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NALEO Educational Fund Announces Dave Montez as New Chief Development Officer

Montez will lead the organization's fundraising efforts and donor relations

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund announced today the appointment of Dave Montez as its new Chief Development Officer. Montez's extensive experience in philanthropy and leadership roles across regional and national non-profits has amassed a reputable track record of success — fostering relationships with stakeholders as well as developing and executing successful advancement strategies.

Montez will spearhead all NALEO Educational Fund's fundraising efforts and donor relations in his new role. He will focus on igniting growth for the organization as it continues to advocate for, empower, and mobilize Latino participation in all aspects of American democracy.

"As our organization turns its focus to election season and a busy 2024, Dave Montez's extensive experience advancing the work of non-profit organizations will be fundamental in helping us achieve our goals and continue to deliver on our mission to facilitate full Latino participation in the American political process," said **NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas**. "His expertise in philanthropy and leading advocacy campaigns on behalf of the LGBTQ and Latino communities will help strengthen our organization's impact."

"It is truly an honor to join NALEO Educational Fund and be a part of the amazing work this organization does to strengthen our country's democracy by empowering Latinos," said newly-appointed **NALEO Educational Fund Chief Development Officer Dave Montez**. "I look forward to further garnering support for the great work NALEO Educational Fund does across the nation."

Montez previously held leadership positions at the Democracy Alliance, including Vice President and Director of the Latino Engagement Fund. He has also served as Executive Director of One Colorado and One Colorado Education Fund, overseeing both the organizations' development and strategic advancement. Montez also served as chief of staff and acting president of GLAAD and as a senior program officer at the Gill Foundation. He grew up in rural southern Colorado and graduated from the Metropolitan State University of Denver.

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.