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**El Camino Community College District Board Members
Elected to State/National Organizations**
Kenneth Brown and John Vargas to represent ECC and community colleges

Two El Camino Community College District board members were recently elected to serve on the boards of state and national organizations.

Board of Trustees President Kenneth Brown was recently elected to the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) board and Vice President John Vargas was elected to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) executive board.

“Trustees Brown and Vargas will be excellent representatives for El Camino College and higher education as a whole,” said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney. “With an enrollment of 2.1 million students in the California Community College system, the scale of our system is immense. Twenty-four percent of the nation’s community college students attend a California community college. Given this context, colleges throughout the state and nation will benefit from Trustee Brown and Trustee Vargas’ leadership and experience on these notable boards.”

As a member of the CCCT board, Brown will provide input to help guide decisions to better serve the organization's member colleges. The CCCT board is one of the League’s two policy boards, comprising 21 members elected statewide. Board members also take positions on and formulate education policy issues that come before the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the State Legislature and other state-level boards and commissions.

Brown has served on the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees since 2010. He works in the GPS Systems Engineering division at Northrop Grumman; and has been an adjunct professor of physics at California State University, Dominguez Hills for the past eight years. After earning a bachelor’s degree in computer science and physics from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Brown completed a master’s degree in applied physics from Clark Atlanta University.

On the NALEO board, Vargas will serve as secretary to this national non-profit, non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,100 Latino elected and appointed officials. The board of directors provides national leadership on key issues that affect Latino participation in the political process.

Vargas was elected to the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees in 2013. He is an educational consultant with years of experience in grant writing and charter school operations. Vargas earned a bachelor of arts in political science from UCLA and a master’s degree in linguistics from California State University, Long Beach.

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