

**2021 LEAP PASC
Graduate
Megan Henderson
Director of Equity
Mountain View Whisman
School District**

*Megan's statement on her time in
the LEAP Pasc program*

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"As a recent graduate of Santa Clara County Office of Education's administrative credentialing program (PASC) and an emerging administrator, I look back on my experience in the LEAP program with fondness and gratitude. I was recently appointed to Director of Equity at Mountain View Whisman School District and feel empowered to meet the complex needs of this position because of how Equity was embedded in every aspect of the LEAP program. From the core program standards and equity principles to the chosen curricula and extra readings, the LEAP program entrusted our development to a core group of faculty who continually reinforced that we should all ground our work in "creating more socially just learning environments" wherever we land as administrators. Our equity work throughout the program also helped curate experiences that helped us make connections in the community. LEAP Professor Manny Barbara, also special advisor to the CEO of the Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF), invited us all to the organization's Bold Conversations About Equity and made sure we had time to debrief in class. Director Adora Fisher and Specialist Lonni Gause also made sure we had access to resources at the County from the Inclusion Collaborative, such as the online workshops tied to the new Ways 2 Equity playbook. This program didn't just set me up for success, it set me up to serve the most vulnerable in our community -- and that is what's important.

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