

### **About Helios Education Foundation**

- Helios Education Foundation is a philanthropic organization focused exclusively on education in Arizona and Florida.
- The Foundation's mission is to enrich the lives of individuals in Arizona and Florida by creating opportunities for success in postsecondary education.
- Helios Education Foundation was established in 2004 following the sale of Southwest Student Services Corporation, a full-service student loan products and services company with affiliates in Arizona and Florida. The net proceeds from the sale were used to fund Helios Education Foundation's endowment.

### **Helios Education Foundation's Community Investment**

- Since 2006, Helios Education Foundation has invested more than \$100 million in education related programs and initiatives aimed at creating a college-going culture across the education continuum.
- Helios is focused on enriching lives in three distinct areas within education:
  - Early Childhood Education – Ensuring children ages birth to five are prepared to enter school ready to succeed.
    - Improved Teacher Quality
  - Transition Years (Grades 5 – 12) – Helping youth stay in school, transition successfully between the various stages of education and graduate academically prepared.
    - Improved Teacher Quality
    - Increased Curriculum Rigor and Student Readiness
    - Fostering Parent and Community Engagement
  - Postsecondary Scholarships – Providing young adults with the opportunity to attend and the support to succeed in postsecondary education.

### **Helios Education Foundation's Leadership**

- Board of Directors - Vince Roig, Founding Chairman; Paul J. Luna, President and Chief Executive Officer; Don Aripoli, M.S.Ed, Ph.D., retired as Vice President Emeritus for Student Affairs at Missouri State University; Jane Roig, President of Tri-R Consulting Group; Mark Fernandez, Senior Vice President & Chief Sales Officer for Tampa Bay Rays; Tom Herndon, retired Executive Director of the Florida State Board of Administration; Dr. Ioanna Morfessis Ph.D, of IO.INC; Maria Sastre, Chief Operating Officer for Global Operations at Signature Flight Support Corporation.
- Management - Barbara Ryan, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Michael Chesin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Ian Smith, Senior Vice President and Chief Communications Officer; Karen Ortiz, Ph.D., Vice President and Program Director of Early Childhood Education; Stacy Carlson, Ph.D., Vice President and Program Director of Transition Years – Florida; Linda Thompson, Vice President and Director of Grants Administration; Jo Anne Vasquez, Ph.D., Vice President and Program Director – Arizona Transition Years, Teacher & Curriculum Initiatives; Antonia Franco, Vice President and Program Director – Arizona Transition Years, Student, Parent & Community Initiatives and Tammi Crum, Executive Assistant to the President and CEO.