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## **New Student Regent Confirmed by Arizona State Senate**

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – University of Arizona (UA) student Vianney M. Careaga has been confirmed by the Arizona State Senate as the new regent for the Arizona Board of Regents. Gov. Ducey appointed Careaga to the board last week, pending legislative approval. Careaga will begin his two-year term on July 1, 2016.

"I welcome Student Regent Careaga's participation on the board," said Chair Jay Heiler. "Along with Student Regent Jared Gorshe, he will have the significant responsibility of representing the more than 163,000 students currently enrolled in Arizona's public universities. The student voice is a critical component of the board's leadership as we continue to design and operate a student-centered university model in our state."

Careaga is a political science major with a minor in pre-law. He has served with the Associated Students of the University of Arizona and was senior class president at Salpointe Catholic High School in Tucson. Careaga interned for Sen. John McCain and has earned the ranking of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts. He has held leadership roles within the Boy Scouts of America such as serving as section chief for the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scout's National Honor Society. In this capacity, he represented more than 3,000 Order of the Arrow members from throughout the west. During his tenure on the board, Careaga has indicated he would like to focus on ensuring affordable tuition and quality education.

"Our student regents are respected leaders who bring the crucial perspective of the student body to the board's deliberations and decisions," said ABOR President Eileen I. Klein. "Through our student regents, we achieve greater transparency and accountability with students and facilitate dialogue on important policies and initiatives impacting students and their experience."

"I am honored to become a member of this board," said Careaga. "I look forward to serving as a voice for students and an advocate for higher education in Arizona."

Careaga's first year on the board will be served as a non-voting member. He will be a voting member in his second year. The governor appoints eight people in staggered eight-year terms to the board plus two student regents who serve staggered two-year terms (one year served as a non-voting member). Student Regent Mark Naufel will complete his two-year term on June 30, 2016.

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