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Second U.S.–Mexico Higher Education Summit Hosted By CIC

WASHINGTON, DC — The Council of Independent Colleges, in collaboration with the Mexican Federation of Private Higher Education Institutions (FIMPES) and Santander Universidades and Universia, is hosting a second U.S.-Mexico Higher Education Summit in Chicago, Illinois, on April 24–27, 2019. Summit events will take place at five CIC member institutions in the Chicago area: DePaul University, Dominican University, North Central College, North Park University, and Rockford University. A delegation of 23 Mexican rectors and senior campus colleagues will participate, as will 31 college presidents and senior leaders from 23 CIC member colleges and universities.

The Summit will emphasize the importance of international exchange in today’s “America First” political climate. CIC President Richard Ekman noted, “In the current climate of constrained international cooperation, CIC reaffirms the importance of international exchange for the preparation of informed citizens and
responsible global participants. Our Mexican neighbors have a special relationship to colleges in the U.S.” The Summit follows five years during which delegations of Mexican rectors participated in CIC’s annual Presidents Institute, the largest annual gathering of college and university presidents in the U.S., and an inaugural Summit held in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 2017.

Roberta S. Jacobson, former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico; Antonio Cuesta, Acting Consul General of Mexico in Chicago; Margaret B. Hug, Regional Education Initiatives Director, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State; and Rebeca Vargas, president and CEO, U.S.-Mexico Leaders Network are expected to address the Summit.

Session topics include innovation in internationalization, the status of student and faculty exchange programs, cross-border articulation agreements, the nature of global leadership, and the situation of undocumented students. Participants will also explore joint summer programs and other forms of educational and scholarly partnership and possibilities for association-to-association partnerships.

As a result of the Summit, participants intend to provide enhanced exchange opportunities for students and faculty members in both countries; provide students with increased access to internships in Mexico and the United States; and allow faculty members and students to collaborate in shared research projects and development programs.

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**FIMPES** is the largest network of private universities in Mexico. It was created in 1982 and hosts 108 prestigious universities that serve different socioeconomic sectors in all areas of Mexico. They enroll more than 650,000 students. FIMPES seeks to support institutional quality, in terms of the academic program that its members offer, and to encourage collaboration between affiliated universities and higher education institutions from other countries.

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