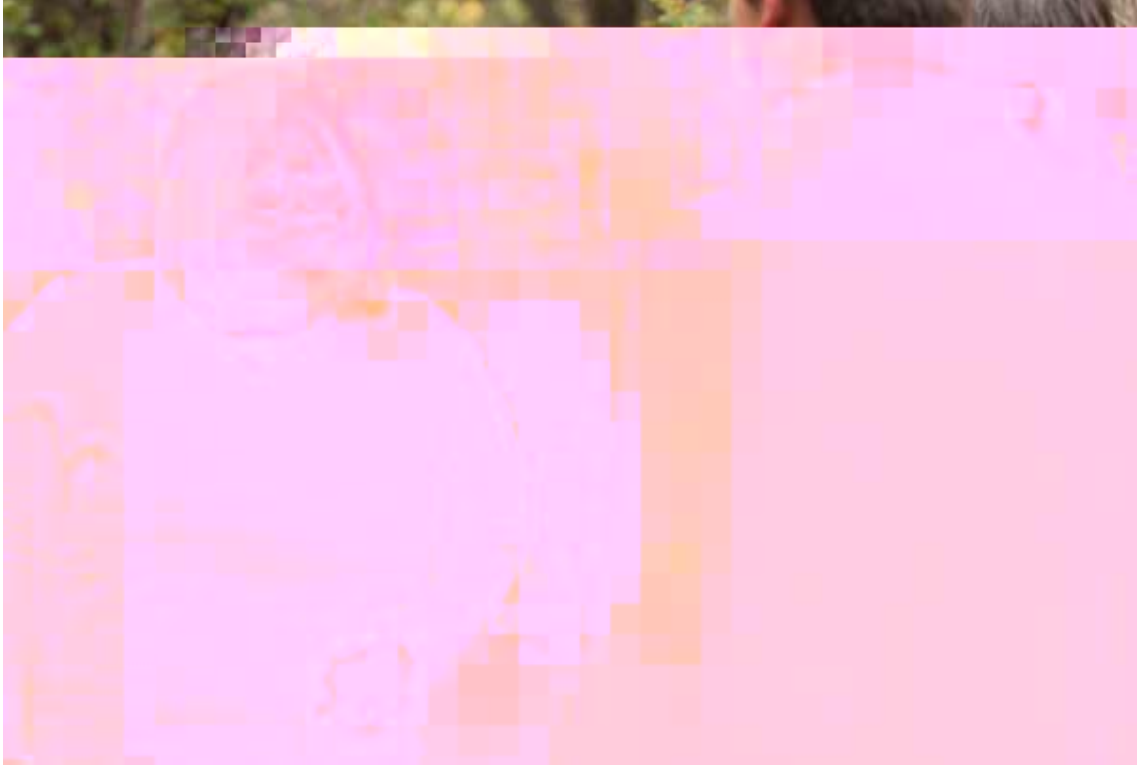


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By Margarita Kompelmakher



*Dr. Debra Griffith is appointed to a newly created position, Dean of Student Equity*

“I think that West Valley College is an open canvas to change a lot of things,” adds Griffith, who investigated child neglect for the City of New York before pursuing a career in higher education. “I like the smaller feel of a community college and the lower cost of education. I get to have conversations that are important to me rather than trying to push against the requirements of getting students out in four years.”

Griffith, a self-identified introvert, wants to encourage introverts on campus to get involved in equity and diversity measures on campus. Too often the voices heard at campus meetings and forums are biased toward extroverted personalities. Her advice: “Come and be a fly on the wall until something has impacted you enough to make your voice heard,” says Griffith. “For me, the action is to go.”

Students and faculty interested in working with [Dean Griffith \(/faculty/griffith.html\)](/faculty/griffith.html) should contact her directly.

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