that to change in the higher education system.	need
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And so let's listen to his interview with Alex Zuko from the California center.	23:02
A California Student Aid Commission? Excuse me,	
and then I'll sign us off with an announcement about Civic Engagement Workshop that Franny a Joseph will be hosting for our community on May 4th.	23:09 and
So let's let's hear from Joseph. Hello, my name is Joseph Sayers, and I am a civic engagement ar social justice scholar.	23:13 nd
I'm a fourth year journalist and Poli sci student,	23:23
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Alex, if you could just introduce yourself and tell me what organizations you work with.	23:47
Sure. My name is Alex Hugo. Currently, I am the government relations and advocacy manager for California Student Aid Commission.	23:55 or the
I've only been here since July. Prior to my work here,	24:00
I had worked for an assembly member in the district as his education deputy also was an elected school board member in	24:09 d
Southern California for two terms and had worked for the California School Board Association at the attorney general.	24:13 nd
Mr. Becerra, some kind of a bit of a. An awkward, not awkward path, but, you know, not direct.	24:21
ivii. Becerra, some kind of a bit of a. All awkward, not awkward path, but, you know, not direct.	24:28
And now I'm with the commission that is actually so great and you did mention the commission	i. 24:36
So my first question for you is, would you tell me a little bit about what she is doing to improve diversity in higher education?	2 1.50
The point of contact we have with students is in affordability.	24:41
So when we are looking at increasing diversity in higher education,	24:53
it is making sure that we have grants and giving students the tools to get to college.	24:57
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All students, all Californians, regardless of their immigration status.	25:08

We want to make sure that everybody knows not only that the money is there, but that there is also free money because we give away grants,

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which means you do not have to pay it back, which is the best kind of money to get to go to college. 25:20

So we have the cash for college events, which those are held at high schools around the state, and they are not only for the student,

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but for the parents, because a lot of the farms the students need to fill out are kind of above their pay grade.

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It's like, here's tax information and this is our salary and our incomes and things like that.

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So they're kind of some and we want to make sure that we have those in multiple languages so that parents and students,

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the whole family can kind of understand what they're getting into in the forms because they're they're not user friendly.

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And then also making our materials available and a lot of languages as well.

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We also even have when we do social media, we do it in the number of languages so that we want to make sure that.

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Any student that is coming into the higher education or wants post-secondary opportunities will have that at the community college level,

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as well as the four year level. And as well as there are also grants that go into kind of the workforce, 26:19

like programs like becoming apprentices to become a plumber's apprentice and things like that, those France's West as well.

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So that is our point of contact for making sure diversity is kind of being

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addressed is in who we approach should let them know the money is available. Those point of contact sound amazing and as a student,

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I'm glad that there's grants that shares diversity and equity with not just students that maybe are from the country,

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but also maybe undocumented students and just students that need help.

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And speaking of which, my next question is going to be what is a huge issue of higher education that deals with equity?

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You know, for equity, it is depending on the population, there's different, different issues.

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One is Pell Grant, which is the federal grants, which is we are cal.

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Their Pell has not kept up with the cost of going to college and going to college is not just about tuition.

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So the biggest obstacle we think students have encountered is access to just basic human needs.

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Do they have food? Do they have a place to live?

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I mean, it's more you can give a student tuition, but they do still have other needs that need to be addressed.

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So I want to say 20, 30 years ago, the Pell Grant used to cover 80 percent of the cost of going to college,

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and now it is 30 percent and it is not even close to keeping up to what that college cost.

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So we in California and I would say we do the best of all 50 states in making college more accessible and affordable, and we still aren't even close.

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I mean, we can still do so much better. So we have also now like some of the things we do to make sure we're relieving some of those points of pain.

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Those pain contact points is to when a student files their FAFSA or kata.

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We let them know, you know, it looks like you're eligible for Cal Grant and for these services.

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You may also be eligible for catfish. You may also be eligible for other kinds of assistance that you may not have been aware of,

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that don't have any to do with the education costs, but go to your basic needs costs. So that is one way that I think we can help.

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And last year, the Student Aid Commission assembled a workgroup to discuss this specifically Cal Fresh

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because of the maybe seven or eight hundred thousand students that are eligible for Cal Fresh.

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Only one hundred and twenty five thousand received those benefits, and sometimes it takes months for them to receive those benefits.

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Something magical doesn't happen between 12th grade when they're receiving free and reduced lunch, and then they go off to college.

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It didn't suddenly come into a bunch more money as soon as they became a 13th grader,

so making sure we are keeping up with that point as well, so they know that they could have these services as well.

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Thank you so much, and I think that 30 percent now is sad and saddening,

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especially with dealing with students that need the money as a student myself, that has come fresh and that uses like the program.

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It is very taxing for me myself to see, OK, this is where I'm going to spend my money on.

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This is what I need. This is what I don't need. And speaking of the equity guy, I do want to go more in detail with a racial equity gap.

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And how can we discuss that in higher education? Well, the.

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The one point that we don't ever get to is the admissions process, and that's more of a segment question.

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So on the students that are being admitted, we wouldn't really have much data.

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We don't really have that much data on how their admissions.

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Kind of take that into account and how that kind of how that plays out to work, to create a more diverse campus.

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I know, I do know just because I have two daughters that have gone through college.

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I know that they have programs on campuses.

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But the only role the commission plays is in handing out money and making sure that students are aware of the money that's available.

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We don't get to be really part of. You don't get to kind of see the the other end where we're looking at admissions

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to see how they're being selected to be able to attend higher education. So I don't really have many data points on that.

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OK, and that's completely understandable. We would love to be more involved, we would love to get those data points.

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The segments are not super transparent, sometimes fully understandable as a Latino myself being a first generation student.

It's very hard to want to continue in higher education because it just feels like the threshold is the much harder.	nat
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So moving along, what can we do to better have an equitable, higher education,	31:15
especially for first generation college students that might be in the BIPOC community?	31:22
Well, and I am one of the previous jobs I held was with the California state PTA and we had a paengagement program.	arent
And the success of it relied on the fact that we knew as an organization, a statewide power organization,	31:28
that 60 percent of all students in California K-12 schools had parents that did not attend school the United States.	
So our foundation of just expecting, like you'll understand the process of getting into it is not transmore.	31:44 rue
I mean, that is not kind of the norm. It's so kind of even just starting from that point where you to kind of look at	31:54 have
yourself as a customer facing business like we have these students and this is going to be.	32:01
While we may be admitting students hundreds of thousands of students every year, this is the fitime this family has been here.	32:08 irst
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And you need to kind of approach them in that way.	32:21
I think that is a very that's a missing piece that sometimes schools expect that since there I out checks for financial aid a day.	
I process this many admissions. For you and your family, this was the first time you did it, so you not an expert yet,	32:24 u're
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and you need to kind of approach families and students in that respect,	32:41
like I am here to help you through this journey, like this is going to be something that we do together.	
And I am going to make sure you understand every step of the way as we're going.	32:44
So it's not making you uncomfortable or your parents and you know, all the opportunities available or your parents.	32:49 able,
but.	32:54

I would love to see the segments be more kind of be more inclusive of that kind of that internate experience,	tional
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especially our state has with their family units,	33:09
because it's it's a lot having it kind of going from K through 12, which is a very,	33:13
very kind of insulated kind of peace to your neighborhood and stuff like this.	33:20
And then for some parents sending their child to another city that they will not be	
able to see them every day and just trusting that they'll be OK in this environment.	33:28
I think that hosting events that I think sometimes universities and colleges like to try to get the bang for their buck,	
they'll have a large event and just say, Y'all come everybody's welcome when they really should doing smaller ones,	33:39 be
saying We want to do a an event that is targeted at the AAPI community and invite and make s is welcoming to them and what we want to do,	33:48 ure it
one that is for Latino and Latina students and then for LGBT students and people of color.	33:55
And you make them more targeted so they can appreciate that the communities will exist wher get to the college.	34:02 n they
Because while you will, we will become part of the entire university family.	34:08
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You won't right away and you'll want to have those kind of smaller communities that you	34:21
create within your kind of networks on campus to make these big giant campuses feel small.	34:25
Mm hmm. And so I think the schools that do those targeted events and do a lot of little ones,	
I think they're far more successful and just kind of appreciating that it is going to be acknowled that	
you have all these different experiences will make people feel more hurt and more comfortable the campus.	34:38 on
Yeah, and I totally understand your point coming into a city such as Sacramento.	34:46
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At first, I thought I didn't see like people that looked like me, like Latino, brown skinned.	34:59
But then there is a great community that I was able to be a part of that.	

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The Serna Center, the DRC centers my on my campus.	35:10
They host different events for inclusivity.	
Actually being a part of graduating soon, they have a graduation ceremony for like the next fou graduate.	35:14 ır to
And the schools that do that is such such a smart idea. I mean, you have like not saying that yo have to do just that one or just one or the other,	
but you give people opportunities they have like networks and things that kind of highlights th different	35:25 e
special qualities that everybody kind of brings to the table that makes it a richer conversation.	35:32
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Yes, and I totally agree with that. The whole point where I wanted this interview is to talk more higher education and what we can do to	
help maybe the BIPOC community to help destigmatize or even demystify the processes of high	35:46 her
So on that note, one final reflection. What exactly would you want to be seen?	35:54
You said during admissions that will be more inclusive for the BIPOC community and maybe my as a Latino,	36:04 yself
seeing a Latino kid being able to say I can go to higher education.	36:11
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What is that lasting impression that you would want to see maybe during the admissions proce	ss? 36:23
Well, I mean, I I think it starts with representation.	36:30
If you walk onto a campus and nobody looks like you, that works there or are people you come contact,	
even when you have, you're doing the campus visits like I remember you're taking our girls to v the different places.	36:35 visit
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36:43 You want the people talking about the campus, and those are usually student led and they're

walking, talking about things,
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making sure you have student representation that looks like all the students that you have there, I think is a great first start.

	They when they look at this student leading the tour. They see themselves there like I could give three years.	e in
	I could be the one giving this tour. And then when you walk into these different student spaces	37:03
	where they have to do the registration I books,	37:09
	get their financial aid package, you know, all these kind of registrar questions when you're walk into those places as well.	
	It's reflective of the community that we have because I think academia is very stodgy.	37:18
	So they are very it's a very kind of elite place sometimes.	37:23
	And I don't I don't know that the staff sometimes reflects the diversity they're looking for.	37:31 37:36
	So that would be a great place that I think they should start.	37:43
	Is that and this is, you know, this is, you know, Alex is a parent of people and students.	37:45
	Mr. I think that it would be much better when students walk into a campus.	37:50
	They see people that are working there that also kind of look like them.	37:54
	Also, the students they come into contact with because typically when you go to the students st	tore, 37:58
	those are all students, you know, for the most part. You just have that kind of feeling when you in that they're that you,	
	you belong because you see the other students there that look like you and they feel like	38:02
	you have some of the same kind of foundational experiences and making sure they highlight,	38:11 38:15
	I know that several times they felt like a rush week, but it is like a club week and really encourage and valuing those different	
	clubs to kind of flourish and have kind of uplift what they're trying to do.	38:22
	So students know where to find the people and the interests,	38:30
	and the core things that are looking to kind of identify with those would be two or three ways I would start.	38:35
	And I love your two to three ways Sacramento State actually does each semester.	38:39
	In the first two weeks, they have a club rush and the student I was actually a part of the club rus seeing the different kinds of clubs,	38:46 h and

38:51 different organizations. We have a Latino organization, we have black spots, we have an all now inclusive fraternity. 38:59 So I think it's great when you see people of your identity and color, especially when it becomes teaching opportunities. 39:06 Professors, faculty, staff, seeing someone in a position of power that looks like you, 39:15 I think, is a way where you can see yourself in the future and that position of power. 39:20 Or maybe that professor that you would want to engage with students and thank you. 39:29 Those are the last of my questions. OK, Alex, I just want to thank you so much for taking your time to oh, every time, dude. 39:37 Well, thank you again and I appreciate your honest responses and I do hope that. 39:46 Someday I can see a partnership with Sea SAC and how we can have racial equity within higher education or even see 39:52 students apply more to prestigious colleges that they think they might not get into because of their skin color. 40:01 because of their identity. And I think when partnerships happen that they can break down those molds and demystify the issues that students may face. 40:08 Absolutely. Every great. Thank you. Wow, that was a really wonderful interview. 40:20 Thank you, Joseph, for your work on this capstone project and for asking difficult questions about equity in higher education. 40:27 And thank you to Alex Zuko from the California Student Aid Commission for taking the time to participate in this project. 40:37 And for those of you listening, we appreciate you tuning in to hear about the work of these civic engagement and social justice scholars. 40:45 Franny and Joseph, a student led work, really produces some amazing, 40:54 thoughtful changes and suggestions for us all to think about in terms of our own efforts at improving equity in education at all levels.

So this was a really wonderful project. We're very grateful to you, Franny and Joseph.

I also want to again thank the Anchor University Grant Initiative for funding this project.

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4th from five to 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Center Sacramento State's downtown building.

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We will be having a civic engagement workshop hosted by Franny and Joseph in conjunction with Social Justice,

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Political Order, and featuring a keynote speech by our very own student,

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Christy Martinez, from the political science department, who's graduating this year and has also been amazingly active in civic engagement.

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And so we're really looking forward to that. We hope you all will join us.

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Thank you for tuning in and thank you to the Center for Race Center for Race, Immigration and Social Justice for hosting this podcast.

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We appreciate your time and the work that you're doing on our campus. So thanks for listening.

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