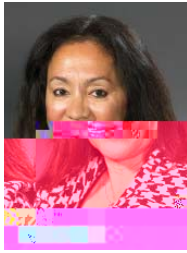


Values we should remember from a visionary colleague



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I often say that, together, the individual members of the Board of Regents make a beautiful rainbow, comprised of men and women from different backgrounds, races and ethnicities. Recently, that rainbow lost a little of its brilliance when our friend and colleague, Regent Judith Johnson, passed away. Judith was a visionary, a pioneer and a true education leader. In a career

that spanned decades, Judith was dedicated, above all else, to the pursuit of educational equity and excellence for all students.

With Judith's passing, it is important to reiterate our guiding principles and to reflect upon the Regents' ongoing efforts to ensure equity for all.

The mission of the Board of Regents can accurately be described this way: we aim to ensure that New York's students have equitable access to the highest quality educational opportunities, services and supports; we aim to ensure that our schools provide effective instruction that is aligned with the state's learning standards; and we aim to ensure that our students feel supported in schools that provide them with positive and culturally-responsive learning environments.