



International Plenary: “Increasing International Education Opportunities for Hispanics in the Western Hemisphere”

Mon., Oct. 31, 9 – 10:15 a.m.
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
Room 007 BCD – River Level

Speakers will discuss the many new and exciting opportunities in international education for Hispanic students throughout the western hemisphere. Two top university leaders in the field of international education will each address the topic from their unique perspective and highlight programs within their own institutions that are promoting and expanding international education.

Panelists:

- Fernando León García, Ph.D.: President & CEO, CETYS University System in Mexico. Dr. León received his Doctorate degree from Stanford University. He is a leader in various international education associations and currently serves as Chair of the ACE Fellows Council and President of the Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration (CONAHEC). Dr. León and his university have extensive experience in international education.
- David J. Schmidly, Ph.D.: President, University of New Mexico. Dr. Schmidly received his Doctorate degree from the University of Illinois. He is an esteemed member of HACU’s Governing Board and leads a Hispanic-Serving Institution with extensive international experience. President Schmidly is an internationally respected researcher and scientific author and has been inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame for Science, Mathematics and Technology.
- Moderator – Mildred García, Ph.D.: President, California State University, Dominguez Hills. Dr. García received her Doctorate degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is an educator and a scholar in the field of higher education. Dr. García currently serves as the 7th president of California State University, Dominguez Hills, and as the first Latina president in the California State University System.