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El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees Vice President John Vargas Attends International Leadership Conference

El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees Vice President John Vargas recently attended a leadership conference in Brussels, Belgium. The 2017 Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network's "TILN Workshop 2017" brought together leaders from across the U.S. and Europe to discuss excellence and inclusivity in leadership.

The Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network, an initiative of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, supports groups of diverse elected leaders from the United States and Europe. Members are inspired to excel in elected office, advance inclusive policies, and engage with senior policymakers in numerous countries.

The six-day annual workshop is designed for 25 young, diverse leaders to participate in exercises and discussions involving leadership and inclusive policies. Attendees also engage in peer-to-peer learning, networking, and sessions on topics such as campaign strategies and transitioning to higher offices.

In addition to his position on the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees, Vargas is the secretary for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. He has served in public office since 2009, when he was elected to the Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees.

Vargas has served as lead administrator for numerous charter schools in Southern California and continues to support student achievement in his new role as CEO of EdVantage Education Group, a newly formed nonprofit organization focused on supporting and improving charter schools through a partnership model of collaboration. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA and a master's degree in linguistics from California State University, Long Beach.

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