

HELIOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION – President and CEO

Paul J. Luna – President and Chief Executive Officer, Helios Education Foundation



Paul brings more than 25 years of public and private professional experience to his leadership role at Helios Education Foundation. As President and CEO, he is responsible for guiding the Foundation's strategic direction, cultivating strong community relationships and initiating strategic partnerships across Arizona and Florida. Through his leadership, Helios is focused on investing its financial resources and expertise in programs across the education continuum, including early childhood education (birth to five), the transition years (Grades 5-12) and postsecondary scholarships. These investments all support the Foundation's efforts to create a college-going culture and provide opportunities for postsecondary education success. Since inception in 2004, Helios has invested close to \$100 million in education initiatives in Arizona and Florida.

Prior to his role at Helios, Paul served as President of Valley of the Sun United Way, which was consistently recognized as a leader across the United Way system with model early childhood education, youth workforce development and domestic violence intervention community initiatives. Paul has nearly 10 years corporate experience in sales and marketing with Pepsi Cola and IBM. He currently serves on the Arizona Community Foundation and Expect More Arizona board of directors, the Arizona Governor's P-20 Education Council, the Florida STEM Advisory Council, and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. A graduate of Stanford University, Paul holds a degree in Civil Engineering.