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HACU announces new trustees affiliate membership along with a Trustees' Forum

San Antonio, TX – The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), the nonprofit education association representing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), has announced the establishment of a membership affiliation for individuals serving on a Board of Trustees to join HACU in championing Hispanic higher education success.

Founded in 1986, HACU represents more than 470 colleges and universities in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, and Spain. HACU works with its Governing Board of 18 national and international leaders, primarily college presidents/CEOs, to advance HACU's mission and initiatives affecting HSIs and emerging HSIs, serving Hispanics, one of the fastest growing demographics in higher education.

"HACU and its Governing Board recognize that trustees play a vital role on our campuses," said HACU President and CEO Antonio R. Flores. "By working more closely with trustees, we can increase advocacy efforts for education and ensure HSIs receive the support necessary to educate America's future leaders for a global workforce."

HACU led the effort in 1992 to urge Congress to formally recognize colleges and universities with high Hispanic enrollment as federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institutions and target federal appropriations to those campuses.

"Having trustees as part of HACU's membership means increasing the impact of the institutions we serve, as well as of higher education on a broader national level," said Frank Reyes, a San Bernardino Community College District board of trustees' member. Reyes recently participated in HACU's 2017 Capitol Forum and joined the association in visits to Capitol Hill to speak with members of Congress about funding for HSIs. HACU will also host an inaugural Trustees' Forum, following HACU's 31st Annual Conference on Oct. 31, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, Calif.

The post-conference event will focus on engagement opportunities at the state and federal level and feature two panels, "Current Issues and Opportunities Facing Trustees and Hispanic Higher Education," moderated by Eloy Oakley, chancellor of California Community Colleges and member of the Board of Regents of the University of California System, and "HACU and the Role of Trustees," moderated by Silas Abrego, trustee of the California State University System.

Scheduled panelists include: J. Noah Brown, president and CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees; Richard Legon, president and CEO of the Association of Governing Boards; and Monica Lozano, chair, Board of Regents of the University of California System.

Information on registration for Trustees' Forum and the membership affiliation is available at www.hacu.net, or by contacting HACU's membership office at membership@hacu.net.

About HACU

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) headquarters are located in San Antonio, Texas, with offices in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento, California. Thousands of young Hispanics benefit from HACU internships, scholarships, college retention and advancement programs, precollegiate support, and career development opportunities and programs.

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