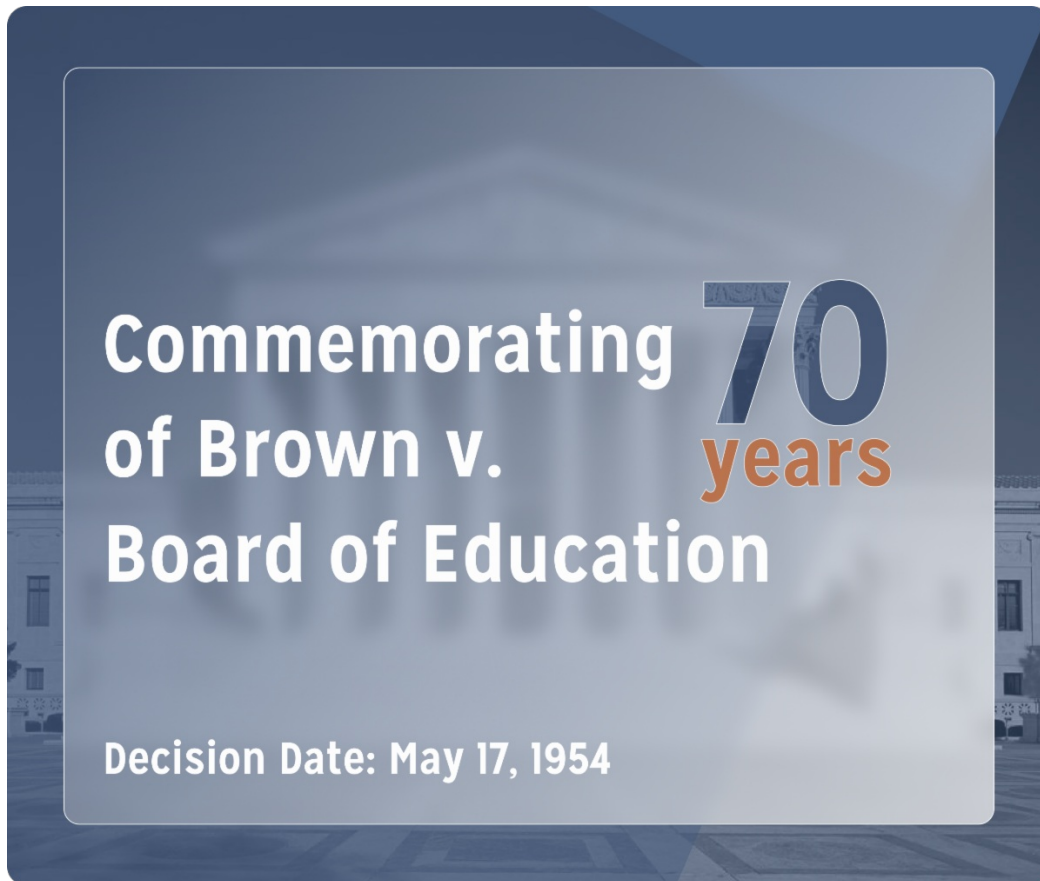




May 2024 Network Updates



Separate is Not Equal: Reflecting on the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, 1954 and DEI in California

May 17th will mark the 70th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, KS 1954 supreme court decision to abolish the “separate but equal doctrine.” On April 23rd, the Network commemorated this occasion with a virtual convening of 214 attendees. View the recorded [remarks from the Network Director and CSU Office of the Chancellor leadership](#), [San José State ethnic studies faculty](#), [middle leaders systemwide](#), and [CSU students](#) who spoke on desegregation efforts, their legacies, and the continued need to center diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in California’s education systems.



Read the Final Installment of the "Rising Costs in California" Blog Series

This fourth installment explores actionable steps that CSU staff and faculty can implement to better support students from low-income backgrounds in their educational journey. Building on previous discussions about the hurdles these students face, the value of a CSU degree, and comprehensive support systems, this piece dives deep into the practical interventions that can make a real difference.

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Advisory Board: View Our Call for Nominations!

Are you a student centered and equity minded staff, faculty or administrator? If so then we are tapping you on the shoulder to apply to be an Advisory Board Member for the Network. Ideal candidates have previously attended a Network event, understand their campuses and its needs and data, and are comfortable sharing with their campus our opportunities for professional development and scholarly inquiry. If this sounds like you please **apply by June 7!** If you have questions about the role please email the Advisory Board Chairperson, Shonda Goward, at shonda.goward@sjsu.edu.

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2024-25 Middle Leadership Academy

We are thrilled to announce that the application period for the 2024-25 MLA will open on August 1. We invite cross-functional teams of staff, students, administrators, and faculty from each campus to apply. The Academy is grounded in a problem-based learning model that motivates participants to "lead from the middle" as they explore and apply strategies to support equitable student learning,

engagement, progression, and success on their campuses.

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